

Media release

Supply Nation announces Kate Russell as incoming CEO

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Following an extensive recruitment process, Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation, Supply Nation, is pleased to announce that the Board has appointed Kate Russell as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective Monday 31 July 2023.

Supply Nation Co-Chair, Glenn Johnston said: "Kate Russell brings years of experience in First Nations' policy, business operations, diversity recruitment, and regional communities, with a proven track record of delivering outcomes. Kate's background, strategic vision, and passion for driving inclusive business practices positions her well to lead Supply Nation in its mission to champion supplier diversity and promote economic empowerment for Indigenous and diverse-owned businesses."

Founded in 2009, Supply Nation works to connect 4,300 verified Indigenous businesses on Indigenous Business Direct with more than 740 paid corporate, government and not-for-profit members in every state and territory.

As the incoming CEO, Kate Russell will be responsible for shaping Supply Nation's strategic direction, expanding its network of certified suppliers, and strengthening relationships with corporate partners.

Kate Russell said: "I am thrilled to be appointed to lead Supply Nation. My focus will be delivering Supply Nation's vision of a prosperous, vibrant, and sustainable Indigenous business sector. In recent years, we have seen growth in both the corporate and government membership of Supply Nation. I look forward to working with our stakeholders, partners, and the incredible Supply Nation team, to build on this growth."

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About Supply Nation

Supply Nation is Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Indigenous businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's world-leading verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct are not only Indigenous owned but are regularly audited for changes in company structure. Supply Nation's support, combined with a range of business tools, helps our members develop their supplier diversity practices, and build a strong, successful and sustainable Indigenous business sector. To find out more, visit:

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