



Media Release

Indigenous business excellence on show at Supply Nation's Canberra Trade Fair

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Supply Nation's Indigenous Business Trade Fair opens Wednesday 12 February at QT Canberra on the lands of the Ngunnawal people.

Hosting over 80 Indigenous-owned businesses, the event has attracted more than 500 registered attendees including corporate and government buyers looking to source products and services from verified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers.

The Canberra Trade Fair will highlight businesses specialising in facilities management, construction, information technology, media and digital marketing, business services and recruitment, food and hospitality, printing and office supplies, and education and training. Part of a national series, the event follows a highly successful Perth Trade Fair in November last year, with Dubbo to host the next event in April this year.

"Canberra is an important location given government procurement contracts with Indigenous businesses can be significant. If you want to see practical examples of something that is working to close the gap, look no further than our businesses and trade events; the passion, Culture, and business excellence all on show," said Supply Nation CEO Kate Russell.

"Supply Nation was founded in Canberra, 15 years ago, following a recommendation from an Inquiry into Indigenous Economic Empowerment. Last year, our corporate and government members recorded \$4.6 billion in procurement spend with our Registered and Certified Suppliers. That's a pretty empowering figure and is having a strong impact on sustaining business and jobs growth while delivering positive social outcomes across urban and remote communities right across Australia," she said.

Supply Nation is home to the largest national database of verified Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses – Indigenous Business Direct. Over 5,500 suppliers from every state, territory and sector of the Australian economy are listed; with more than 800 corporate, government and non-profit members dedicated to growing their supplier diversity practices.

Over its 15-year history, Supply Nation has facilitated \$20 billion of procurement spend from its members to its Registered and Certified Suppliers, strengthening the Indigenous business sector and creating lasting economic opportunities.

About Supply Nation

[Supply Nation](#) is Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's rigorous 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.

Supply Nation has a zero-tolerance approach to any commercial fraud, dishonest or anti-competitive behaviour that impacts the successful growth and reputation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses. Allegations of fraudulent behaviour, including the unauthorised use of Supply Nation's brand and logos signifying Certified and Registered business will be investigated.

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