



Indigenous Advisory Committee

Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act

Environmental Defenders Office Annual Conference, Sydney 2010






Established in 2000.


Expertise based in Indigenous land management, conservation and cultural heritage management.

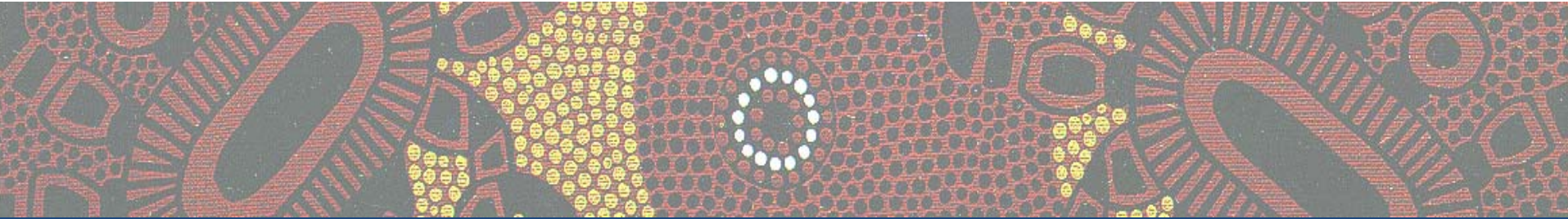
Not representative of regions/area





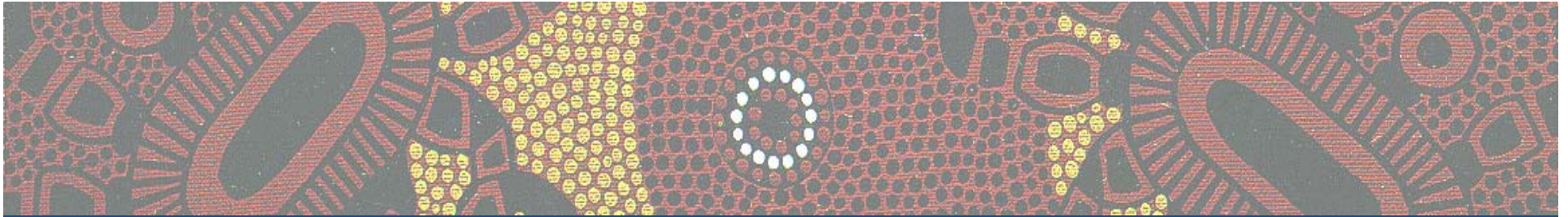
Advise the Minister on the operation of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (EPBC Act), taking into account the significance of Indigenous people's knowledge of the management of land and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity; and
Indigenous Protected Areas; and





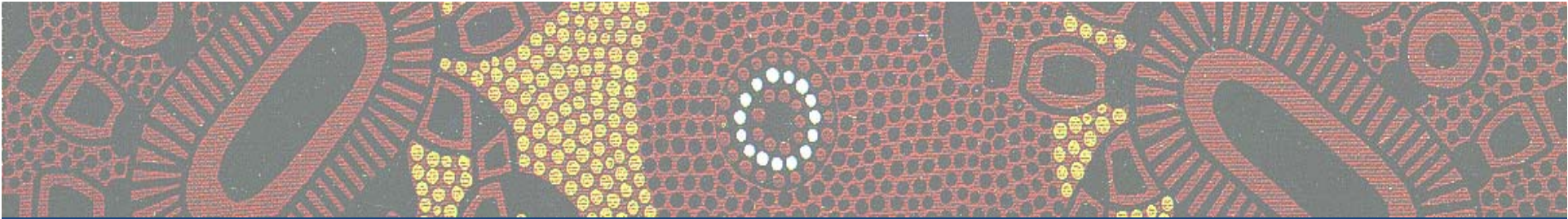

Provide advice to DEWHA on Indigenous issues as they relate to the role of the department, excluding where an existing statutory committee exists to provide such advice.

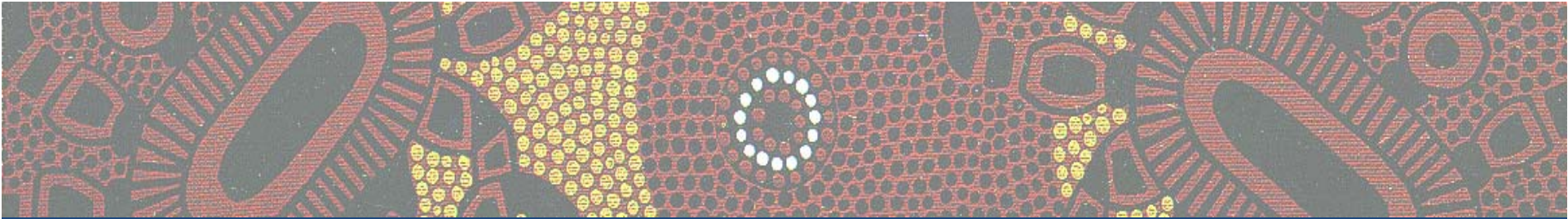




- Work with peak Indigenous bodies, experts, communities, and other stakeholders
- Establish a working relationship with Divisions of the Department
- Monitor the implementation of Bilateral Agreements
- Establish an Indigenous Protected Areas (IPA) Sub-Committee

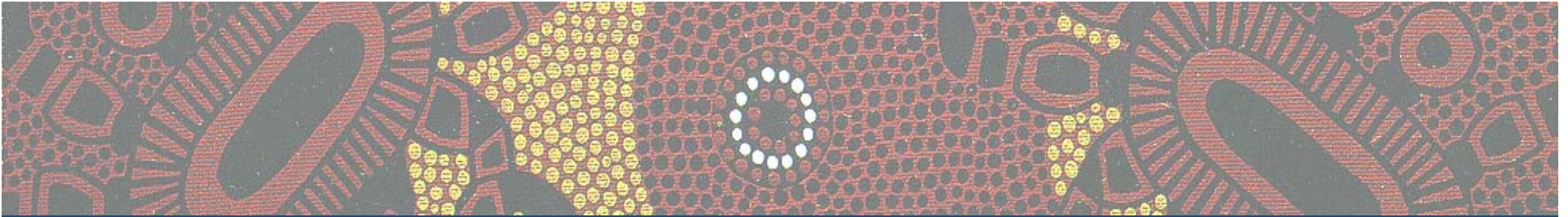


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- Threatened Species namely Marine Species
 - World Heritage Areas
 - EPBC Referrals
 - Regional Strategic Assessments
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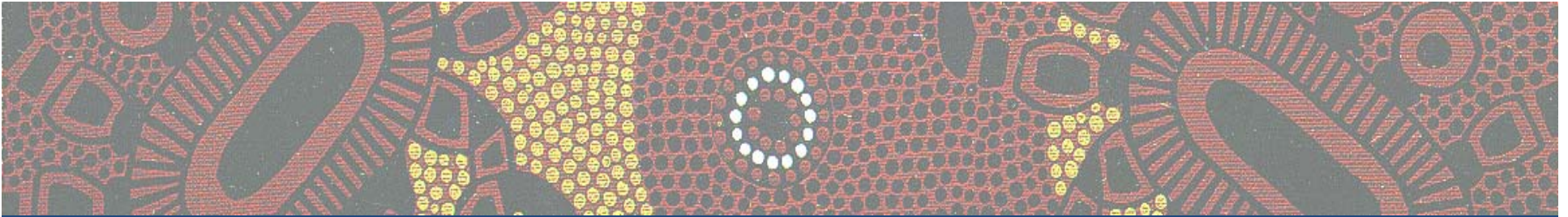
- Traditional Knowledge
- Commonwealth Park Plans of Management
- Engagement in Natural Resource Management.





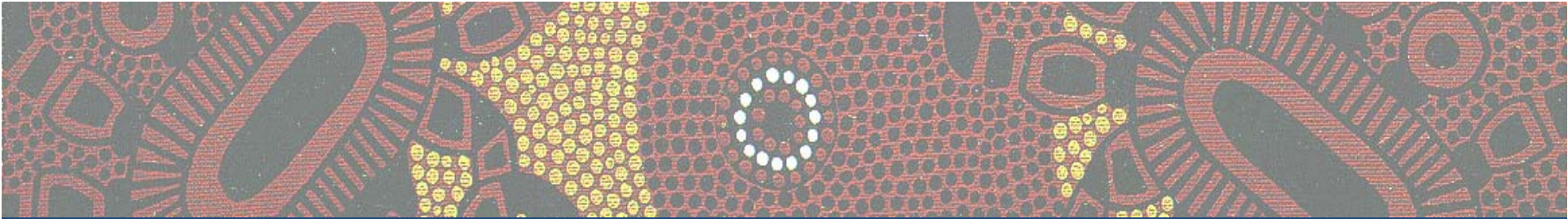
- Involvement in CBD negotiations
- Review of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1994
- Marine Bio-Regional Planning
- Working on Country





- NT Healthy Country Health People Schedule
- National Biodiversity Strategy
- Indigenous Protected Areas
- Review of the EPBC Act – Hawke Review





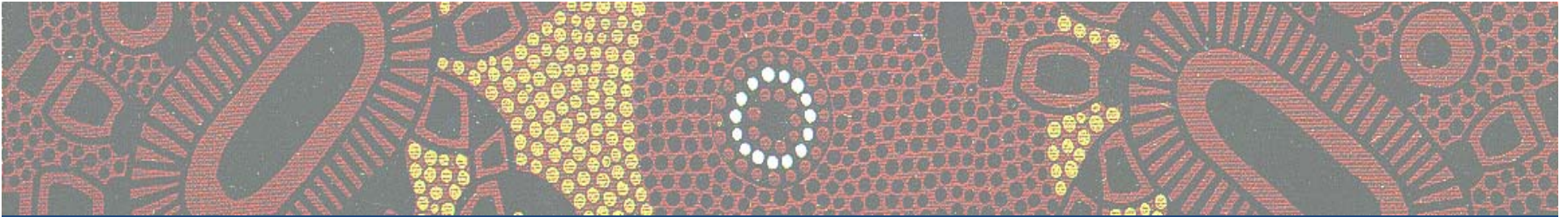
• Indigenous Heritage, Matter of National Environmental Significance

- Mandatory Indigenous engagement instead of the current passive engagement.

- link created between the IAC and the Threatened Species Scientific Committee

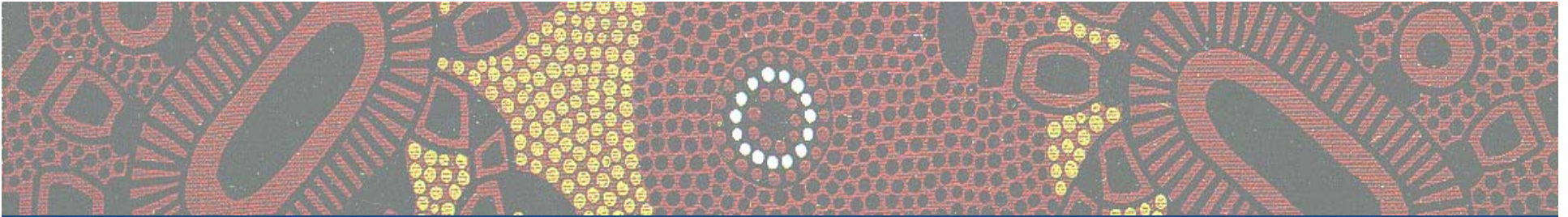
(TSSC)





- Process for National and World Heritage listing needs to be more clearly defined
- Consideration given to the management arrangements of newly declared National and World Heritage , Special Management Areas (Section 316, Subdivision 316)





- Proper processes for consultation and negotiation with Indigenous peoples needs to be clearly defined within the EPBC Act
- IAC cannot and should not be the sole instrument that deals with Indigenous matters

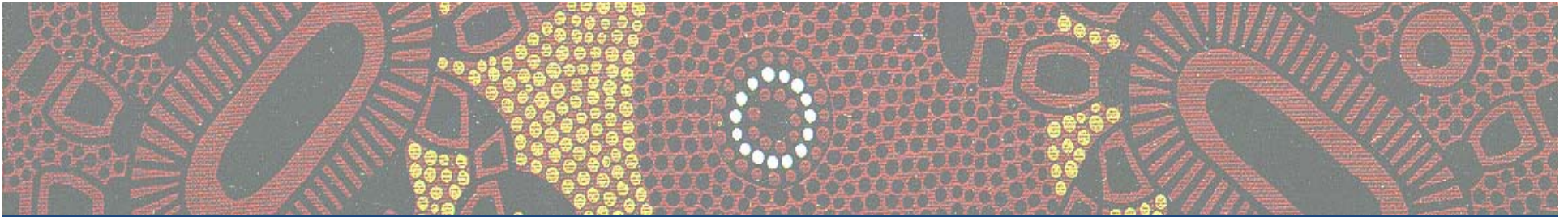




- 71 Recommendations suggested by the Hawke Review

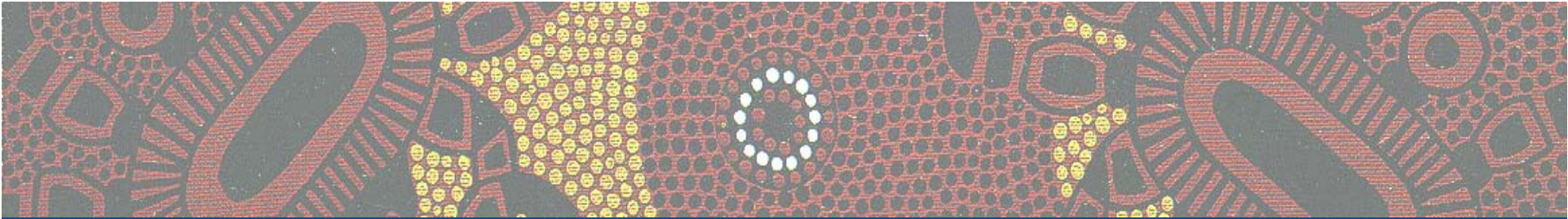
- A move to Regional Strategic Planning process





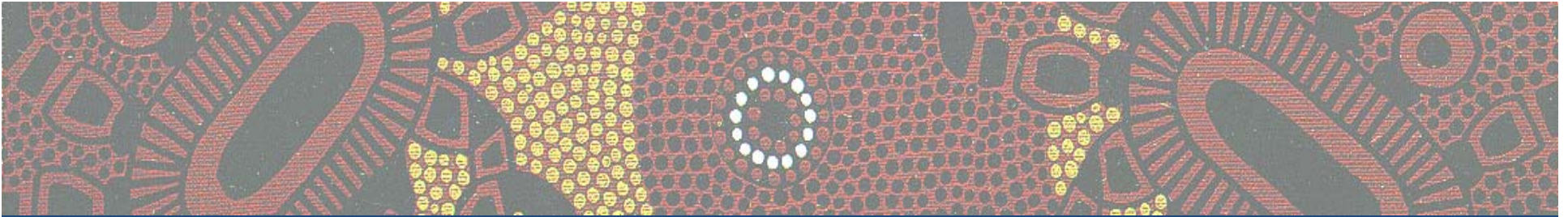
- Incorporation of Other Legislation, including those that impact on Indigenous Values and interests
- Strengthening relationships between IAC, TSSC and AHC





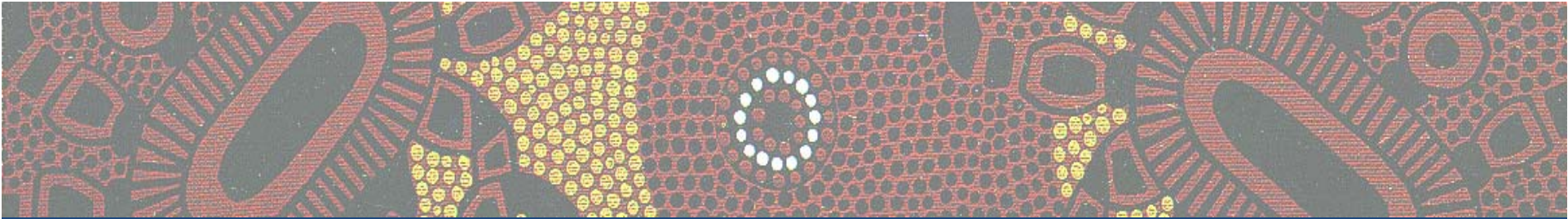
- Agreement between TSSSC and IAC to develop Protocols for Consultation and Engagement
- Development of National Strategic Frameworks such as Caring for Country Strategy and Strategic Sea Country Framework.





- Public support for the Business that the IAC is undertaking in the coming years
- Opportunity to effect REAL CHANGE and can't do this alone.





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