



South Australian Native Title Services Ltd

Strategic Plan 2020–2025

The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) was introduced following the landmark *Mabo* decision to provide for the recognition of the prior rights and interests held by First Nations in Australia's lands and waters. South Australian Native Title Services (SANTS) Ltd, as the native title service provider for South Australia, is committed to the recognition and protection of native title rights and interests. The acknowledgement of culture, kinship and country of First Nations is fundamental in rectifying past injustices. Native title provides an important foundation for First Nations to strengthen their nationhood, their regional presence and to achieve diverse community aspirations. At SANTS, we seek to listen to and work with native title claimants and native title holders so that they can self-determine, govern, lead, grow and succeed. These are principles we hold close in fulfilling our purpose and role.

Our Vision

Empower Aboriginal Nations to strengthen culture, country and community

Our Mission

Be a provider of choice to support Aboriginal Nations to recognise and protect their native title rights and interests and to realise their aspirations

Our Values

Respectful

We recognise and value people, country, culture, diversity and ideas

Collaborative

We work together ethically and professionally to ensure leadership and growth

Aspirational

We aim high, challenge ourselves and strive for excellence



Key Focus Areas

Secure recognition of native title rights and interests



- Prepare and prosecute native title and compensation claims
- Pursue agreement making and negotiated outcomes
- Assist with dispute resolution and other functions under the Native Title Act

Support Aboriginal Nations to manage and build on native title



- Support good decision making by providing legal and other professional advice
- Support establishment and maintenance of sound governance and business practices
- Support development and implementation of corporate and community plans and strategies
- Work with native title corporations to build independence, capability and self-determination

Demonstrate leadership and innovation in the native title sector



- Promote positive change and reform through contribution of ideas and strategies
- Encourage and strengthen leadership of Aboriginal Nations
- Provide leadership in our services and participate in initiatives which will further the aims and interests of Aboriginal Nations
- Provide strong and capable services that will support Aboriginal Nations and native title corporations to secure opportunities and to further their interests

Banner image: 'My Country, My Home' ('Ngayalu Ngura'), created by Aboriginal artist Elizabeth Close.

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