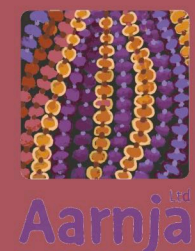


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# DAY 2 MORNING WELCOME & PLENARY

CISSY GORE-BIRCH  
CHERIE HESLINGTON

## IN OUR DISCUSSIONS:

WHAT CAN **YOU**  
DO TO HELP US?

WE INVITE TO BE  
**BRAVE**

WE WILL KEEP YOU  
**SAFE** IN DISCOMFORT

HOW DO YOU **STAND**  
AS AN **ALLY**?

COLLABORATION

COME  
TOGETHER



**REAL COMMITMENT**

SIGNIFICANT  
PLACE IN OUR  
**Liyan**



NOT JUST SMOKE,  
FIRE & WATER!

**TRUTHTELLING**  
"Come here, I wanna  
tell you what is happening  
on the ground!"  
**LANGUAGE**  
INTERPRETATION

STAND UP  
BE STRONG  
BE PROUD!



CULTURAL  
KNOWLEDGE



TRADITIONAL  
PRACTICES



WESTERN  
SYSTEM

KIMBERLEY CLEAN ENERGY  
ALLIANCE

ACKNOWLEDGE  
OUR ELDERS

COLLECTIVE  
VOICE

INDIGENOUS-LED

SOLUTIONS  
BASED

SHARED  
VISION

LEARN FROM  
OTHERS

NEGOTIATIONS

AUNTY GALA DI APLEBY!

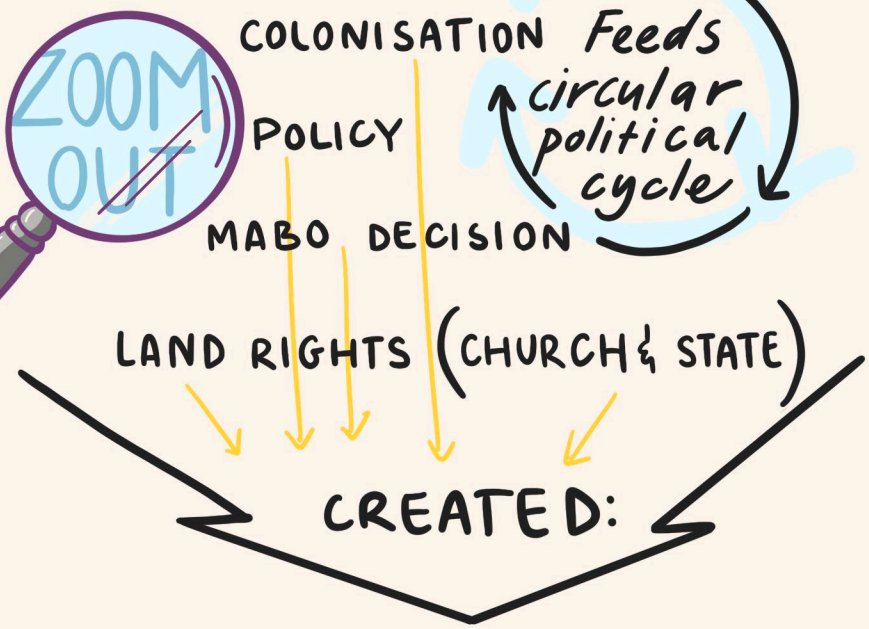
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# FIRST NATIONS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

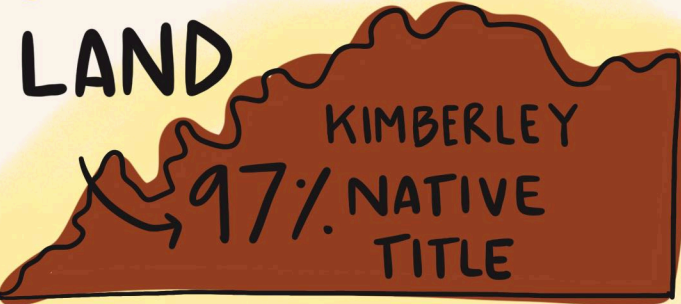
PROFESSOR PETER YU (VICE PRESIDENT FIRST NATIONS, ANU)

## MACRO

(CONTEXT! SO THAT WE DON'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES!)



## OUR ISSUE: ACCESS TO CAPITAL

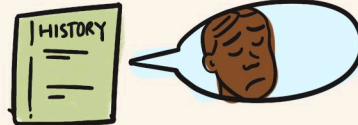


## CRITICAL QUESTIONS



• WHERE WILL THIS HAPPEN?

• FIRST NATIONS EQUITY?



## FIRST NATIONS NEW FISCAL Architecture

CURRENT SYSTEM:

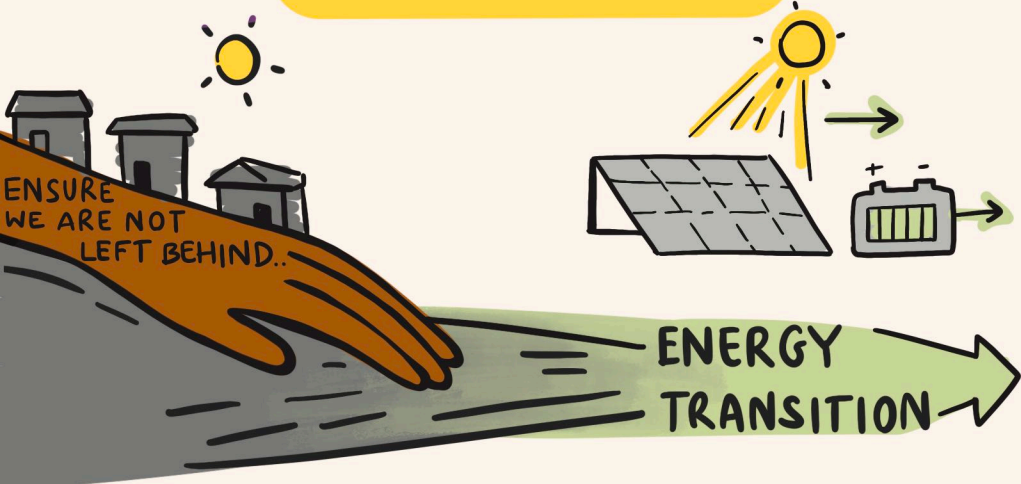
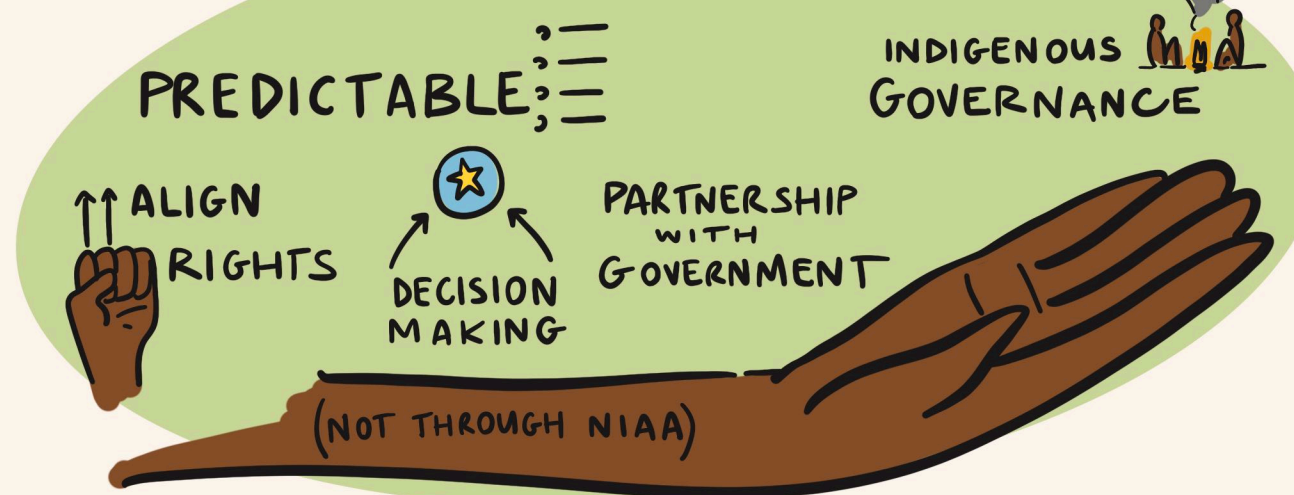
FRAGMENTED

8 SECTORS: \$125 B

RE APPROPRIATION OF CURRENT FUNDING (NOT MORE MONEY!)

WE NEED:

COHERENCE ONE ECOSYSTEM



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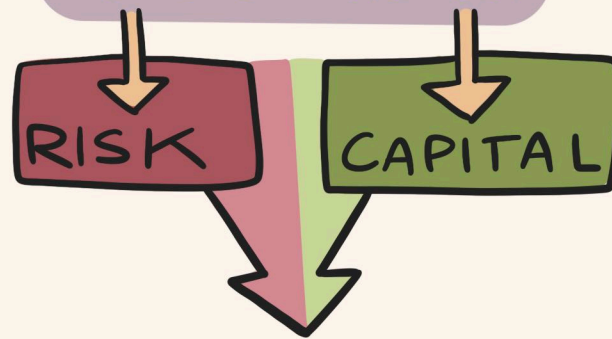
# KIMBERLEY CLEAN ENERGY LANDSCAPE

Navigating the Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

KARRINA NOLAN (FIRST NATIONS CLEAN ENERGY NETWORK & ORIGINAL POWER),  
KRYSTAL SKINNER (CEO HORIZON POWER)  
TYRONNE GARSTONE (CEO KLC)

# HORIZON POWER

GREEN ENERGY  
TRANSITION  
PROJECT MODELS



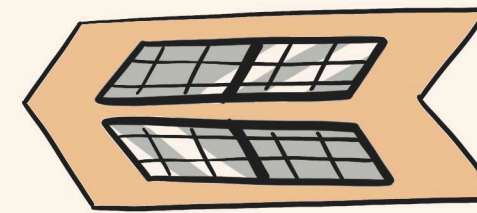
WHICH MODEL SUITS?

- 1. HP (all risk) less \$
- 2. HP (less risk) more \$



EXISTING PROJECTS:  
• YAWURU  
• NYUL-NYUL

KIMBERLEY COMMUNITY  
(KCSS) SOLAR SAVER



124 ROOFTOPS  
\$450 PER ANNUM SAVED PER HOUSE HOLD  
435 households

## EAST KIMBERLEY GREEN HYDROGEN & AMMONIA PROJECT

NET 0 & THE OPPORTUNITIES MEAN WE NEED TO BE **READY** AND TO **COLLABORATE**

WORKING WITH US:



BOARD  
COMPLEX CULTURAL SYSTEM

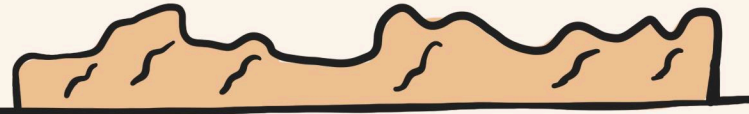


WE NEED MORE TIME



- NATIVE TITLE NAVIGATION
- COLLABORATION
- TRUE EMPOWERMENT

We want to decide what we want to do with **OUR** Land!



"LAND RICH, CASH POOR"

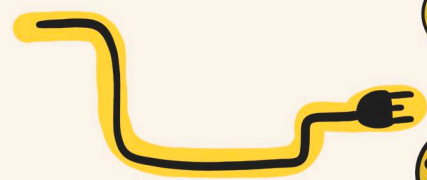
NEW WAY OF WORKING WITH GOV.

**CHALLENGE SYSTEM...**

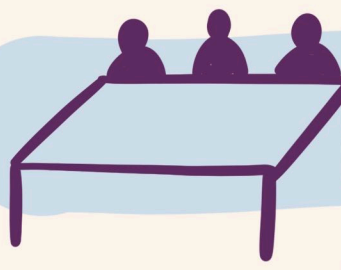
- MAINTAIN INTEGRITY
- MAINTAIN EQUITY

OUR LAND IS OUR LAST REMAINING ASSET FOR Future Generations

## CRITICAL GENERATIONS REPLACEMENT (REMOTE COMMUNITIES)



- 13 STANDALONE POWER SYSTEMS
- \$27m STATE GOV FUNDING



## PANEL DISCUSSION

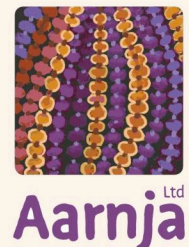
FPIC : AT TABLE & BEHIND CURTAIN  
ACEP : CREATING BEST PRACTICE CASE STUDY

H. P. TAXPAYER BEST INTEREST IN MIND

ALL DECISIONS WEIGHED AGAINST THIS

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# MAKING RENEWABLE ENERGY WORK FOR KIMBERLEY COMMUNITIES

BRIAN LEE & TARAK KETELSEN, JORDAN ALA'I & KUSI BIN RASHID, RAY LENNOX  
MADIE STURGESS



**AALGA GOOLL**  
SUN TURTLE  
DJARINDJIN  
OUR CONTEXTUAL CHALLENGES

WHEN OUR POWER GOES OUT..

 DAYS & DAYS & DAYS...  CLINIC NOT FUNCTIONAL

 EMERGENCIES? RFDS!

 FOOD? NO FRIDGE!

 MEDICINE? NO FRIDGE!

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

 START WITH OWN PEOPLE

DRIVEN BY SURVIVAL & FUTURE PROOFING

 GOVERNANCE

## KARAJARRI

(BIDYADANGA)



We are the caretakers of the land and people...

BIDYADANGA ACTIVATION

(BAP) PROJECT



T.O. ENGAGEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO PROGRESS PROJECTS — LAND USE — LEGISLATION — PROFIT → BACK TO COMMUNITY



## ILSC

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURES

LAND: SEAT AT TABLE

PARTNERSHIPS?

LONG TERM COSTS → ASSETS

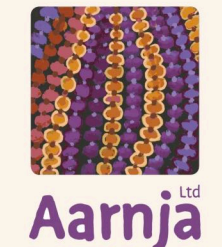
EQUITY → ACCESS AN ISSUE → GRANTS AVAILABLE

...MORE CAN BE DONE IN THIS SPACE!



NOT JUST POWER THE GRID BUT POWER STRONG COMMUNITIES

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## CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES

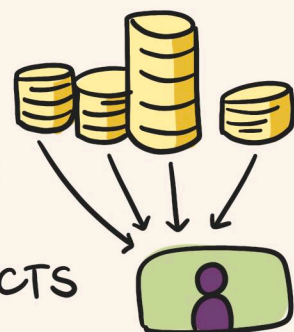
### 1. PROCESS RISK

• REFINE UPFRONT



### 2. LEGACY OF MONOPOLY UTILITIES

• CHALLENGING SYSTEM  
• LOOK FORWARD IN CONTRACTS



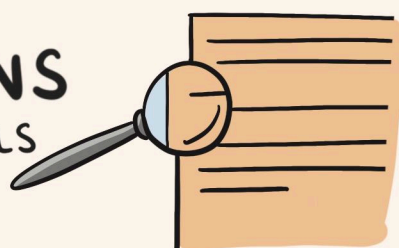
### 3. MARKET SCALED TO COMMUNITY ASSETS

• VALUE STACK ACKNOWLEDGED  
• BENCHMARKING



### 4. PPA NEGOTIATIONS

TRANSPARENCY OF COMMERCIALS  
COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE



### 5. COMMUNITY COOPERATIVES

THIS IS STANDARD ON EAST COAST!  
BUILD UNDERSTANDING



LEGAL DEPT. = ?  
SHORTCOMINGS. ?



→ B.A.P. IS SETTING A PRECEDENCE

WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH GOVERNMENT



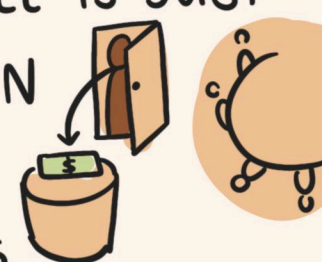
BUY-IN



## RESOURCES

↳ OFTEN FEE IS JUST TO GET IN

↳ HOW TO MAKE THIS EASIER?



PROACTIVE SOLUTIONS

EXPERT ADVICE

BRING SOLUTIONS

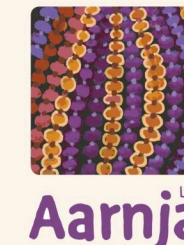
USE CONSULTANTS

PREPARE FOR ALL EXCUSES

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# WA GOVERNMENT ACTION AND FIRST NATIONS CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGY

POWER IS A SAFETY ISSUE NOT 'CONVENIENCE'

DISCONNECTIONS WORKING ON 40°C ↑ CONNECT POWER



STAYING CONNECTED

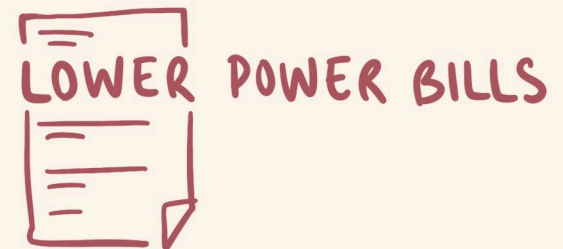
CLEANER & CHEAPER

COMMUNITY LED PROJECTS



CODESIGN

LESS DISCONNECTION



CONTINUED UPGRADES TO SOCIAL HOUSING..  
KIMBERLEY A PRIORITY

HOUSING UPGRADES

MOVE TO HORIZON POWER FOR EXPERTISE

WE ARE ALL HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME...  
OUR AIM <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CLEANER ENERGY + <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">CHEAPER ENERGY

PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION  
SAFEGUARDING ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

"EQUITABLE ENHANCEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE GEN."

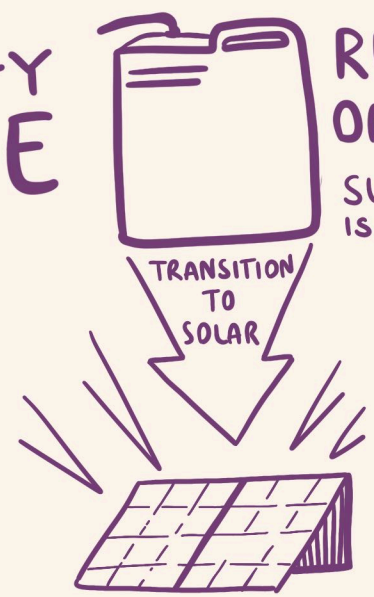
ABORIGINAL VOICES IN THE DECISION MAKING

INDIGENOUS ENERGY PROJECTS ARE MORE THAN POWER  
- RECOGNITION  
- ACCESS TO GRANTS

RELIANCE ON FUEL  
SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES

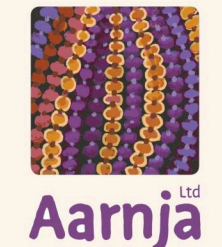


9B CLOSING GAP TARGET?  
↳ ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN ALL COMMUNITIES



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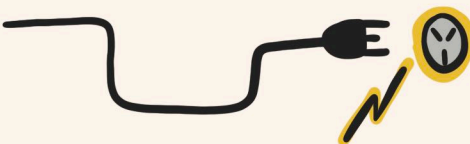


# ENERGY ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY IN A WARMING CLIMATE

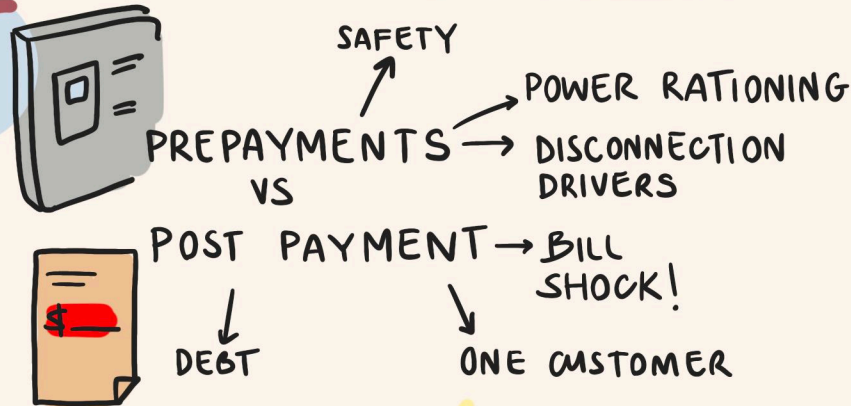
PROFESSOR ANNE POELINA (MARTUWARRA COUNCIL)  
 LAUREN MELLOR (CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES & ORIGINAL POWER)  
 DAVID FRANKEL (HORIZON POWER)

## Right to Power

RESEARCH



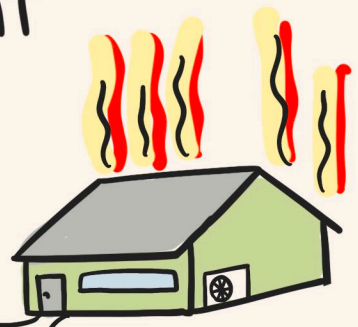
65,000 PEOPLE AFFECTED



## DISCONNECTIONS

ISSUES WITH PREPAYMENT

- EXTREME HEAT
- COST OF POWER
- INAPPROPRIATE HOUSING



OVER 40°C

DOUBLE THE DISCONNECTIONS!



OVER 40°C?



SUBSIDIES FINISHING

\$50 A DAY FOR POWER

DISCONNECTIONS

INCREASE



KIMBERLEY WILL BE THE HEAT ENGINE OF AUS



PULL ALL STORIES TOGETHER

BOTTOM-UP APPROACH



COUNTRY IS CHANGING

RELIANCE ON COUNTRY FOR OUR PEOPLE

RIGHT NOW!

- SEASONAL CALENDARS OUT OF WHACK

WATER IS NEW

GOLD

NATURE AS INFRASTRUCTURE

NEW ECONOMIES

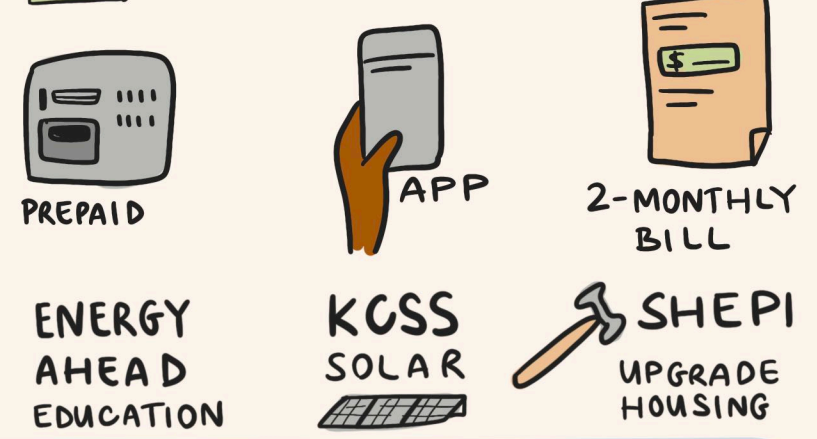
NATURE MARKET

LIVING MUSEUM

ECO TOURISM

## HORIZON POWER

PAYMENT OPTIONS



## PANEL DISCUSSION



COOLER HOUSES:

- LESS CRIME
- LESS POLICING
- LESS HEALTH EMERGENCIES

PUT \$ INTO ESSENTIAL SERVICES NOT RESPONDING

VANDALISM?

- NOT EVIDENCED!
- OWNERSHIP ✓
- DURABLE TECH



## 6 RECOMMENDATIONS?

- H. P. BUILDING INTO PRODUCTS
- NO RESPONSE YET

## AFFORDABILITY-REFORM

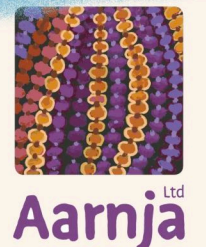
TARIFFS \$ 34c PER TARIFF SOUTH AUS - 16c

INNOVATION → SOLAR RESPONSIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR LOWER INCOMES

## WATER SECURITY BIG STORY

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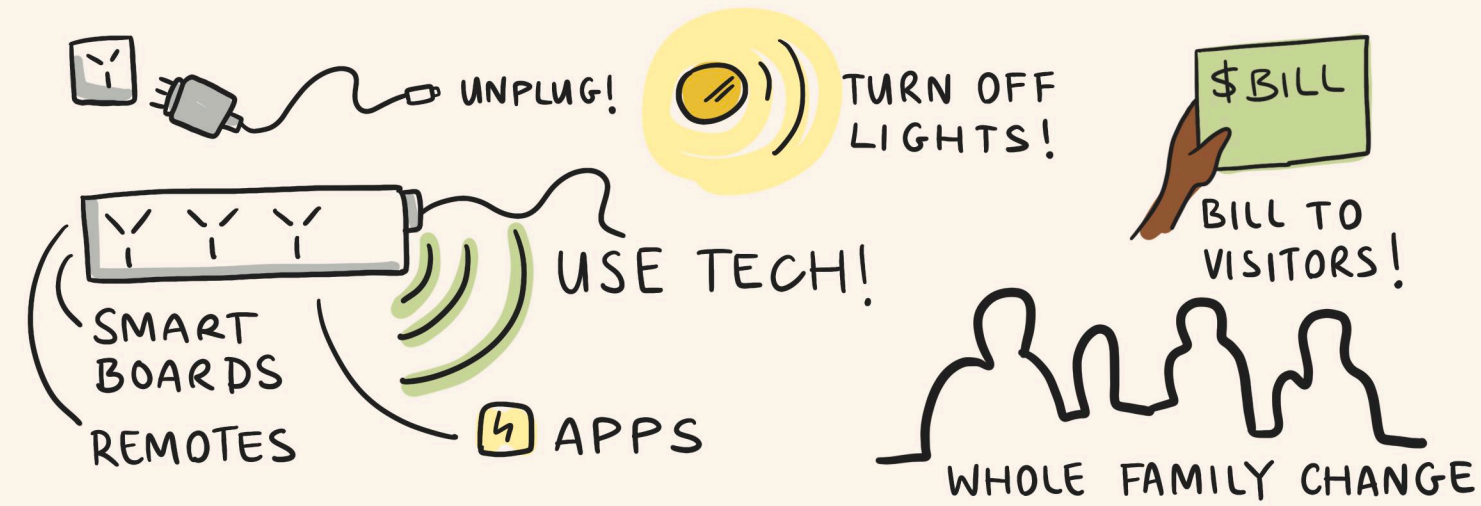
POLITICS OF ECONOMICS



# BUILDING HEALTHIER HOMES AND FUTURES

VICTOR HUNTER  
GARRY GOWER  
AKIRA BOARDMAN

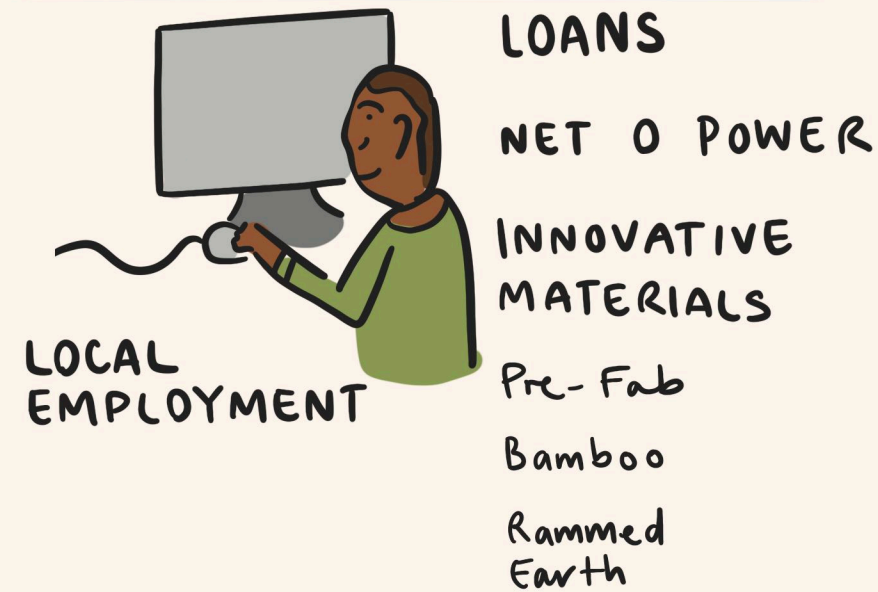
## ENERGY AHEAD PROGRAM



## PRECIENCT NET 0



## HOME OWNERSHIP



## PANEL DISCUSSION



## COMMUNITY HOME SOVEREIGNTY

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