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Dr Terri Janke is a Wuthathi, Yadhaigana and Meriam woman and an international authority on Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP). She is known for innovating pathways for collaborations using Indigenous knowledge and cultural expression.

As the owner and Solicitor Director of Terri Janke and Company, she manages her team to deliver excellent results to a diverse client base. Terri advises on legal matters including intellectual property, business law, shareholder agreements and governance of Indigenous organisations.

She has written leading ICIP Protocols and models for various sectors including the arts, museums, archives, film, and business. Terri developed the True Tracks® ICIP Framework as a means to bridge the gap in the IP laws and protection of Indigenous Knowledge. This framework is widely accepted as the leading best practice for managing Indigenous engagement in Australia. Her book True Tracks: Working with Indigenous Knowledge and Culture is available for purchase.

Terri was awarded the 2020 JG Crawford Prize for academic excellence for her PhDthesis True Tracks: Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Principles for putting Self-Determination into practice. She was also awarded NAIDOC Person of the Year in 2011.

Terri is the Chair of the Independent Review into ABC Systems to support staff who experience racism. She is also a member of the Indigenous Working Group on ICIP Legislation, the Temporary Advisory Group to the Minister on AI laws, and the First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance. She is an advisor to Ambassador Mohammed on the WIPO International Instrument on Traditional Knowledge and Genetic Resources.

