

Business Law

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Session 8 – 9:35am - 10:35am

Indigenous businesses and joint venture structuring, incorporation, and support to maintain Supply Nation registration and certification requirements

Since 2015 the Indigenous Procurement Policy has generated \$9.5 billion in contracting opportunities for Indigenous Businesses. Indigenous Businesses play a vital role in Indigenous Australian economic participation and wellbeing. Indigenous Business joint ventures offer unique opportunities for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Business growth, cultural exchange, and social impact. This session will explore the essentials of Indigenous Business, including joint venture structuring, incorporation, governance, and compliance with Supply Nation requirements. Discover how to navigate Supply Nation registration and certification, connecting your business to opportunities and networks. Learn how you can empower Indigenous enterprises and foster economic growth.

Meet the speaker

Damien Barnes, Founder and Managing Director, YIMBA

Damien Barnes is the founder and Managing Director of YIMBA, which provides legal, commercial management and consulting services. With his extensive background in law, commercial management, and engineering, Damien provides advice on a range of areas: infrastructure; construction; transport; mining; energy; resources; renewables; environment; planning; Indigenous Business; land access; native title; land claims; cultural heritage; RAPs; ESG; and dispute resolution. Damien's employment experience includes King & Wood Mallesons, DLA Piper, UGL, CB&I, O'Donnell Griffin, Power Minerals, NTSCorp and local and state government. He has an Executive MBA, a Law Degree, a Civil Engineering Degree and a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Leadership. YIMBA is 100% Indigenous owned, managed and controlled by Damien, who is a proud Bidjara man from central Queensland with family connection to Woorabinda. Damien also provides extensive pro bono assistance to Indigenous communities and organisations.