

The Code Administrator
Carbon Market Institute
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Monday, 18 May 2020

RE: Independent Review of the Carbon Industry Code of Conduct Consultation Paper

To the Code Administrator,

The Indigenous Carbon Industry Network welcomes this opportunity to input into the further development of the Carbon Market Institute Code of Conduct.

ICIN is a network of 34 Indigenous organisations supporting 29 Indigenous-owned savanna carbon farming projects across north Australia. It was initiated by several Indigenous carbon businesses in 2018 in response to a gap they identified in providing a point of contact and coordination for the Indigenous carbon industry.

ICIN is pleased to see some of its advice included in the Final Report by the Independent Reviewer.

It is timely that ICIN published the Best Practice Guide to *Seeking Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) from Indigenous communities for carbon projects*¹ earlier this year. This Guide provides an excellent reference for those recommendations relating to how proponents should seek consent for new carbon projects.

Critically, Australia is a signatory to the UN Declaration on the Rights and Interests of Indigenous People which clearly defines FPIC as a cornerstone of recognition of Indigenous peoples. ICIN strongly encourages CMI to fully embed the principles and practices of FPIC as outlined in this Guide into its Code of Conduct.

To this end, ICIN wishes to support, in full, all recommendations made by the Kimberley Land Council (attached). The recommendations made by Kimberley Land Council in its submission all support better recognition of the rights and interests of Indigenous peoples in the Code of Conduct.

Fully implementing the recommendations made in the submission would not only benefit Indigenous communities, but also serve to create a better carbon industry, which supports respect of Indigenous rights and interests and a carbon industry with a reputation for supporting best practice. The global reputation of Australia's carbon industry will only grow in importance as more international markets for carbon credits become available.

ICIN fully supports Recommendations 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 and 32. Many of these would make the Code generally clearer, more meaningful and more accessible.

Furthermore, ICIN specifically requests that the CMI engage the ICIN and its members in the development of communication materials to ensure that these materials are accessible to Indigenous audiences.

We specifically request that the CMI engage ICIN and its members regarding the implementation of Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 22, 30, 31, 32, 33, 44 and 45.

¹ <https://www.savannafireforum.net/copy-of-key-resources>



ICIN also requests that the CMI references its website (to be launched in July) – www.icin.org.au for further information about Indigenous carbon businesses.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Boustead', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards,'.

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