

# Indigenous voices in climate change adaptation

## Building the capacity of the Yorta Yorta community to respond to climate change

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# Outline

- Precis of the project
- A university researcher perspective
- A Yorta Yorta perspective
- A policy perspective
- The way forward



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## **A university researcher perspective**

- The need to develop understanding and a relationship
- The limitations of project funding
- Ethics approval
- Intellectual property
- Academic outcomes and publishing

# Yorta Yorta perspective

- History of bad experience with university researchers
- Lack of understanding of indigenous culture, needs and sensitivities
- Need for researchers to view things the way we do
- Objective to build the capacity of the community, not publish academic papers
- Intellectual property

## A policy perspective

- Need research to have an outcome
- Need for accountability
- Researchers produce “dead rats”
- Difficulty funding things on an ongoing basis
- Intellectual property

# The way forward

- Need universities to change the way they value research
- Need indigenous communities to increase their capacity to work within the system
- Need policymakers to become an integral part of the research team

## Next steps

- Follow on research project to track use of indigenous knowledge into policy
- Follow on project to increase use of information in the community for education and tourism