

# RENEWABLE ENERGY STRATEGY

## How the Objectives align to the Gunaikurnai Whole of Country Plan

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### TO HAVE A STRONG, HEALTHY AND HAPPY MOB

- The Gunaikurnai Community have the information they need to understand the transition and can make informed decisions about seeking opportunities presented by it.
- The Gunaikurnai Community inform and guide GLaWAC decision making regarding renewable energy transition.

### TO HEAL OUR COUNTRY

- Gunaikurnai have cultural responsibilities to protect and heal Country. Opportunities to protect and heal our living cultural landscapes, regardless of legislative requirements, are investigated and implemented, directed by GLaWAC.
- Impact, including cumulative impact, from renewable energy is accounted for when assessment processes are implemented. Of particular concern to the Gunaikurnai regarding offshore wind are impacts to whales, seabirds, migratory birds and culturally significant species.
- GLaWAC direct development and delivery of landscape restoration requirements for damage to coastal environments and cultural sites.
- Gunaikurnai collaborate in monitoring and protecting biodiversity impacted by development and have access to that data.
- Emerging renewable energy technologies that have less environmental and visual impact are a part of the energy transition on Gunaikurnai Country. This may include wave energy devices.
- Country is returned to its previous natural state at the end of project life. Decommission planning and adequate rehabilitation bonds are required up front.

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### TO PROTECT AND PRACTICE OUR CULTURE

- Gunaikurnai tangible and intangible cultural heritage is protected and GLaWAC are resourced to effectively manage cultural heritage through the renewable energy transition.
- Gunaikurnai cultural heritage sites, especially Ancestors' resting places, are protected from any harm. Where there are further opportunities to protect these sites from harm outside project impacts – for example sea level rise or storm surge impacts – that with GLaWAC direction, proponents and the State undertake measures to protect these locations.
- Gunaikurnai are compensated for the loss of our cultural heritage when it is irreparably lost or damaged from development/works.
- GLaWAC are involved in submerged Aboriginal cultural heritage management including its surveying, documentation, research potential and protection, respecting Indigenous Data Sovereignty.
- Submerged Aboriginal cultural heritage is appropriately managed through legislation.

### TO BE RESPECTED AS TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF OUR COUNTRY

- GLaWAC and the Gunaikurnai Community are embedded in processes that relate to management of Country including in Environment Effects Statements, Technical Reference Groups and other relevant processes.

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### TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO USE, MANAGE AND CONTROL OUR COUNTRY

- Our rights to access Country and use our natural resources are not impacted by the renewable energy transition. Formal processes that protect our rights, such as Native Title, are adhered to.

### TO BE ECONOMICALLY INDEPENDENT

- Ongoing revenue provided to GLaWAC in trust for the Gunaikurnai Community.
- GLaWAC realise economic investment and passive income opportunities, which may include ownership, investment or leasing associated with renewable energy infrastructure.
- Grow GLaWAC business – GLaWAC is contracted to deliver works consistent with existing service offer and explore new service offer opportunities.
- Aboriginal businesses are empowered to respond to opportunities presented by the renewable energy transition.
- The transition creates jobs for our people, with focused initiatives to achieve this guided by GLaWAC.

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### A STRONG FOCUS ON LEARNING

- Gunaikurnai community are empowered to lead GLaWAC's work in renewable energy into the future.
- Gunaikurnai learns from, and shares with, other Traditional Owners.