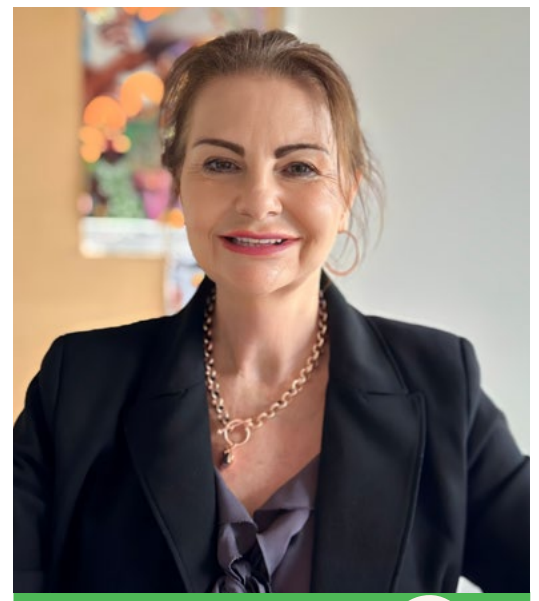




# Deb's Story: Advocating for First Nations businesses

**HUNTER, NSW**



I'm a proud Gamilaroi Yinaar (woman) living and working on Wonnarua Country and the CEO of the NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce (NSWICC). I'm passionate about advocating for the inclusion of First Nations businesses in the Hunter region's growing renewable energy sector.

My focus is on sustainability and economic empowerment for Indigenous peoples and the NSWICC is a key driver in promoting renewable energy opportunities. We support First Nations businesses to develop the capacity to engage in large-scale projects and connect them with new opportunities in government and industry supply chains. We also help to build meaningful partnerships between Indigenous businesses and non-Indigenous organisations resulting in sustained economic inclusion.

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The renewable energy transition is a unique opportunity for First Nations businesses to be leaders and actively involved in new industries and projects. There are many opportunities and long-term benefits, such as jobs, contracts and training. The NSWICC is already seeing a lot of interest from First Nations businesses to re-skill and adapt to meet the needs of clean energy projects.

My hope is that more people know about the role that Indigenous businesses can play in the renewable energy sector. It's very important renewable energy proponents engage with First Nations businesses and communities early and have inclusive supply chains. As a peak body the NSWICC assists proponents to identify opportunities to engage businesses and communities during the planning stage and works to continually support capacity and outcomes throughout the life of projects.

Our mob will be able to access jobs from the Hunter's renewable energy transition and the NSWICC is dedicated to continuing to advocate for First Nations businesses and community to not only participate, but to thrive.

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