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Representation / Authenticity Tests / Agency

\*the need for dynamic theorisation and vigilant negotiation. Particularly the 'Actor Networks' between Governments, Industry/Business, Universities (and Research) and Indigenous nations

\*Issues of Control and Power exercised by the State and our lack of organisation and structure to facilitate our agency in the issues we face(d).

\*Lack of effective legislative protection for Indigenous matters.

\*Avoid negotiating interests through past-oriented, traditionalist constructions of cultural heritage.



## Ngarrindjeri Nation Yarluwar-Ruwe Plan

A Vision for Sea Country

Rewriting the Colonial Archive

Developing our Vision, Management Plans and Archive

Ngarrindjeri Cultural Knowledge Protection Clause



\*Negotiated contractual arrangements – for protection of Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP).

\*Multi-sited strategy designed to resist recycling and activating the 'colonial archive'.

\*The need for possession of resources for full engagement.



# Ngarrindjeri Strategies for Positive Transformation



**Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority (NRA)**  
Est. 2007

**Caring for our people, lands, waters and  
all living things**

**Building our Nation  
Securing our Future**

## Goals

**Strong culture  
Sovereign First Nation  
Secure Future  
Healthy Country  
Confident People  
Creative Economy  
Respected History  
Regional Leader**

**Working together for a strong, healthy  
and sovereign Ngarrindjeri nation  
Honouring our People**

**KNYA**

- Negotiated contract law agreements

**NRA**

- Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority: Nation-building, good governance.

**NEPL**

- Economic development, self-determination, established Ngarrindjeri Ruwe Contracting.

**Cultural Change  
in Regional  
Management**

- Abolishing 'whiteness' in regional non-Indigenous policy, planning and practice. Excolonialism.

**Ngarrindjeri  
Ruwe/Ruwar**

- Ngarrindjeri philosophy underpins strategy. The lands and waters are a living body. Ngarrindjeri are part of this body.