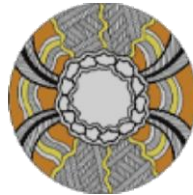


# Changing the Conversation: Rediscovering Indigenous Government

An Australian Research Council Discovery Project

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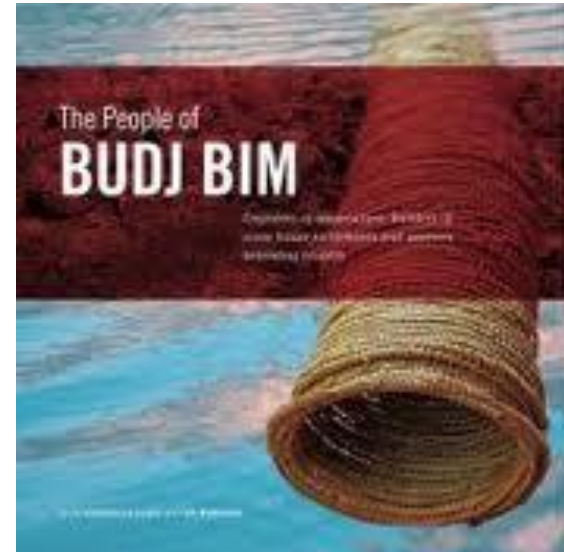
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# Aims of the Discovery Project

- Are Australian Indigenous communities taking on the task of comprehensive political governance?
- Are the principles of North American Indigenous nation building useful in Australia?
- How does the difference between corporate/organisational governance and political governance manifest itself in Australia?
- What tools and processes might support

# Methods

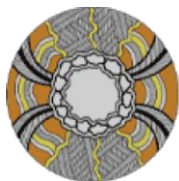
- Desktop search for candidate cases
  - Where is 'nation self-determination' being practised?
  - What nations might have appropriate (culturally legitimate & effective) institutions for comparison?
  - What nations appear to be operating according to a strategic plan?
- Fieldwork to understand nations' governing operations and self-conceptions



# Indigenous nationhood in the absence of recognition: Self-governance strategies and insights from three Aboriginal communities

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# Aims of the Linkage Project

- In collaboration with three Aboriginal nations:
  - Learn about and share lessons about sustainable and effective Indigenous governance.
  - Develop and study an effective Australian network for sharing strategies for Indigenous nation building.
  - Test a developing set of tools that support Australian Indigenous nation building.

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