The Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative

About the initiative

This initiative replaces the longstanding Aboriginal Enterprise Development Officer (AEDO) program and has been refreshed to ensure the delivery of a commercially focused business advisory initiative that includes support for existing Aboriginal owned and operated businesses to grow and diversify their business.

ABAI Objectives

The Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative supports Aboriginal owned businesses by; building capacity through greater connectivity to NSW Government Procurement, supporting business start-up, encouraging business expansion and providing access to training and job creation.

The Aboriginal Business Advisory Initiative achieves these objectives by:

- Providing local and culturally appropriate business coaching and advice to start-ups and small to medium enterprises;
- Promoting business growth through relevant training, increased confidence and advice on innovative approaches;
- Providing a professional referral pathway to wrap around support services;
- Increased alignment and connectivity to broader Government initiatives; and
- Increased involvement of Aboriginal owned businesses in NSW Government projects.

Service Providers

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