

CASE STUDY

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The project is taking a new look at the sustainable rehabilitation of mine voids by using a Premier Coal mine void to research, establish and operate a commercially viable marron farming business operated by the local Ngalang Boodja people –

linking environmental, social and economic outcomes in a single groundbreaking initiative.

A key project objective is to build the capacity of the Ngalang Boodja Council Aboriginal Cooperation (NBCAC) to self-govern the Ngalang Boodja Mine Lake Aquaculture Project within five years of its establishment in 2007. This objective is on track to being met, with Premier Coal's partnership with NBCAC prospering through a robust approach to project management

and transparent communication, supported by community education and awareness to boost the profile of the project.

The protection and enhancement of cultural heritage has been another important outcome. Native waterways, such as the Collie River, provided marron hunting spots for the Ngalang Boodja people, and the Aquaculture Project is reviving this ancient link to marron in a 21st century business enterprise.

