

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job title	Community Engagement Coordinator (South Australia)
Reports to	Director, First Nations Clean Energy Network
Works closely with	SA Projects Lead; Technical Adviser; National FNCEN Team
Status	Full-time (1.0 FTE) or Part-time (0.06), fixed-term contract (1–2 years), subject to funding.
Direct reports	Nil
Date updated	29 July 2026
Salary range	\$110,000 pro rata full time equivalent (based on experience) plus 12% superannuation and access Salary Sacrifice up to \$15,900 pa
Location	Work from home or co-working space, South Australia

This position is designated as a First Nations Identified Position. The filling of this position is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth), and s 12 of the Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic) and s 8(4) of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)

Original Power

Original Power is a community-focused, First Nations led organisation that builds collective power and backs the leadership, skills and capacity of First Nations peoples to achieve genuine self-determination in community and on Country.

We provide strategic advice, campaign support and capacity building, and connect communities to drive change. Our work is grounded in climate justice, community control and the right of First Nations peoples to determine our own futures.

Our current priorities are: supporting the new First Nations Clean Energy Network to grow; defending Country, particularly in the Northern Territory, by supporting communities to decide which projects they give consent to; and advocating for strong cultural heritage and sacred sites protection for generations to come.

We support First Nations peoples and communities to work together to build collective power, to share lessons and campaign together on shared issues.

Original Power is a growing organisation with staff working around Australia.

First Nations Clean Energy Network

The First Nations Clean Energy Network (the Network) is a national First Nations-led coalition working to ensure First Nations communities share in the benefits of Australia's clean energy transition.

Launched in November 2021, the Network brings together First Nations people, community organisations, land councils, unions, academics, industry bodies, renewable energy companies, and legal and technical experts. It is led by a Steering Group of First Nations leaders.

The Network exists to support First Nations peoples and communities to participate in, benefit from, respond to and shape renewable energy projects affecting land, waters and Sea Country.

Its work includes:

- supporting clean energy projects that deliver direct community benefit, including more affordable and reliable power
- promoting best-practice approaches to consent, land use and benefit sharing
- building community capacity through training, employment and participation in the renewable energy sector
- advocating for policy reform and greater investment in the infrastructure, technology and innovation needed for a just transition.

The Network supports communities to tackle barriers to clean, affordable and reliable energy, while creating opportunities for strong local economies, good jobs and community-led clean energy development.

Alongside auspicing the Network, Original Power also supports a number of clean energy demonstration projects, helping build practical evidence for policy reform and future on-ground expansion.

The Opportunity

South Australia is leading Australia's clean energy transition and has become one of the First Nations Clean Energy Network's fastest-growing jurisdictions.

The rapid expansion of renewable energy development, coupled with increasing demand from First Nations communities, government and industry, has created the need for a dedicated Community Engagement Coordinator to strengthen the Network's presence across the state.

Working alongside the SA Projects Lead, this role will lead community engagement, stakeholder relationships and capacity-building activities that ensure First Nations people are informed, connected and positioned to participate in the clean energy transition.

The Community Engagement Coordinator will support communities to improve energy resilience, build relationships with government and industry, understand renewable energy opportunities, and strengthen their participation in clean energy projects occurring on Country.

This role complements the SA Projects Lead, who leads project development, program delivery and technical coordination, while specialist technical advice is provided through the Network's Technical Adviser.

Position Purpose

The Community Engagement Coordinator is responsible for growing the First Nations Clean Energy Network across South Australia through community organising, stakeholder engagement, partnership development and strategic communications.

The position will build trusted relationships with First Nations communities, Traditional Owners, Aboriginal organisations, government, utilities, renewable energy developers and industry partners to ensure communities have access to information, capability and opportunities arising from the clean energy transition.

The role plays an important part in delivering the Network's vision of ensuring First Nations communities benefit socially, culturally and economically from Australia's renewable energy future.

Key Responsibilities

Community Engagement

- Develop and maintain trusted relationships with First Nations communities, Traditional Owners and Aboriginal organisations across South Australia.
- Support communities to identify their clean energy priorities and aspirations.
- Coordinate community meetings, workshops, information sessions and regional engagement activities.
- Build participation in Network programs and initiatives.

Stakeholder Engagement

- Develop productive relationships with:
 - o South Australian Government
 - o Local Government
 - o SA Power Networks
 - o Energy retailers
 - o Renewable energy developers
 - o Industry bodies
 - o Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations
 - o Universities and research organisations.
- Represent the Network at meetings, forums, conferences and community events.

Key responsibilities of the SA Community Coordinator include:

- Develop, expand and maintain relationships with South Australian community members, organisations and leaders.

Community Capacity Building

- Support delivery of community energy literacy activities.
- Coordinate clean energy negotiation workshops.
- Assist communities to understand:
 - o renewable energy projects
 - o community-owned energy opportunities
 - o benefit-sharing models
 - o Capacity Investment Scheme opportunities
 - o government funding programs.
- Connect communities with appropriate legal, technical and commercial expertise.

Strategic Communications

- Develop community information resources and presentations.
- Prepare newsletters, briefing materials and stakeholder updates.
- Monitor renewable energy developments affecting South Australian First Nations communities.
- Maintain stakeholder databases and engagement records.
- Contribute to media and advocacy activities where appropriate.

Project Support

Working closely with the SA Projects Lead:

- Coordinate community consultation activities.
- Support delivery of the *Fringe of Grid Program*.
- Assist delivery of the *Nipapanha Warndu Yurndu (Deadly Sun) Microgrid Project*.
- Support implementation of the Point Pearce solar and battery program and future expansion initiatives.
- Coordinate workshops, logistics and stakeholder engagement for South Australian projects.
- Assist with reporting and grant deliverables.

Selection Criteria**About You | You are:**

- Passionate about supporting First Nations self-determination and a community-led clean energy transition.
- A strong relationship builder who works respectfully alongside First Nations communities and diverse stakeholders.
- Committed to building trust, collaboration and long-term partnerships.
- Community-focused, culturally capable and politically aware.

- Organised, proactive and able to manage competing priorities.
- An excellent communicator who can translate complex issues into practical outcomes.
- Adaptable, resilient and comfortable working in dynamic policy and project environments.
- Motivated by creating meaningful, lasting outcomes for First Nations communities.

Essential Skills and Experience

- Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Demonstrated ability to build trusted stakeholder relationships.
- Experience planning and coordinating community engagement activities, workshops or events.
- Strong written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills.
- Ability to facilitate discussions with diverse audiences.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills.
- Ability to manage competing priorities and work independently.
- Current driver's licence and willingness to travel throughout South Australia.

Desirable Experience

- Knowledge of renewable energy, electricity systems or climate policy.
- Experience working with Traditional Owner groups.
- Experience supporting infrastructure or regional development projects.
- Understanding of community benefit-sharing and agreement-making.
- Experience working across government, industry or not-for-profit sectors.
- Experience in public speaking and media engagement.

Interested in applying?

We are accepting applications until **11.59 pm (AEST), Sunday 30 August 2026.**

To apply, please include:

- A cover letter of no more than two pages addressing the selection criteria.
- A copy of your current CV.

Please apply through the EthicalJobs portal, or email your application to **recruitment@firstnationscleanenergy.org.au**.

For questions about the role or the First Nations Clean Energy Network, please contact:

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