

Opportunities from Waste Management and Resource Recovery and the Circular Economy for Indigenous Communities and Businesses in Urban and Regional Areas in Western Australia

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

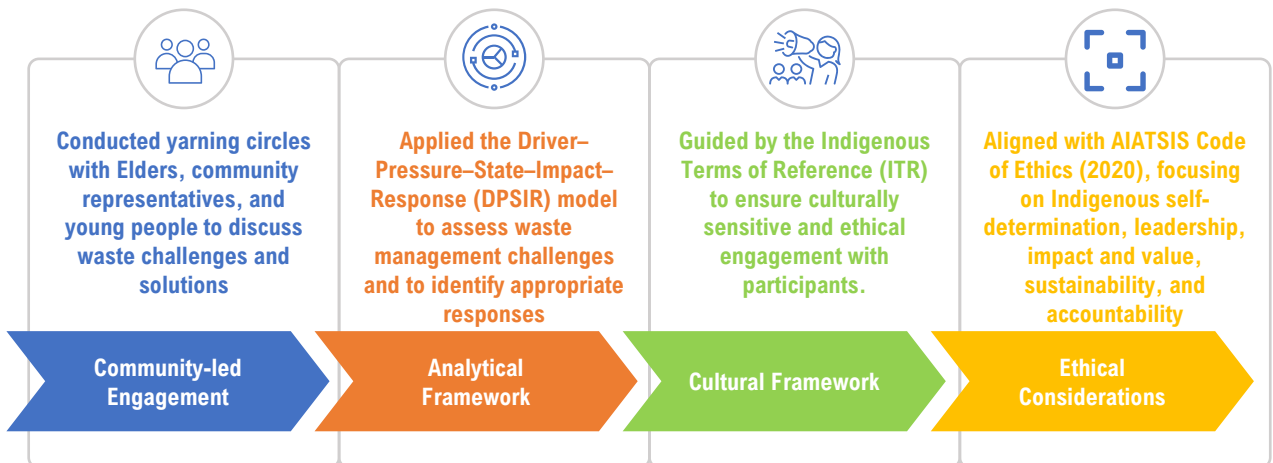


1
Understand the magnitude of waste issues in Aboriginal communities

2
Explore opportunities from waste for Aboriginal communities

3
Consider Indigenous knowledge systems to guide community-led solutions

PROJECT APPROACH



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YARNING AND FIELD VISITS IN WA

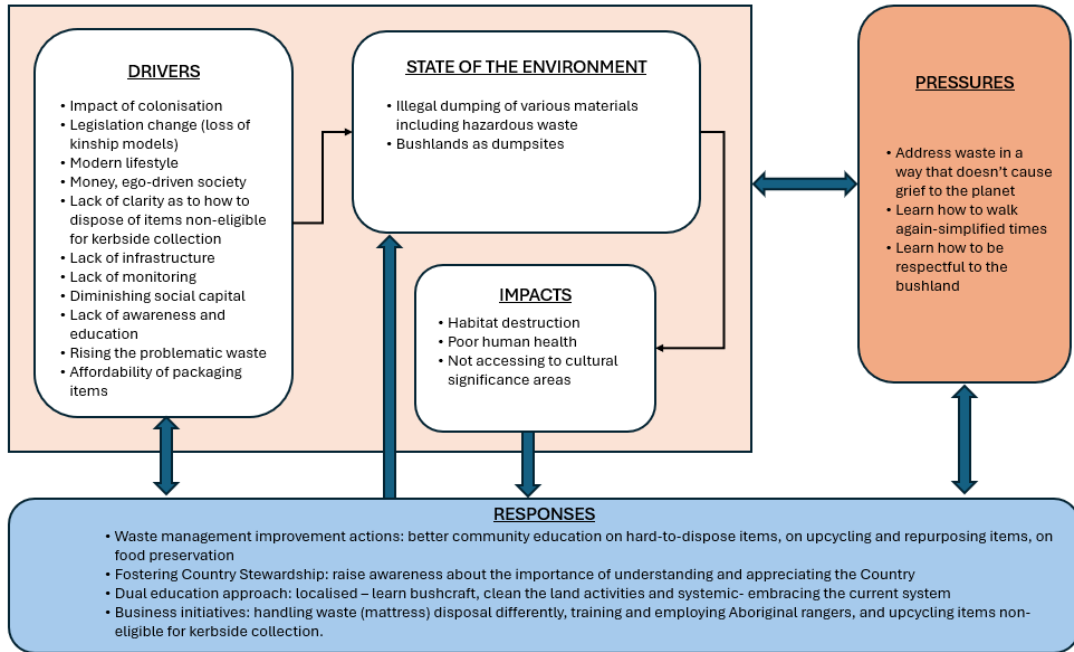


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KEY FINDINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY YARNING

Themes	Key Insights
Notion of Waste	Waste is a modern construct; traditionally all materials were valued and reused. Caring for Country meant living in a regenerative way where nothing was considered waste.
Challenges	Colonisation, modern lifestyle, loss of traditional knowledge, lack of waste services, and illegal dumping.
Solutions	Aboriginal-led education, programs to instil care for the land community enterprises, inter-agency partnerships, and localised waste monitoring, consultancies with Aboriginal people who have knowledge of Country.
Cultural Strengths	Respect for Elders, oral traditions, and shared responsibility for the land are central to sustainable living.

DPSIR FRAMEWORK: Drivers, State and Impacts of waste issues in remote communities and Responses and Pressures to address them.



KEY OBSERVATIONS AND TAKEAWAYS



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