# First Nations: Video description and transcript

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## Introduction

This is the accessible text transcript of a video for COP29 on Australian Government partnerships with First Nations people in agriculture.

## Transcript

[Video begins]

Screen 1: [Video description: text panel over background of a First Nations man at a gathering.]

[Text]: Australia’s First Nations people have been custodians of Australia’s environment for over 60,000 years.

Australia recognises the wealth of knowledge and insight that First Nations people bring to the conversations about sustainability in agriculture.

The Australian Government is establishing partnerships with First Nations communities to ensure their voices are integrated into policy.

Strong partnerships with First Nations people include:

* Elevating First Nations voices in national dialogue on climate smart and sustainable agriculture and engaging these voices on any decisions that impact them or their Country.
* Investing in First Nations peoples’ capabilities and knowledge regarding climate adaptation and mitigation.

An example of investing in First Nations knowledges and practices is the Indigenous Rangers Biosecurity Program.

The program draws on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledges of Country and provides Indigenous rangers with training to carry out a variety of activities on Australia’s biosecurity frontline.

First Nations peoples’ expert knowledge of Country, plants and animals helps protect Australia’s land and sea from increasing pest and disease risks in a changing climate.

To find out more, visit: agriculture.gov.au/COP29

[Video ends]

[End of transcript.]

**Acknowledgement of Country**

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.

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