NKIEEC --Context.

- NKI is the traditional home for the Woppaburra people
- Woppaburra people have Native title Claims over all of NKI and all of GKI.
- NKI is wholly National Park surrounded by GBRMP.

- The only lease within these parks at NKI is the NKIEEC.
- National Parks and the GBRMPA consult and seek advice from the Woppaburra people over managing ‘sea country’ through a TUMRA (Traditional Usage Marine Resource Arrangement), signage within marine parks, and on NKI.

- Many of the consultation meetings occur at NKIEEC.
- Woppaburra Land Trust has formal documents with National Parks and the Marine Park Authority. Native titles and Tumra documents set out processes and expectations for both parties.

- NKIEEC works closely with National Parks and Marine Parks, hosting many training and consultation meetings, and has formal documents in the form of a lease which sets out expectations from both parties.

- NKIEEC and the Woppaburra Land Trust have been working on a’ Statement of Intent’ to set out some long term commitments and obligations. Angela has helped frame the statement from and Indigenous and Eq perspective.
Background.

NKIEEC has for many years very successfully employed a Woppaburra descendent to aid in the delivery of lessons to visiting groups.

Mike Rowlands who was the Senior Archaeologist for National Parks conducted a dig and has been proactive at documenting the Woppaburra culture.

NKIEEC has received some criticism in recent years of not presenting accurate information about the history and life of the traditional owners.

Woppaburra descendants have expressed a desire to spend time at NKI with their children and grand children, “Being on country” Woppaburra week. Proposal: The have a program which meets the need of the traditional owners

**Opportunities**

1) Woppaburra descendents have time on country, connection to country.

2) NKIEEC staff get to know work with and learn from Woppaburra people

**Challenges.**

1) Getting people to NKIEEC
2) Developing a program that is agreeable to Woppaburra Land Trust.
“It is a requirement of Solid Partners Solid Futures to have a Learning Partnership with the Traditional Owners.” Complete by Sept 2014.

How does NKIEEC and Woppaburra Land Trust set out their intent to work together, share information, build a connection that endures changes, and move forward in a co-operative way?