

Consultant Brief



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Current Employment

Helen is employed with Sodexo Australia as the National Manager for Indigenous Business. This role is a senior role within the company that provides advice and guidance to Indigenous businesses. The role also works with Procurement Managers to secure Indigenous Business opportunities for contracting and supply. Helen wrote and implemented Sodexo's Indigenous Procurement Strategy.

Strengths

With nearly 20 years of experience working in Education, Training and Employment, Helen is a highly skilled Industry and Government Liaison, a passionate and people-focused leader and excels at creating pathways for Aboriginal people through both career and economic development. Helen has 10 years' experience working in the Oil and Gas, Construction and Mining Industries, providing advice and expertise to the Industry on cultural and social issues, while creating opportunities for Aboriginal people through business and commercial contracts.

Core Competencies

- Extensive knowledge and demonstrated experience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and societies and the issues that have impacted and continue to impact upon both groups;
- Extensive experience in three-tier government consultation and policy interpretation, complemented with sound knowledge and understanding of Industry needs, funding models, programs and procedures related to Indigenous employment and training, entrepreneurship;
- Extensive experience in Aboriginal economic development, policy development and overall local content and place specific business Development, leading contract negotiation, B2B relationship management and project liaison, aimed to build confidence and assistance for Aboriginal businesses owners;
- Coordinate, facilitate and structure operational planning and reporting across the organisation;
- Project and contract management expertise, including feasibility assessment and research.

Boards

ABC Foundation – Director

Ocean 2 Outback (O2O) Pty Ltd – Director

Qualifications and Memberships

Helen is a qualified Workplace Assessor and holds a Certificate IV Career and Employability Skills, a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and is currently studying for her Diploma in Project Management.

Vital Consult

Helen, Managing Director and her business partner Alison lead a small team of passionate consultants who are genuine about maximising opportunities for Indigenous people, people of minority or disadvantage, for local community groups and businesses. We pride ourselves on our specialist knowledge and value-based solutions.

Established in 2013, we strive to become global leaders in Indigenous and Community Engagement. Vital Consult became the first B Certified Corporation in Adelaide in August 2014 and as a founding member ensures high standards of ethical, social and environmental performance in all that we offer.