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**INQUIRY INTO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN  
ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES**

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I forgot to add another important role another organisation we have been working with called Many Rivers- Micro Finance.... the role they have played with our community has been so supportive and has turned us around in terms of on the ground training, developing employment, corporate governance, finance etc....they are quite different to IBA and ILC....there basically in the community, in the board room, talking face to face, meeting Elders, listening to the community issues and problems then action iteming there plans and actually spending days with the community....my experience with IBA is fly in and fly out and that's it....

Many Rivers Micro- Finance are developing the Aboriginal community plans ready for IBA, ILC or Westpac or the NAB.....

I honestly think this is the key to community success developing HUBS are the key to community success, planning what we have is the key to community success.....reversing the way people think from both Government and Indigenous is the key to community success start thinking what you would do if you were in my shoes and I in yours this way you will find the answer of how to move forward or even backwards have you ever thought about learning Aboriginal language and I learning Chinese NO....that's the Answer let's do it.....so how do we change that way of thinking....example: let's swap jobs for a week then we will know the answer.....pretty simple hey.

Cheers

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We acknowledge the Traditional Lands of the Wonnarua/Gringai people of the Hunter Valley who remain the spiritual and cultural owners of our land and continue to practice our values, language, beliefs and Knowledge, we offer respect to our Elders past and present and through our Elders, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.