

Policy on access and use of Indigenous knowledge

ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre for Uniquely Australian Foods

The Training Centre recognises the significance and importance of Indigenous knowledge for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Centre also recognises that Indigenous knowledge is living, vibrant, dynamic, and evolving.

The Training Centre recognises that Indigenous people have the right to maintain, control, protect, and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and Indigenous intellectual property. The Training Centre further recognises that Indigenous knowledge custodians have the sole authority to determine if, when, how, and under what conditions Indigenous knowledge may be used in Centre activities.

In conducting research on Australian native plants and in working with Indigenous partners, researchers with the *ARC Industrial Transformation Training Centre for Uniquely Australian Foods* commit to the following principles in relation to Indigenous knowledge:

- Indigenous knowledge will not be used in Training Centre activities unless free, prior, and informed consent is obtained from the custodians of the knowledge.
- Indigenous partners of the Training Centre have the right to access, at any time, all information related to the use of their Indigenous knowledge in the activities that the Centre conducts.
- Training Centre researchers will comply with all applicable customary norms and protocols related to the use of Indigenous knowledge. This includes ensuring that the knowledge remains confidential where required by cultural standards or requested by Indigenous knowledge custodians.
- Training Centre researchers will comply with all applicable domestic and international legal frameworks related to the use of Indigenous knowledge in research and commercial activities. These include: Australian biodiscovery laws; the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People; the Convention on Biological Diversity; and the Nagoya Protocol.
- Indigenous partners who provide their knowledge to Training Centre researchers will be recognised in all Training Centre outputs that incorporate the knowledge, unless otherwise requested by the partners.