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BIOGRAPHY

Kaely is Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), an Indigenous organisation established by the Australian government to support Indigenous economic development, primarily through business and home ownership. At IBA, Kaely leads the development of new policy and partnership approaches with Indigenous groups, industry and government to increase these opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, as well as IBA's legal, construction and corporate support functions.

Kaely's experience spans more than 23 years in Indigenous affairs and includes senior roles in Commonwealth central agencies dealing with Indigenous policy issues, particularly native title and land rights, complemented by tertiary studies in economics and Indigenous studies. Kaely is a Graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

ABSTRACT

Building Indigenous Business Capability in Remote Communities

IBA has recently led projects in several small remote Indigenous communities to develop the business capability of some of the Indigenous people living in those communities and to assist them to establish viable micro and small enterprises. The findings of these projects will be discussed, indicating the challenges and successes of these projects, and providing an insight into the level of commitment needed to establish enterprises in locations where few Indigenous people are involved in business.