What are the benefits of collaborative governance of wet tropics country?

**Jobs and work**

“64 people as full-time, casuals, volunteer employed on country last financial year.”

Traditional Owner

**Overcoming passivity**

“Aboriginal people are starting to be leaders, starting to be considered powerful, influential, undertaking mentoring.”

Partner

**Health**

“We have better health through connection to country.”

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**Elders and youth**

“The key to it, we’ve kind of stumbled across, is the young ones. The Junior Ranger Program... gets all the adults sitting around and talk about how we can collaboratively work together.”

Traditional Owner

**Jobs readiness**

“Our mob are mostly on the dole... through volunteer and casual work we have a WORK POOL ready to go.”

Traditional Owner

**From welfare to business**

“I used to think that we’re not going to break the welfare cycle in my generation but we’re doing it here today.”

Traditional Owner

**Money**

“We’ve got a biodiversity project, a great big nursery and had people just flocking in buying trays and trays of plants.”

Traditional Owner

**Justice**

“We work with the police and organisations and deliver peace.”

Traditional Owner

**Environmental protection**

“We’re actually doing the the rehabilitation of the acid sulfate soils they had battery acid levels in the water and now they’re taken down.”

“We’ve regenerated 2000-3000 plants in a few weeks.”

Traditional Owners

**Reconciliation**

“Need to acknowledge the change, how far we have come together... completely changed the community views about blackfella business in this community.”

Traditional Owner

**Cultural renewal**

“Walking tracks...are all culture, it’s part of our culture. Our rangers have widened it, gone through and cleaned it, we can walk our country again.”

Traditional Owner

**Disaster response**

“In Cyclone Yasi our Rangers were on the ground to help... Notices went up everywhere saying thanks to Girringun Rangers. We have found our place, and excelled for the whole community.”

Traditional Owner

People don’t have a fridge, don’t have a proper home, but they own a $3 million cattle station. How do we capitalise on that asset, and bridge the gap, to get equitable social-economic benefits? We own this cattle station but our kids can’t read.”

Traditional Owner
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The delivery of multiple benefits was investigated through a three and a half year co-research project involving Rainforest Aboriginal people, social scientists, spatial analysts, government and non-government organisations. The co-research found that Rainforest Aboriginal people face a complex set of social, economic and educational challenges that impede their initiatives. The results from collaborative governance are particularly important because through managing country, they have developed solutions to overcome these barriers and deliver benefits.

Collaborative governance of wet tropics country overcomes multiple barriers to deliver these multiple benefits!

![Diagram showing barriers and solutions]

**Jobs and work**

"64 employed"

"Line up with 400 people for one job."
Traditional Owner

"Can’t use native title for what we want."
Traditional Owner

"Exclusive possession lands turned to national park."
Traditional Owner

**Overcoming passivity**

"powerful, influential"

"Kids are bored, passive."
Traditional Owner

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Traditional Owner

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