

# **The Murrawarri Republic**

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## **Executive Summary**

The Murrawarri people declared their continuing independence in March 2013 and published their Sovereign Nation Plan in December 2019.

This paper outlines the strategies that need to be employed by the Murrawarri Republic as we move towards full sovereign independence.

Historically, empire building and colonisation have been characterised by the introduction of more advanced technologies by the conquerors, and the colonisation of Murrawarri Country was no exception. This included a range of potent technologies that significantly favoured the colonisers and marked the stark technological disparities between them and the Murrawarri people paving the way for successful colonisation.

In light of this historical context, it is imperative for the Murrawarri Republic to learn from history. To successfully move forward as an independent, sovereign nation, we must consider employing more advanced and superior technologies than those of the colonisers. By doing so, we can gain a crucial political advantage that can help tip the scales in our favour.

## **The Murrawarri Republic**

In 2013, the Murrawarri people established their legal position by engaging in the necessary diplomatic and legal processes with the House of Windsor, thereby solidifying their status under international law. This significant step underscores their commitment to asserting their sovereignty and rights as a self-determined Indigenous nation. It is a testament to their pursuit of recognition and justice on the global stage. This pivotal moment in their history marks the foundation upon which the Murrawarri Republic<sup>1</sup> continues to build its case for autonomy and self-governance. The engagement with the House of Windsor exemplifies the Murrawarri people's strategic approach to navigating the complexities of international law in their quest for self-determination and the preservation of their cultural heritage.

## **Sovereign Nation Plan**

The Murrawarri people have exhibited remarkable patience as they have remained steadfast on their ancestral lands, waiting for the opportune moment to assert their sovereignty. This patience, deeply rooted in their cultural heritage, reflects their commitment to preserving their connection to the land and their unwavering belief in their right to self-determination.

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<sup>1</sup> "Australia's Aborigines Launch a Bold Legal Push for Independence." 30 May. 2013, <https://world.time.com/2013/05/30/australias-aborigines-launch-a-bold-legal-push-for-independence/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

The Sovereign Nation Plan<sup>2</sup>, developed and published in December 2019, stands as a testament to the Murrawarri people's dedication to integrating historical cultural practices with contemporary wisdom. The plan represents the collective effort of contemporary elders who have diligently passed down their knowledge through generations. Their wisdom, born of lived experience and informed by the traditions of 'The Old People,' was meticulously workshopped with the guidance of an internationally experienced facilitator. The culmination of this collaborative process resulted in a comprehensive document that outlines a strategic path forward for the Murrawarri Republic.

This approach highlights the Murrawarri people's ability to bridge the gap between tradition and modernity, drawing upon the wisdom of their ancestors while adapting to contemporary challenges. The Nation Building Plan is a living testament to their resilience and determination, as they continue to navigate the complex terrain of international law and the pursuit of self-determination, all while upholding the cultural heritage that defines their identity as a self-determined Indigenous nation.

## **Colonising Murrawarri Country**

The colonisation of Murrawarri Country, like many instances of empire building and colonisation throughout history, was characterised by the introduction of technologically advanced tools and systems by the conquerors. These innovations granted the colonisers a distinct advantage and created a profound technological gap between them and the Murrawarri people, ultimately facilitating their successful colonisation. The key technologies that played a pivotal role in this colonisation included:

1. **Iron:** During this era, iron emerged as a critical resource. Early explorers like Mitchell<sup>3</sup> embarked on expeditions with sizable groups, complete with wagons, blacksmith, cattle, sheep, and hunting dogs. Iron tools and implements held immense value as trading items, often exchanged to secure safe passage through the land. This was a stark contrast to the indigenous people's reliance on stone and wood, highlighting the profound technological gap between the colonisers and the Murrawarri people. Steel tools not only facilitated the colonisers' mobility and resource management but also served as a symbol of their technological superiority.
2. **Powerful Weaponry:** The colonisers were armed with state-of-the-art firearms and military equipment that granted them a formidable edge in conflicts, allowing them to assert dominance over expansive territories. An illustrative example is found in Mitchell's accounts, where he records more than once firing a musket into a tree, a deliberate action taken in full view of the indigenous locals. This display effectively demonstrated the overwhelming firepower at the colonisers' disposal, often serving as a deterrent that helped mitigate potential conflicts. Such displays of technological superiority allowed

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<sup>2</sup> "- High Calibre Consultancy." <https://www.highcalibreconsultancy.com.au/nation-plan/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

<sup>3</sup> "Australian Digital Collections | University of Sydney Library." <https://adc.library.usyd.edu.au/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

colonists to assert control without resorting to open hostilities, emphasising the profound impact advanced weaponry had on their ability to navigate and influence the regions they sought to colonise. Subsequently, colonial settlers continued to utilise this advanced weaponry in direct conflicts as they expanded their control.<sup>4</sup>

3. **Efficient Transport Systems:** The introduction of various modes of transportation revolutionised mobility for the colonisers. They employed horses, horse-drawn wagons, bullock-drawn wagons, camels, paddle steamers and railways. These modes of transport allowed the colonists to cover great distances rapidly, extending their territorial reach deep into Murrumbidgee Country. Ships connected these colonial outposts with the 'mother country,' facilitating the import and export of cargo and the transportation of passengers to populate the colony.
4. **Communication Tools:** Colonisers established advanced communication systems, including telegraph networks and postal services. These tools facilitated efficient governance over their far-flung colonies by enabling rapid and effective communication between different regions. Information could be transmitted over long distances at unprecedented speeds, enabling centralised control and coordination.
5. **Financial Systems:** The introduction of money supplanted the indigenous system of storing and exchanging value, establishing a global nexus to commerce and industry. The indigenous economic framework, rooted in traditional systems of industry and trade, struggled to contend with the transformative force unleashed by this new, globally-interconnected financial system. The introduction of currency not only revolutionised the means of conducting trade but also integrated indigenous economies into the broader global network, rendering traditional systems less competitive in the face of this newfound economic energy source. This shift marked a pivotal moment in history, where the dynamics of trade and value exchange were irrevocably altered, leaving systems to adapt to the changing tides of a rapidly evolving global economy.

## **The Contemporary Changing World**

“The world is changing now and by 2030 it will be totally different. It is driven by the convergence of 5 foundational things; Energy, transportation, Information, food production (PF) and materials. The change will be driven in these key areas driven by market forces. The world will change from extraction based with values tied to production to creation resulting in freedom. This will require a change of organising system that was set-up for the industrial age. The new age of freedom will require an organising system based upon the regional frame as all things will be produced locally and information will be able to be accessed globally via the internet. The centralised hierarchical pyramid system that was required to control the distribution of goods and services will no longer be needed. This system will only inhibit opportunity and growth. There will need to be lots of trial organising systems to see which work best.”

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<sup>4</sup> "24 Oct 1911 - Last of the Culgoa Blacks - Trove." <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/118010220>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

*Tony Seba<sup>5</sup> - a world-renowned thought leader, author, speaker, educator, angel investor, Silicon Valley entrepreneur and co-founder of RethinkX<sup>6</sup>, an independent think tank that analyses and forecasts the speed and scale of technology-driven disruption and its implications across society.*

Tony Seba's pioneering work offers a blueprint for our future nation, outlining the framework within which it will operate. This framework serves as the guiding light for the Murrawarri Republic, propelling us toward a technologically superior position compared to the colonisers. The five pillars of Energy, Transport, Information, Food Production and Materials provide the foundational framework in which converging technologies can be strategically integrated to build our technological nation.

As we embark on this journey, it becomes increasingly clear that the convergence of these technological forces presents immense opportunities. Harnessing the potential of these converging technologies offers the Murrawarri Republic the chance to not only reclaim our autonomy but also to pave a path towards prosperity, sustainability, and self-determination in a rapidly evolving world. Our ability to adapt and innovate within this framework will be instrumental in defining our future, marking a crucial step in our pursuit of self-governance and the preservation of our cultural heritage.

### **The Superior Technologies**

**Energy** (SWB - Solar, Wind, and Batteries): The widespread embrace of solar, wind, and cutting-edge battery technologies will form the cornerstone of our energy infrastructure. Through the harnessing of renewable energy sources, our goal extends beyond mere energy self-sufficiency—it encompasses environmental sustainability as we steadily diminish our reliance on conventional energy sources. Notably, Murrawarri country has already witnessed a robust adoption of solar technologies, promising an abundant supply of exceptionally cost-effective energy, further reinforcing our commitment to sustainable power solutions.

**Transport** (Autonomous Electric Vehicles, International Airport, and Personal Drone Transportation): Our transportation system is wholeheartedly positioned to embrace Autonomous Electric Vehicles (A-EVs), ushering in an eco-conscious and highly efficient mode of mobility. Notably, a registered ride-sharing business within Murrawarri Country, Kula (Transport as a Service), has been meticulously designed with A-EVs in mind, seamlessly summonable via mobile phones. The Murrawarri Republic stands poised to potentially become a trailblazer in enacting A-EV regulations, granting us a significant competitive edge at both the national and global levels—a far-reaching advantage with profound implications.

In harmony with our commitment to advanced mobility, our prospective international airport will boast a substantially extended runway, stretching an impressive 3000 metres in length. This

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<sup>5</sup> "Tony Seba, Author, Thought Leader and SV Entrepreneur." <https://tonyseba.com/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

<sup>6</sup> "RethinkX." <https://www.rethinkx.com/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

expanded infrastructure is designed to comfortably accommodate the largest aircraft worldwide, ensuring seamless global connectivity. Presently, North Bourke Airport features a 1900-metre runway, with clear, flat private land adjacent to it—expanding to 3000 metres on either end is an entirely feasible endeavour. This extension project includes the fortification of the existing pavement and the tapping into the expertise of a renowned company, merely a phone call away in Toowoomba, a mere 800 kilometres distant. It is noteworthy that our airport is strategically positioned within 10km of the Sydney to SouthEast Asia flight path, including FedEx's Sydney to China route, as well as the Melbourne to Cairns and Brisbane to Perth/Adelaide national flight paths—underscoring its pivotal role in global and domestic transportation networks.

Furthermore, we are actively exploring the development of personal drone transportation, further enriching our transportation network and providing innovative solutions for local travel needs. Spearheading regulatory efforts in this domain would hold far-reaching and profound implications, reinforcing our commitment to pioneering advancements in transportation technologies.

**Information 1.** (Technology Industrial Community, Financial System, Education, Defense Systems): Our vision for North Bourke encompasses the creation of a dynamic technology industrial community, akin to the innovation epicentres found in Silicon Valley. Here, a fertile ground for creativity and collaboration will emerge, nurturing the development of cutting-edge technologies and amplifying our global tech presence. Notably, this technological wave is already sweeping through Murrawarri country, with prominent figures like Elon Musk's Starlink providing high-speed broadband to numerous subscribers. With Jeff Bezos' Amazon entering the industry, the ensuing competition ensures a superb service for our country.

This technology community assumes a pivotal role as a cornerstone supporting Murrawarri's transition away from the prevailing centralised fiat currency system toward the promising realm of blockchain technology, epitomised by Bitcoin and the Lightning Network. This pivotal shift promises enhanced autonomy and flexibility, empowering us to make audacious political decisions in support of our residents and our nation. Within the ongoing transition period within the global financial system, we find an unparalleled opportunity to harness the potential of our substantial gold deposits. While mining isn't culturally desirable, a geological assay can establish the fixed store of gold within our borders. Global investors, seeking a secure haven for their investments during their transition to embracing Bitcoin and blockchain technology, can engage with 'Murrawarri Gold'—a distinctive asset offering a fixed supply and augmented security, all managed through blockchain technology.

This strategic undertaking positions us as a pivotal influencer in the ever-evolving financial landscape, reaffirming our forward-thinking approach and unwavering readiness to shape the future. This sets the stage for a profound transformation— the evolution of the Murrawarri Republic into a personal tax-free state where all residents receive a dividend. This visionary approach entails astute management of our country's assets, becoming the cornerstone for self-sufficiency and growth.

The prospect of a tax-free status is a potent magnet, attracting the calibre of individuals essential for nation-building. While it is conceivable that company taxes or, more aptly, operating licences may be required, these will be established at a globally competitive rate. This economic model reflects not just our commitment to innovation but also our dedication to creating a thriving, self-sustaining community, firmly rooted in forward-looking principles that position us as a beacon of progress on the world stage.

Capital funds to seed the country's growth can be sourced from various avenues, including the substantial UK colonial reparations fund, back rent with interest from the Western Lands Lease collected by state governments, and in-kind support from global companies poised to benefit from investing in our progressive and innovative nation.

### **Information 2.**

Education (Artificial Intelligence and Cultural Relevance): Education within the Murrawarri Republic will harness the power of artificial intelligence, delivered through accessible tablets equipped with bots. This innovative approach ensures that each student receives a tailored educational experience, meticulously adapted to their unique learning needs, all within a culturally resonant Murrawarri educational framework.

By embracing artificial intelligence, we equip our students with tools that not only facilitate learning but also promote a deeper connection with their cultural heritage. Our commitment to delivering a culturally relevant education ensures that every learner can draw inspiration from their rich heritage while pursuing a future brimming with possibilities, knowledge, and empowerment. This educational paradigm stands as a testament to our unwavering dedication to nurturing the potential of each student and fortifying our collective cultural identity.

### **Information 3.**

Defence Systems (Bitcoin and Murrawarri Gold as a Shield): In recognition of the historical reality that most conflicts have their roots in economic interests, and that warfare consistently ranks as one of the most substantial budgetary expenditures for governments, our most formidable defence strategy resides in the adoption of decentralised currency, exemplified by Bitcoin. The profound strength of this financial paradigm is its inherent resistance to being plundered or manipulated by any regime seeking to fund their wars or agendas.

By embracing Bitcoin as a foundational element of our defence strategy, we establish a resilient financial fortress that safeguards the wealth and resources of our nation from exploitation or expropriation. This proactive measure not only bolsters our security but also exemplifies our commitment to a future built on peace and self-determination, free from the destructive consequences of militarised conflicts fueled by financial gain. Bitcoin stands as a testament to our readiness to redefine the concept of defence, safeguarding our sovereignty in an increasingly interconnected and ever-changing world. In conjunction with Bitcoin, the robust presence of Murrawarri Gold further solidifies our position as a bulwark of financial security,

providing us with a dual layer of protection that cannot be easily appropriated by external regimes, ensuring our financial sovereignty and long-term prosperity.

**Food Production 1.** (Precision Fermentation, Healthcare and Export): Our food production vision is centred around the adoption of Precision Fermentation (PF), a groundbreaking food technology that promises to reshape the way the world produces food. Within Murrawarri Country, PF food will set new standards, offering a comprehensive profile of essential vitamins, minerals and fats that cater specifically to the human body's nutritional needs for each type of food.

This innovative approach signifies our commitment to providing not just sustenance but also optimal health and well-being to our people. PF food will be tailored to meet the precise nutritional requirements of each food category, ensuring that it delivers the full spectrum of essential nutrients, thereby supporting the health and vitality of our community. Additionally, this high-quality, nutrition-rich food will not only benefit local consumption but will also be a prime candidate for export, further enhancing our economic prospects and reinforcing our reputation as leaders in innovative food production.

#### **Food Production 2.**

**Healthcare (Promoting Self-Care and Nutritional Lifestyles):** Our nation is committed to promoting self-care rooted in proper nutritional lifestyles, a proactive approach that aims to reduce the dependence on traditional healthcare services. By prioritising and encouraging healthy nutritional choices, we are taking a significant step towards enhancing the overall well-being of our citizens.

This emphasis on proper nutrition not only addresses physical health but also extends to mental health, as vitamin deficiencies and toxic foods can significantly impact mental well-being as well. By fostering a culture of nutrition-based self-care, we are nurturing healthier, more resilient individuals who are better equipped to manage their physical and mental health. This approach aligns with our commitment to holistic well-being, encouraging self-sufficiency, and fostering a healthier, happier society.

**Materials 1.** (Local 3D Printing and Global Design): Our approach to materials revolves around the widespread adoption of 3D printing, a versatile technology that enables the local production of goods by tapping into global design services accessible via the internet. This transformative approach not only streamlines production processes but also allows us to create a diverse range of products for both local consumption and export.

Embracing 3D printing as a cornerstone of our materials strategy empowers us to unlock new possibilities in manufacturing, reducing the need for extensive infrastructure and large-scale production facilities. This approach underscores our commitment to self-sufficiency, innovation, and connectivity with the global marketplace. By producing goods locally and making them

available for export, we position ourselves as an agile and competitive player in the international trade arena while ensuring our economic resilience and sustainability.

## **Materials 2.**

Water Management (Barwon Darling River Influence): In our semi-arid homeland, water stands as a vital and strategic concern. Building upon our robust political foundation, we are poised to exert influence through the Barwon Darling River Water Management Framework<sup>7</sup>, a comprehensive approach that empowers us to secure our water resources.

This framework signifies our commitment to responsible and sustainable water management, ensuring that our region's water needs are met while preserving ecological balance and promoting efficient usage. By engaging with our upstream neighbours, we aim to foster collaborative agreements that harmonise water usage, promoting fairness and mutual benefit. This strategy underscores our dedication to safeguarding this precious resource and maintaining its availability for future generations.

## **Conclusion**

In the ever-evolving tapestry of history, we find ourselves at a unique juncture—a juncture profoundly shaped by the convergence of technology, self-determination, and resilience. Drawing inspiration from visionaries like Ray Dalio<sup>8</sup>, who have shed light on our place in this grand narrative, we embark on a journey of sovereign assertion, firm in our resolve to shape the destiny of Murrwarri.

Over the past decade, the path to sovereignty has been a challenging and relentless climb, but with each step, we've fortified our position and sharpened our vision. Today, as we look to the horizon, we discern a shift in the winds, a shift that bodes well for our aspirations. The conditions are growing more conducive to our plans, aligning with the wisdom imparted by 'The Old People.'

This paper stands as a roadmap, charting the course forward as we prepare for what is yet to unfold. It underscores the imperative need for a strategic and holistic approach across all aspects of our nation-building, from harnessing advanced technologies to redefining economic models and safeguarding our cultural heritage. It reminds us that the time of sovereign assertion is not just a destination but a journey—a journey guided by history, propelled by innovation, and fortified by the enduring spirit of the Murrwarri people.

As we look ahead, we remain resolute, prepared, and determined to seize the opportune moment when it arrives, secure in the knowledge that our vision is not a dream but an unfolding reality. Together, we stand at the threshold of a new era, driven by our commitment to

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<sup>7</sup> "- High Calibre Consultancy."

<https://highcalibreconsultancy.com.au/barwon-darling-management-framework/>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

<sup>8</sup> "Principles by Ray Dalio - YouTube."

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqvaXJ1K3HheTPNjH-KpwXQ>. Accessed 11 Oct. 2023.

self-determination, the preservation of our heritage, and the pursuit of a brighter, more equitable future for all Murrawarri citizens.