

## What is APiC?

Aboriginal Participation in Construction (APiC) is a NSW Government policy designed to encourage construction projects to create opportunities for Aboriginal people, Aboriginal owned businesses and Aboriginal communities. APiC applies to all construction contracts over \$1 million. The key requirement of APiC is that 1.5% of the total contract value is used to support Aboriginal participation in the project. APiC is an essential part of construction projects, and Roads and Maritime Services is committed to ensuring our contractors achieve their APiC spend on every project.

## Are there exclusions from contracts and APiC obligations?

Yes, exclusions can be requested and these should be negotiated at tender evaluation and are to be approved by Roads and Maritime.

## What is an acceptable exclusion?

The following list and examples is provided to guide requests for contract exclusions and subsequent APiC obligations:

- Specialised capital equipment (eg tunnel exhaust fans, tunnel boring machines, batch plants) where no suitable Australian supplier exists in the market. Eg: Goods purchased outside of Australia to reduce costs where these could have been purchased in Australia are not an acceptable exclusion
- Materials imported from overseas where no suitable Australian supplier exists in the market. Eg: particular types or grades of bitumen
- Existing and/or new non-contract/project specific assets apportioned to the contract/ project, where they are used in delivery of the contract/project. Eg: plant purchased specifically for a project or the depreciation costs of new or existing plant and machinery being used on a project
- Property (ie acquisitions, indirect leasing costs, extra land, adjustments)
- Non-construction related services. Eg: specialist services or expertise not readily available.

## More questions?

Please visit the following:

- Roads and Maritime Services page on APiC [rms.work/apic](https://rms.work/apic)
- More information regarding Aboriginal participation, as well as templates and examples of Aboriginal Participation Plans, is available on the ProcurePoint website [rms.work/apicportal](https://rms.work/apicportal)
- Contact [APiC@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:APiC@rms.nsw.gov.au).