



## Ethics Statement

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**Dortch Cuthbert supports Traditional Owners' rights to access Country, listen to Country, interpret their knowledge, and to store and communicate their knowledge, their way.**

Dortch Cuthbert provides advice in the fields of archaeology, anthropology and environmental design. Our work helps to identify, document and regenerate connections between People and Country from the past, present and future.

We believe in:

- Building strong, long term relationships with the Traditional Owners we work with.
- Co-designing research, where Traditional Owners guide the structure and process of the work from the start.
- Using methods and technologies that empower Traditional Owners in documenting and applying Traditional Knowledge their way – for example, film.
- Finding opportunities to share knowledge with the next generation, under the guidance of Elders.
- Obtaining free, prior and informed consent from Traditional Owners for all aspects of the work.
- Re-structuring processes and procedures to support a Traditional Owner led approach at all stages of the work.

We follow the [AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research](#).

Joe Dortch also follows the Codes of Ethics of the [Australian Association of Consulting Archaeologists Inc](#) and the [Australian Archaeological Association](#).

Dirima Cuthbert also follows the Code of Ethics of the [Anthropological Society of Western Australia](#) and the [Australian Anthropological Society](#).