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Abstract:

In August 2015, The Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships launched an iconic biodiversity offset project at Woorabinda Aboriginal Community.

The 547ha biodiversity offset was negotiated by DATSIP and Earthtrade, between Woorabinda Aboriginal Council, Baralaba Coal, BHP Billiton Mitsui and BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance. This signature project has been universally lauded for its innovative approach, and in its provision of economic and development opportunities for the Woorabinda community. It demonstrates that not only are environmental outcomes possible, but that quadruple bottom line impacts of economic, social, environmental and cultural outcomes are entirely achievable.