

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee
Inquiry into the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill
Australian Energy Producers, Response to Questions on Notice

25 September 2024

Questions on notice from Senator Thorpe

1. How much funding has AEP provided to the Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance in the past two years, and what was the funding or payment for?
2. How much has AEP (and formerly APPEA) spent on marketing and advertising in the last three financial years, including a breakdown to include spending on:
 - a. corporate sponsorships;
 - a. billboards and other public advertising space;
 - a. Television advertisements;
 - a. Digital marketing;
 - a. Attendance at events held by political parties, particularly ALP, the Liberal Party and the National Party; and
 - a. All other marketing, advertising and public relations.

Response

1. As stated in my evidence to the Committee (Proof Hansard, p7), Australian Energy Producers has not provided any funding or financial support to the Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance or its members.
2. Australian Energy Producers does not disclose commercial-in-confidence information regarding operational expenditure, and note that the question has no relevance to the Bill. Information relating to political donations is declared to relevant state and federal electoral commissions in accordance with electoral laws.