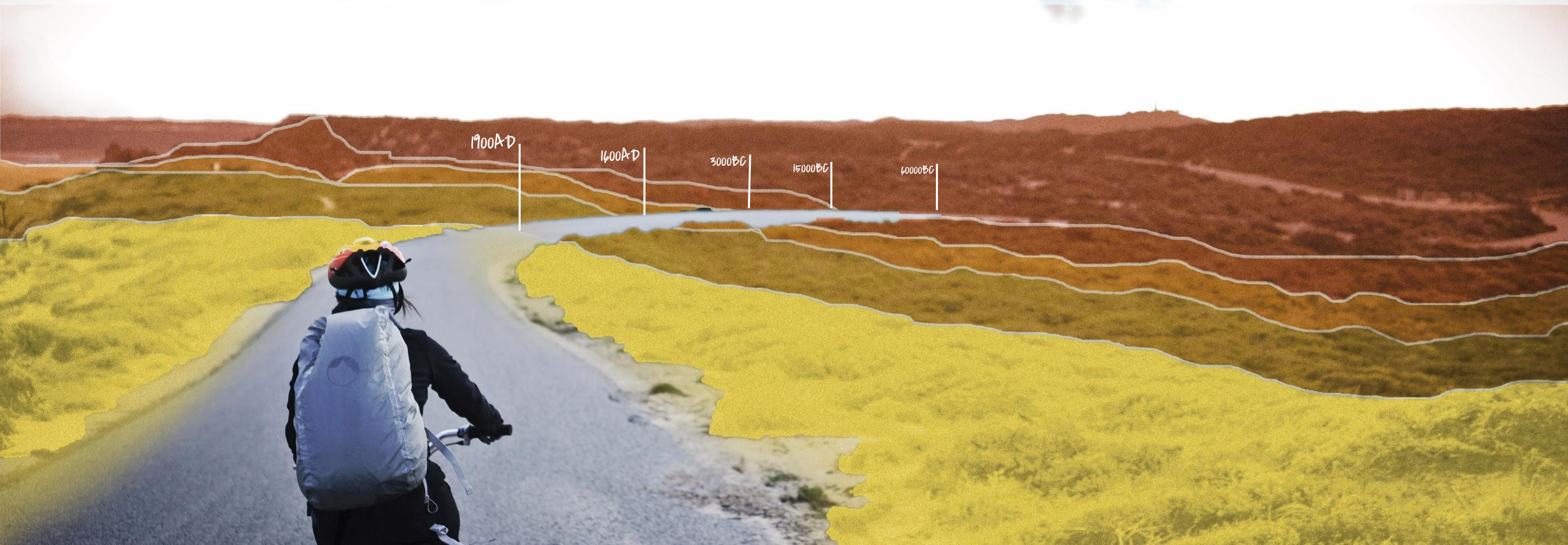




We^{TERRA} Australia

Embracing human evolution through architecture



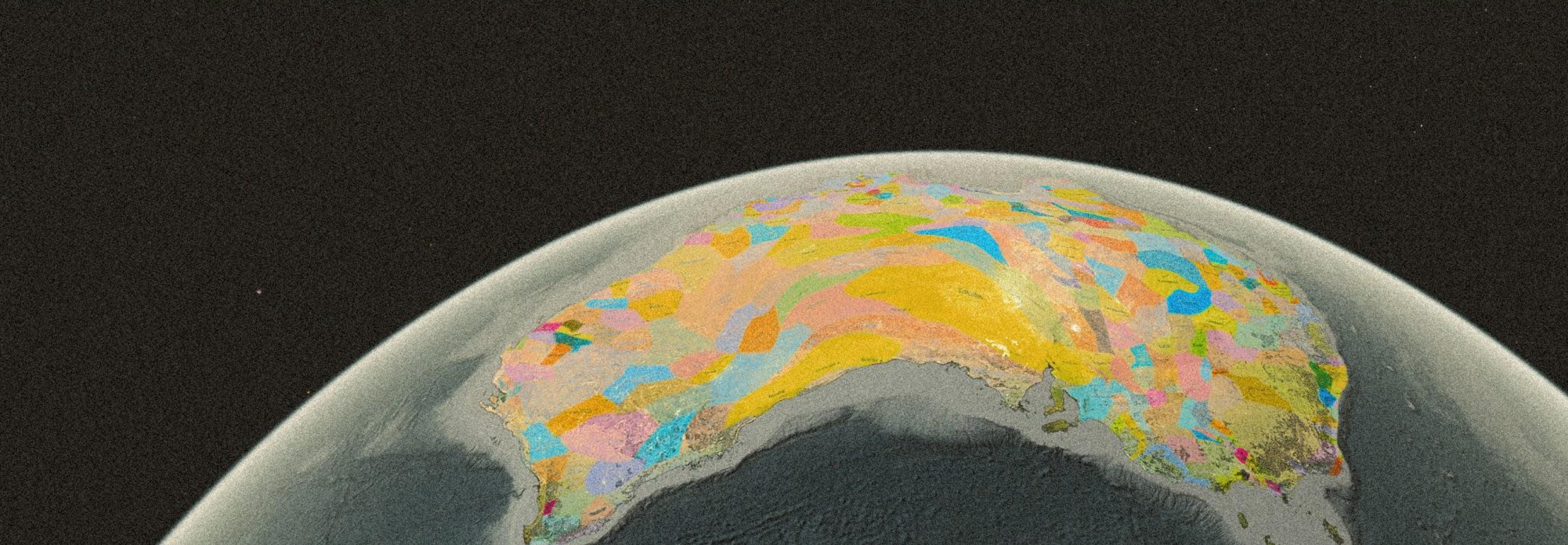
Img_1: The history of Australia - A concept

Premise

Evolution and history of civilization have come a really long way beyond consciousness. Culture, tradition, innovation, and language slowly moulded the identity of human as a species. As we built more on innovation, **humans assumed control of various aspects of our planet**. And from this very part, we started **classifying ourselves** as a **separate** entity and not a part **of nature**. A term like **'manmade'** holds a different meaning today - but man is made by nature - yet we see a distinct ideological gap between the two.

One of the evident places where we saw these two ideologies go against each other was the continent of Australia. It is one of the last countries to be colonized by Britain Empire, Australia is a country that stands today as a crucible of globalization in the face of the modern world. It's perceived as one of the youngest countries which came into existence in 1901.

But the history of Australia goes way beyond this perception.



Img_2: Australia - A planet within - in 40,000BC

A World Within

Australia is a huge continent of ever-changing landscapes, where one end doesn't even look remotely close to another. Even today it has a vast number of forests, national parks and desert landscapes that are very unique. But the most special thing about this continent goes back to almost **60,000** years. Australia may have become a country in the last century, but humans have inhabited this place since ages ago.

The history of Indigenous Australians began at least **65,000 BC** years ago when humans first populated Australia, who is familiarly known as **aboriginals**. They have been living here away from the knowledge of the outer world since the ice age (predicted). About 500 of these miniature countries, were traditionally organized in semi-nomadic small tribes each with its own language, land and varied culture originating from a common spiritual belief - "**Alcheringa**" or **Dreamtime**. This philosophy considered nature as the reason for all existence and every element has its role in shaping the destiny of the world.

But where are they now? How and why this dissociation with nature happened?



Img_3: The arrival of colonial fleets.

Overturn

In the early 18th century the conquest of **Terra Australis Incognita** had begun with the intention of **establishing a new colony** of Great Britain. As the sailors arrived and started setting up colonies, the indigenous people did not retaliate at first. The colonists eventually forced a lot of Aborigines off their land and many were killed. The contagious diseases that arrived with the colonies were alien to aborigines - causing a huge epidemic and spiked death rates.

This was the very moment where two paths of evolution merged at a certain point in time, which tipped the balance between land, nature, and man. There have been serious environmental degradations and loss of various cultural knowledge systems after this flashpoint of ideologies took place.

And this is where the Australia was born as we see today. But as times have passed the new Australia and its population has acknowledged this loss by bringing in reforms that give the remaining aboriginal people their rightful place in the continent as well.



Img_4: A popular ad campaign by Tourism Australia - [Credits](#)

Action

As new Australia inclusively moves ahead in time with a more unified approach of development, there's a fresh wave of hope that embarks on equality. This includes landmark judgements like **transferring the ownership of sacred lands** back to these communities again under a legal framework. Several **educational and employment initiatives by the Government** to build access to equal opportunity almost every field. This began a series of initiatives where aborigine origin people have access to good urban education and equal opportunity in urban areas.

However, the problem with these initiatives is that they break their already **dwindling chain of knowledge** that is transferred to the coming generations. This brings a new awareness of approaching aborigines and their role in the economy. There are various ways the government plans to do this - but the most evident one in recent years has been **cultural tourism**.



There has been ample evidence and awareness about this overriding of history of Australia with a different civilization taking over. The divide has brought out huge rifts that are tough to span between human, cultures and nature. But what if there are attempts from both ends to heal these gaps - that's when we are able to look beyond...

Lost identities.

to a much broader sense of

Collective Identities



Img_5: A concept of aboriginal art and Australia today.

Brief

If we see Australia in perspective of **last few centuries only**, what meets the eye are a series of events that led to **clashes between humans** from different backgrounds. This perspective is just **a small fragment of what actually shaped Australia as a continent - and the role of nature in it.**

With the canvas here being this huge (around 500 indigenous countries and countless species), Australia attempting to find its real identity between its origins and present is a place of opportunity. A chance to speak for all the sprouting cultures that existed, species that walked this continent, landscapes that are constantly changing, the technology that has evolved and the global impression as a country. The thread that really brings all these entities in one single frame is the path evolution that has brought all of us here, today.

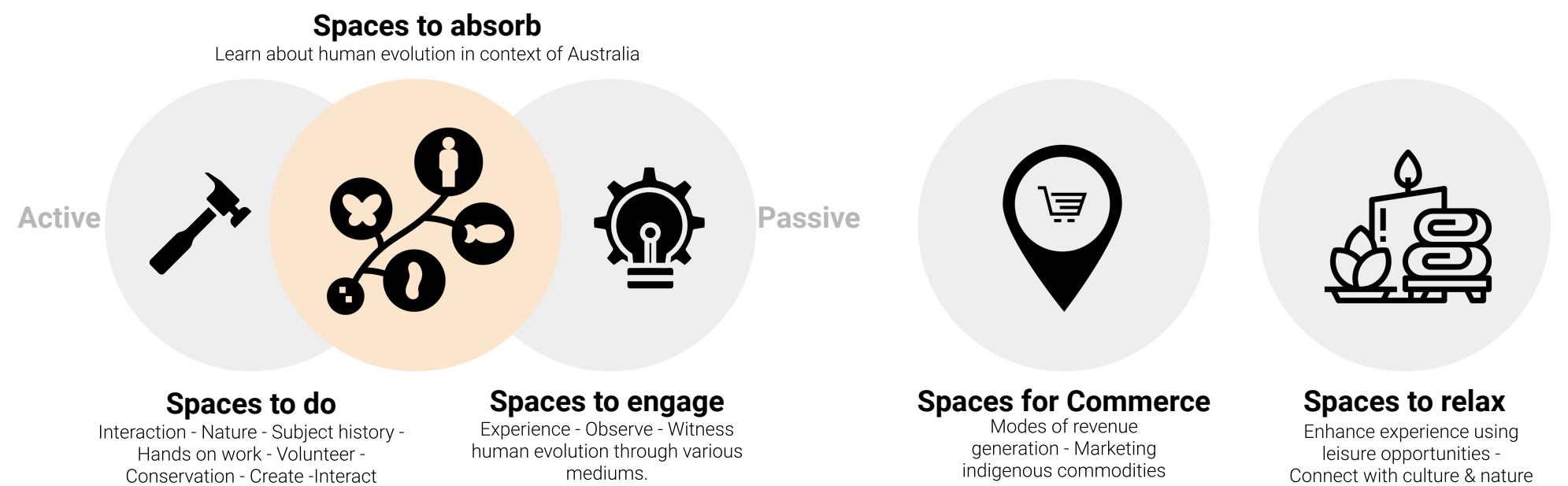
Brief: To build a **tourist village** that helps visitors to learn about the history of human evolution which not only sensitizes, but spreads awareness about the changing relationship **between nature, natives and the country of Australia.**



Img 6: Ayers Rock artwork by Danny Eastwood

Objectives

History of human evolution may be universal to the world, but what makes it unique for this place is the chronology of the same event and these diverse branches of history that merged to make the place as we see today. The objectives to create the **We Australia - Tourism village** is:





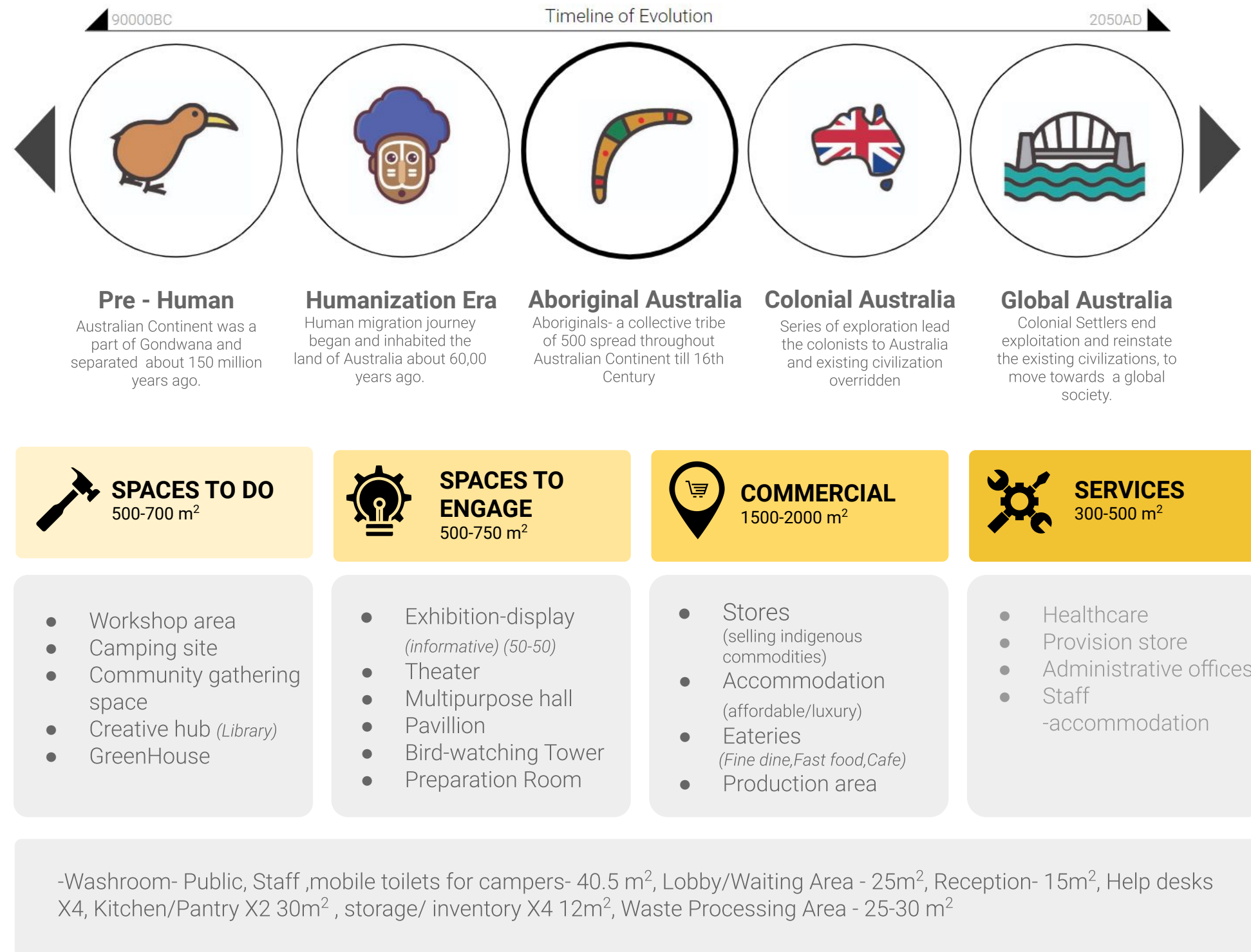
Img 7: A view of Kakadu National Park waterfall -

Kakadu National Park, NT, Australia

This unique archaeological and ethnological reserve, located in the Northern Territory, has been inhabited continuously for more than 40,000 years. The cave paintings, rock carvings and archaeological sites record the skills and way of life of the region's inhabitants, from the hunter-gatherers of prehistoric times to the Aboriginal people still living there. It is a unique example of a complex of ecosystems, including tidal flats, floodplains, lowlands and plateaux, and provides a habitat for a wide range of rare or endemic species of plants and animals. The central government is now proposing new investments into the forest to develop more tourism activities and a better road network into the national park. There are several places in the national park receiving face lifts. This national park is renowned around the world for its aboriginal cultures and their history.

Design Programme

The participants have to depict the evolution of humans in the context of Australia - broadly based on the following sections. Participants may increase or decrease the prominence of sections shown below based on their narrative to tie these phases of evolution.



The area programme is completely suggestive and can be modified by participants either partly or completely, based on their research. The eventual goal is to convey human evolution in the context of Australia as given in the timeline.

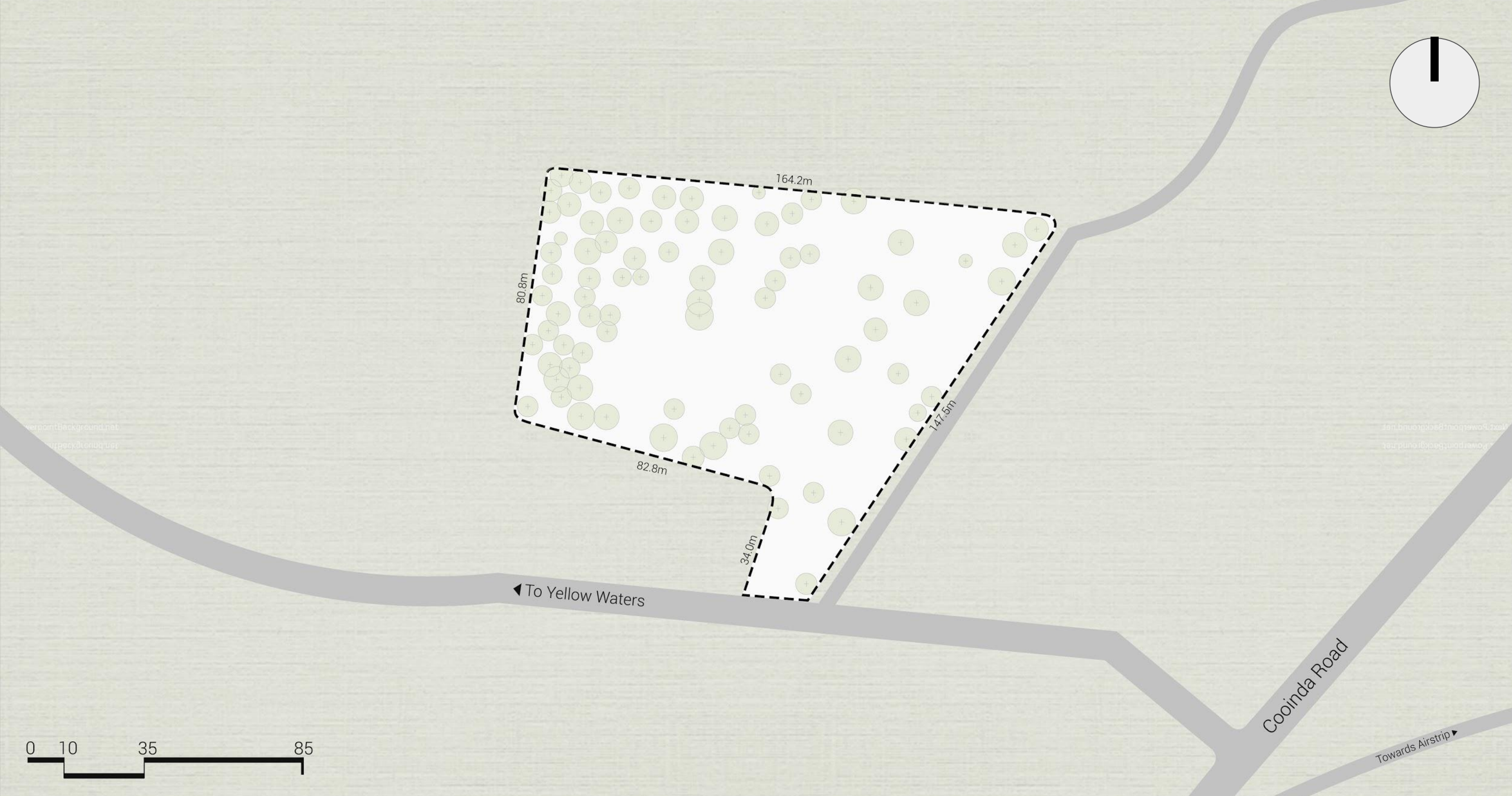


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Submission

You have to deliver an architectural outcome on the following site, based on the given outlines.

- A maximum of 8 sheets. – [**2362px x 3544px**] or [**400mm x 600mm in 150 dpi**] in portrait digital format (JPEG).
- Each image should be less than **15MB**
- You can find the preset PSD, AI and INDD template files in this [link](#) and the 'Additional resources folder'.

This folder contains: Full resolution Map images, CAD Drawing file of Site, FAQ Questions.

Minimum requisites in the sheets (For a complete submission):

- Site plan (Compulsory)
- Key conceptual sections x 1 (Minimum)
- 3D views x 4
- Cover image of size 2000 x 1000 px or larger in aspect ratio 2:1..
- Floor plans, images, sketches (if any) can be added to support the entry in the form of additional images.

- + Use exploded views to discuss multi levelled conceptual models better.
- + Ensure that the final sheets which are submitted do not include your name or any other mark of identification.
- + Mention sheet number on corner of every sheet.
- + This is an architecture ideas challenge. There is no built commission associated with the problem
- + Plagiarism of any idea / form / design / image will be disqualified with a notice.

Registration page here: <http://competitions.uni.xyz/we-australia>

Submission Deadline: September 13,2019

Submission closes this day.

Public Voting begins: September 14, 2019

Submitted entries are open for voting.

Public Voting ends: October 14, 2019

Voting ends on this date.

Result Announcement: October 24, 2019

Result day!

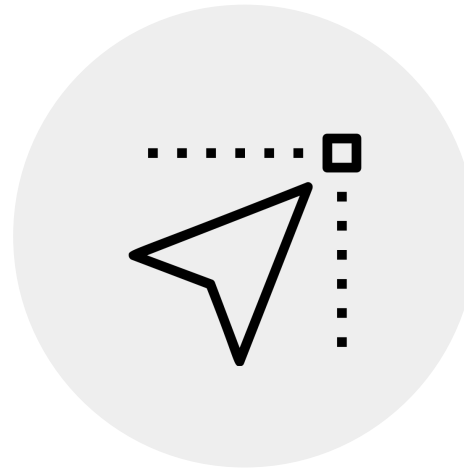
Rewards



Grants of up to a total of **15,000\$** can be won on this challenge. Learn more about the full conditions on the competition page [here](#).

Judging Criteria

The entries will be judged by an international jury of the competition - To be announced:



Presentation

The fundamental to a good entry is a good presentation. This can be hand rendered or digital.



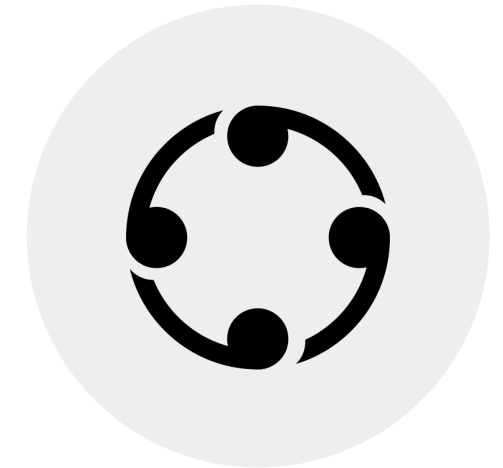
Concept/Idea

Quality of thought and intent in pre-design phase.



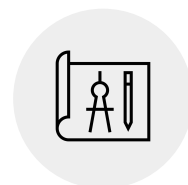
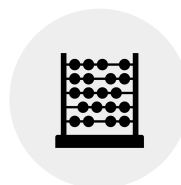
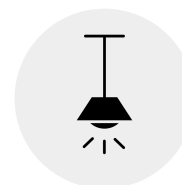
Spaces/Programme

Programmatic and Spatial resolution based on the problem statement.



Design Output

The final architectural outcome springing systematically from the concept & programme.



The judging panel can also add other criterions based on their internal discussions - which will be in line with the problem statement. Eg. Eco friendly, Sustainability, Historic research, Material, etc. Participants are advised to fulfil above given criterions first in their design.

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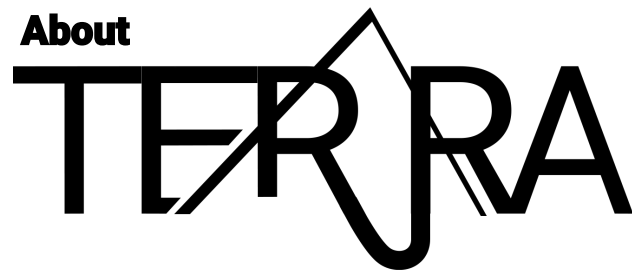
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