

# **Song Cycle of the Seven Sisters**

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**This artwork depicts Gurreng Gurreng people singing up to the Seven Sisters at a turtle nesting site in Mon Repos, Bundaberg. The Seven Sisters (also known as The Pleiades) safely guide turtles into shore to lay their eggs - ensuring an abundance of turtles in the area. The spirit of the turtle appears to one of the singers, giving them knowledge of more songs and dances, which they share with the group.**

**Song Cycle of the Seven Sisters relates to the theme of caring for Country through its focus on sharing, guidance and maintaining traditions. This theme reflects Defence's commitment to Australian defence capability through a collaborative and inclusive workforce, constantly moving toward greater knowledge and innovation.**

**This artwork is a visual demonstration of the respect and pride that Defence has for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and our ongoing commitment to Country.**

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