



KANYINI - SA SPACE SERVICES MISSION

All communities on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands are proud that the Pitjantjatjara word 'Kanyini', such an important part of our ancient language, will be given to a new satellite which will be launched to low-Earth orbit in 2022 as part of the exciting SASAT1 Space Services Mission.

Kanyini is a fitting name for the satellite, as it refers to key aspects of Indigenous life such as tjukurpa (creation) and ngura (land). The space mission will contribute important information for our land such as helping to monitor water levels to more accurately predict future crop yields and assist in land management for fires, floods and droughts.

We thank the South Australian school children of Findon High School for choosing the name Kanyini, providing First Nations people an opportunity to feel invested in a landmark moment in the country's expanding space industry. We hope it will inspire the next generation of Anangu children to aim for the stars.

Kanyini means responsibility and unconditional love for all of creation and encompasses the key principles of Aboriginal life including creation (tjukurrpa), soul (kurunpa), family (walytja), and land (ngura) - it is an enormous caring with no limit; it has no timeframe and is eternal. APY General Manager Richard King said: "The combination of ancient Australia and modern Australia coming together in this new space frontier is a matter of great celebration for the first South Australians of Central Australian Deserts."

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