

LTCOLEILEEN HALL

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Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Hall is a First Nations Bama woman whose ancestry is deeply rooted across multiple Traditional Owner groups. Her bloodline connections span East Side KuKu Ngunkul and KuKu Yalanji in Wujal Wujal; Nukgal Warra and Thitharr Warra of Hope Vale; and Bagaarmugu of the Starke River region. On the West Side, she descends from the Ankamuthi and Wakaman peoples, with further strong family ties to Poruma in the Torres Strait, the Northern Territory, and Western Australia.

In 2021, Lieutenant Colonel Hall was appointed as the inaugural Command Cultural Advisor for the Regional Force Surveillance Group; becoming one of the Army's most senior Indigenous officers at the time. In this pioneering role, she provides strategic leadership, cultural authority, and guidance across the Regional Force Surveillance Group.

Regional Force Surveillance Group is responsible for safeguarding Australia's sovereignty across the vast northern and western regions, patrolling and protecting 52 percent of the nation's landmass. Within this unique operational environment, Lieutenant Colonel Hall plays a critical role as a connector for First Nations representation and perspective within Defence. She leads efforts to embed Indigenous knowledge systems, cultural capability, and community partnerships into Army operations, strengthening both operational effectiveness and Defence's relationship with First Nations peoples.

Her career spans extensive experience across all three tiers of government, as well as the private sector and not-for-profit organisations. This diverse background has equipped her with a deep understanding of policy, community engagement, governance, and strategic program delivery.

Lieutenant Colonel Hall's leadership and innovation have been recognised through multiple awards across the fields of climate adaptation, innovation, disaster management, and training. Further reflecting her commitment to community resilience, capability development, and culturally informed leadership.