NNTT Assistance and PBC Support Services

Assistance with Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)

Any party can request assistance from the NNTT to:
• negotiate an ILUA; or
• resolve a dispute in relation to the registration of an ILUA.

The Native Title Registrar and her staff can assist you to:
• prepare an application for registration of an ILUA; or
• provide you with feedback about whether an ILUA will meet the requirements for registration.

For further information, see the NNTT’s ILUA Fact Sheets.

Geospatial Services

We can provide the following services:
• Preparation of maps and written descriptions for claim and ILUA areas, along with customised mapping products.
• Compliance advice on maps and descriptions in relation to registration.
• Spatial searches of the Registers, including the National Native Title Register, the Register of Native Title Claims and the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.
• Training in the use of Native Title Vision Plus (NTV+).

For further information, see the NNTT website.

Future Act Mediation

Any party can make a request under s 31(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) (NTA) for the NNTT to mediate between the parties to assist them in reaching agreement. Mediation conferences are conducted by special mediators who will help parties explore issues and develop options for agreement.

Issues causing disagreement might be related to funding of negotiations and negotiation meetings, appropriate cultural heritage arrangements, access arrangements, a lack of information about the proposal and related commercial values or compensation - including the nature and quantum of payments, and/or whether they include royalties.

For further information, see the NNTT website.

Dispute Resolution Assistance

The NNTT can support native title holders to find ways to manage or resolve disputes that might be affecting the running of a PBC. The NTA allows the NNTT to assist a representative body perform its dispute resolution functions – see s 203BK(3). A request from the representative body to the NNTT can lead to mediation and may assist the PBC to find a better way for the native title holders to work together.

How to make a request for assistance

• Write to enquiries@nntt.gov.au.
• Include the name and address of the person seeking assistance.
• Specify the type of assistance you require.
• Include reasons why you have made the request.
• Include information about any other attempts you have made to get help from other organisations, and the names of those organisations.
### Build PBC capacity to achieve your corporation’s goals

**WHO CAN HELP**

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**WHAT IS PROVIDED**

The Registrar’s office supports and regulates corporations by:

- advising on how to start and run a corporation, providing information and guides and offering training in good governance
- ensuring compliance with the law; and
- intervening when problems arise.

ORIC also provides training courses designed for directors and members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations. See ORIC’s [training schedule for 2019-2020](https://www.indigenous.gov.au/).

### Funding to support your corporation

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AIATSIS publishes this website which has information about the entire range of PBC functions, support services and networks, including stories about the experience of other PBCs and native title law holders.

### Resolving Disputes

**ORIC (Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations) | www.oric.gov.au or 1800 622 431.**

Dispute Resolution fact sheet.

Disputes involving corporations – ORIC Policy Statement 22.

**WHAT IS PROVIDED**

ORIC provides assistance to corporation members and directors only. Native title holders are not automatically members of the PBC.

Regarding disputes, the Registrar can provide:

- **an advisory opinion**—a formal letter giving an opinion about the situation in dispute
- **advice**—by telephone, face-to-face or email to try to quickly fix issues that are not too complex
- **conferencing**—facilitated informal meetings of parties involved in the dispute; and
- **ORIC staff**—to attend corporation meetings as observers, to present information or provide advice.

**National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) | enquiries@nntt.gov.au**

The NNTT is able to provide dispute resolution assistance to PBCs and native title holders through a request by the Representative Body for the area under s 203BK(3) of the NTA.

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**You can contact the NNTT for any further information about the matters discussed in this fact sheet:**

- **National Native Title Tribunal** — GPO Box 9973 in Brisbane, Cairns, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney
- If you need someone to contact you about a PBC matter, email [enquiries@nntt.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@nntt.gov.au) and leave your contact number.
- Information is also available at [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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