



# Using the Tribunal's registers

*The Tribunal's registers are a comprehensive source of native title information.*

*Shared country, shared future.*

The National Native Title Tribunal holds important information about native title. This information is compiled from a number of sources including native title application forms, determinations and other documents.

Information about native title claims is available on the Tribunal website. Here, a search tool enables users to locate information about applications, determinations, future acts and indigenous land use agreements.



*The Tribunal compiles important information relating to native title.*

Now online, you can search the Tribunal's registers.

Three registers are kept at the Tribunal:

- Register of Native Title Claims
- National Native Title Register
- Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

If you cannot access the register online, anyone can visit a Tribunal registry to read information from the registers during business hours. There is no charge to do this.

You can also ask the Tribunal to search on your behalf by lodging a search request form. These are available on the Tribunal's website or by phoning 1800 640 501.

Basic searches are provided free for most parties in the native title process. For others, fees may apply.

Information on the registers is subject to change, even within a 24-hour period. Those applying for a mineral tenement or negotiating an indigenous land use agreement should obtain register extracts and application summaries more than once.

### Register of Native Title Claims

This register contains information about claims that have passed the registration test. Information stored includes:

- the land and waters covered by the claim
- rights and interests claimed that can be registered



*General information about native title claims is available on the Tribunal website.*

- names of the person or people authorised to make the application (known jointly as “the applicant”) on behalf of the native title claim group
- contact details for the applicant.

This register identifies any registered native title claimant applications within a given area.

Registration gives the claimants certain procedural rights and is therefore useful for those undertaking projects in an area where native title might exist.



*In some circumstances the Tribunal recommends checking extracts and summaries more than once as information can change.*

### National Native Title Register

This register contains information about native title determinations. Information stored includes:

- the determination date
- the land or waters covered by the determination
- the names of native title holders
- the rights and interests recognised.

### Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

This register contains information about indigenous land use agreements, which are voluntary agreements between native title parties and others about the use and management of land and waters. Information stored includes:

- the area covered by the agreement
- the names and addresses of each party to the agreement
- the time period the agreement is to operate (if specified)
- any statements about the surrender of native title, the doing of future acts, contracting out of the right to negotiate, the validation of future acts already done or changing the effect of validation of an intermediate period act if they are included in the agreement.

When considering making an indigenous land use agreement, parties can check the Register of Native Title Claims, the National Native Title Register and all Applications online, to learn if there are any other people or organisations who must be parties to the agreement being considered.

The registers and database may not, however, contain records of all people who need to be parties to particular types of indigenous land use agreements.

### Other Tribunal sources of native title information

In addition to the three registers, the Tribunal also maintains a database of all native title Applications

The database contains information about all native title applications: claimant, non-claimant, compensation and applications for a revised determination of native title.

This includes claimant applications not on the Register of Native Title Claims because they have:

- not yet been considered for registration
- been considered for registration but not accepted
- been amended, but the amended application has not yet been considered for registration.

### Land information

The Tribunal holds and prepares maps and other geospatial information, which show external boundaries of native title applications, determinations and indigenous land use agreements.

For more information about the registers or to access other Tribunal information visit the Tribunal website [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au) .

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For more information about native title and services of the Tribunal please contact the National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973 in your capital city or **Freecall 1800 640 501**. Information is also available at **[www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)** .

The National Native Title Tribunal has offices in Brisbane, Cairns, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.