

# NTRB Legal Masterclass 2009

A forum for experienced NTRB staff focusing on legal issues in native title practice

The Legal Masterclass will focus on specific aspects of law which NTRB/NTSP legal staff have identified as pivotal to their native title work. The Masterclass will enable experienced legal staff to further develop their knowledge and technical skills through sharing their experiences and insights, whilst drawing upon the specialist expertise of a diverse range of facilitators and guest speakers.

## Program Overview

The program will cover the following topics:

### Legislative update

- implications of the 2009 amendments to the NTA and how they interact with the 2007 amendments
- obligations under the NTA
- implications of the *Access to Justice Civil Litigation Reform Bill*

### Lessons learned: taking evidence from Traditional Owners

- preparation and use of *Statements of Cultural and Customary Concerns*
- lessons from Ngadju and other claims

### Kick starting native title cases – early evidence hearings

- strategic use of ‘on country’ early evidence hearings to settle native title claims
- the benefits, limitations, planning and management of hearings

### Native title case update

- update on significant case law over past year

### Future acts and the Right to Negotiate

- discussion of issues surrounding the future act regime
- consideration of *WDLAC (Jamukurnu–Yapalikunu)/Western Australia/Holocene Pty Ltd, FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd v Cox* and the *Native Title Housing Amendment Discussion Paper*

### Broader land settlements

- technical approaches to the components and structure of broader land settlements – what works in practice - includes discussion on insurance, tax and land ownership responsibilities

### Legal aspects of corporate governance for PBCs

- corporate law for PBCs in light of changes to the regulations and their interactions with the NTA
- discussion of consultation provisions and implications for constitutional design, members’ rights and trustee/agent responsibilities

### Burning Issues

- discussion of issues of concern to participants

Date	Location	Time
24-26 November	The Coogee Bay Hotel & Conference Centre, Sydney	8.30am to 5pm Tuesday 8.30am to 5pm Wednesday (NB: 3-5pm private work time) 9am to 5pm Thursday

## Registration

To enrol in this program you need to be currently employed by an NTRB or NTSP.

**Please register early.** The workshop is restricted to 25 participants so places are limited. Please register now to ensure a place. We will contact you to confirm your enrolment in the program. To register please visit <http://www.auroraproject.com.au/Registrations.htm>

For further information email [learning@auroraproject.com.au](mailto:learning@auroraproject.com.au) or phone (02) 9385 9048.

## Program Dinner

We are planning to have dinner at a local restaurant bringing together participants, facilitators, and the Aurora team, following the close of session on Wednesday night, 25 November. Participants are asked to contribute \$20 to their dinner (with dinner, wine & soft drinks included), and the Aurora Project will cover additional expenses. We hope you can join us!

## The Venue

Coogee Bay Hotel Conference Centre  
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## Continuing Legal Education Credits (for WA)

The Aurora Project meets 'Quality Assurance' requirements for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in Western Australia. WA participants are eligible for 7 CLE credits following their completion of Legal Masterclass with the breakdown as follows:

- Legal Skills & Practice 1 unit
- Values 1 unit
- Legal Knowledge 5 unit

Further details are available at [www.lpbwa.org.au](http://www.lpbwa.org.au).

## Accommodation

We have reserved a limited number of rooms at the Coogee Bay Boutique Hotel from Monday, 23 November to Thursday, 26 November under Confirmation 236286. Please call the Hotel directly if you wish to reserve one of these rooms. The rooms are \$170 per night for the District View price includes a continental buffet breakfast.

## The Aurora Project

The Aurora Project is the collective name for a number of programs that work with Australia's Indigenous communities and organisations to facilitate prosperity through capacity building. To achieve this, Aurora focuses on professional development in law, anthropology, research, management, education and other disciplines. Aurora is funded by the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. For more information please visit our website at: [www.auroraproject.com.au](http://www.auroraproject.com.au)

For further information about the vision, objectives, approach of Aurora's NTRB Staff Development programs please visit: [www.auroraproject.com.au/Learning&Development.htm](http://www.auroraproject.com.au/Learning&Development.htm)