



# Native Title Law and Practice

## A program for NTRB legal staff

The Native Title Law and Practice Program provides a review of the key elements of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth), which will assist legal staff to undertake work in an NTRB.

### The program

The program will focus on the following topics:

- Native Title Act processes, including the claim process, consent determinations and alternative settlements
- proof of maintenance of traditional law and custom and connection, including issues of shared country, succession and proof of particular rights and interests, and State/territory guidelines
- on connection
- recognition of native title under the NTA and related issues, such as extinguishment and the beneficial provisions of the NTA
- an overview of the NTA future act regime, including applying the future act provisions and relevant state legislation.

### Facilitators

The key facilitator of the program is **Lisa Wright**, Senior Legal Officer, National Native Title Tribunal. Prior to joining the Tribunal in 1998, Lisa worked as a legal officer in an NTRB. As part of her work at the Tribunal, Lisa has facilitated a number of staff workshops for NTRBs over the past few years. While this program is similar to programs previously conducted in 2005-2006 by Lisa, it has been substantially modified both to reflect changes in the law of native title and in response to participant feedback from earlier workshops. The following is feedback from a Principal Legal Officer on a similar course which Lisa facilitated for an NTRB in May 2007:

*Dear Lisa,  
May I say on behalf of all our staff how grateful we were for your hard work and wonderful presentation last week. I received great feedback from all of the staff who attended. Your use of humour and practical example was brilliant. The presentation was clear, useful and relevant. You have inspired us to bigger and better things. Once again, thanks very much and best wishes.*

### Program time and dates

The program begins at 9.00 am on Monday 10 November and concludes at 5.00 pm Thursday 13 November.

## Location and venue

The program will be held at the Coogee Bay Hotel, cnr Coogee Bay Rd & Arden St, Coogee.  
Further details will be provided on registration.

## Registration

To register please visit: [www.auroraproject.com.au/Registrations.htm](http://www.auroraproject.com.au/Registrations.htm)

### **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. Please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot attend so that your place may be offered to another participant.

### WA staff please note:

The Aurora Project recently received 'Quality Assurance' for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) in Western Australia. WA participants are eligible for CLE credits with this program. Further details are available at [www.lpbwa.org.au](http://www.lpbwa.org.au)

## Further information

For further information please email: [learning@auroraproject.com.au](mailto:learning@auroraproject.com.au) or phone (02) 9385 9050.

### **More about The Aurora Project**

The Aurora Project is the collective name of a number of programs that work to build capacity in Indigenous communities and organisations. This includes supporting NTRBs through the development and delivery of a range of staff development programs and resources. All of these staff development programs are designed in response to feedback received from NTRB staff regarding their specific needs and interests. Guidance in the timing, content and facilitation of the staff development programs is provided by the NTRB Staff Development Reference Group, comprised of the following five NTRB Chief Executive Officers:

Mr Simon Hawkins, Chair of Reference Group (YMBBMAC)  
Mr Parry Agius (SANTS)  
Mr Wayne Bergman (KLC)  
Mr Chris Marshall (NTSV)  
Mr Warren Mundine (ntscorp)

The Native Title Research Practices program is an initiative of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) to support NTRB staff in their work and facilitate the effective functioning of NTRBs.

Please contact us for more information about this program and our other activities and services.

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