

# *Communiqué*

## Mapping the Indigenous Estate Roundtable

### Canberra, 31 March 2016

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In 2015, the Australian Human Rights Commission (the Commission) convened a Roundtable on Yawuru Country in Broome to identify opportunities and challenges to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples engaging in economic development opportunities on the Indigenous Estate. ([Broome Roundtable Communiqué](#)). A follow up meeting was held on Gadigal Country, hosted by KPMG in Sydney, to plan and establish a governance structure for this Indigenous led work. An Indigenous Strategy Group was nominated to guide the work of the broader Indigenous Property Rights Network, supported by the Commission. One of the key outcomes from the Sydney meeting was the tasking of the Commission with mapping the Indigenous Estate so participants can consider opportunities and challenges for economic and social development.

In March this year, a second Roundtable was held in Canberra, hosted by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). At this Roundtable the Commission reported back on its work creating an inventory of existing state, territory and Commonwealth legislation which recognise or create rights and interests that make up the Indigenous Estate as well as heritage protection laws. At the meeting the National Native Title Tribunal provided an update and demonstration of its extensive geospatial mapping work - an online tool which visually represents different types of title and interests on land.

Participants agreed there was value in working together with the National Native Title Tribunal to progress the development and design of a national mapping tool.

#### **Roundtable outcomes**

At the Sydney meeting, participants agreed that the foundational purpose of the work of the Indigenous Property Rights Network is to secure the Indigenous Estate, and that it should be based on international human rights principles. A set of [Guiding Principles](#) were drafted and presented for consideration at the Canberra meeting.

Participants considered existing legislation discussed a range of legislative and non-legislative ideas for reform of native title and Indigenous land rights. All agreed that any proposals for reform would be based on the principle of strengthening and securing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander rights and interests in their lands, seas, waters and resources.

They agreed that the Commission will conduct further analysis and research for consideration at future Roundtables.

They also agreed that the Commission will convene the next meeting with financial institutions and the Indigenous Property Rights Network in May 2016.

Future meetings in 2016 are scheduled for the National Native Title Conference and Garma Festival.

## Roundtable Attendees

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Allyson Campbell	Australian Human Rights Commission
Amber Roberts	Australian Human Rights Commission
Andrew Peters	Senior Legal Officer, Attorney General's Department (observer)
Brian Stacey	Head of Policy, Cape York Partnerships
Carmen Miragaya	Attorney General's Department (observer)
Chris Fry	CEO, Indigenous Business Australia
Daniel Owen	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
David Ross	Director, Central Land Council
Debbie Pigram	Chairperson, Nyamba Buru Yawuru
Don Bell	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (observer)
Edward Fry	Chairperson, Indigenous Land Corporation
Gavin Brown	PwC Indigenous Consulting
Glen Kelly	CEO, National Native Title Council
Janet Hunt	Deputy Director, Centre for Aboriginal and Economic Policy Research (CAEPR)
Jason Behrendt	Legal Executive, Chalk & Fitzgerald Lawyers & Consultants
Jessica Foote	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (observer)
Jonathan Kneebone	Managing Lawyer, Native Title Services Victoria
Kate George	Director, Clay Pan Services
Kerry Colbung	CEO, Aboriginal Lands Trust SA
Leo Bator	Ag/CEO, Indigenous Land Corporation
Lisa Strelein	Executive Director – Research, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
Louise Bygrave	Australian Human Rights Commission
Mark McInerney	Geospatial Manager, National Native Title Tribunal
Mark Rumler	Principal Legal Officer, Goldfields Land and Sea Council
Michael O'Donnell	Principal Legal Officer, Northern Land Council
Mick Gooda	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, Australian Human Rights Commission
Noel Bridge	Managing Director, First Acuity Management Enterprises

Nolan Hunter	CEO, Kimberley Land Council
Nyunggai Warren Mundine	Chair, Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council
Oliver Gilkerson	Gilkerson Legal
Parry Agius	Presiding Member, Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board
Rebecca Laws	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (observer)
Rob Powrie	Practice Director, National Native Title Tribunal
Robynne Quiggin	Australian Human Rights Commission
Rod Kennett	Senior Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) (observer)
Rod Little	Co-Chair, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples
Russell Taylor	Principal, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)
Tran Tran	Research Fellow, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) (observer)
Valerie Cooms	Member, National Native Title Tribunal
Virgina Leek	Aboriginal Heritage Coordinator, SA Department of State Development
Virginia Marshall	Principal Solicitor, Triple BL Legal
Wayne See Kee	CEO, Torres Strait Regional Authority