



THE NNTC STRUCTURE



Creating a National Voice

It is important for the Indigenous Native Title Sector to work together on matters of national significance. Importantly, however the NNTC will consider specific issues that matter to a particular Member Class, region or even state jurisdiction in order to help shape our future agenda.

The NNTC structure will allow sub-committees to be established for those interested Members to develop positions and strategies to deal with specific issues on an as needs basis. The NNTC will also allow all Members to meet on a regular basis to discuss the big issues and pursue an agenda that is common to all.

The NNTC Board

Members have appointed a new Board of Directors to oversee the strategic direction of the organisation. The current NNTC Directors are:

Jamie Lowe (Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation)
Francine McCarthy (Central Land Council)
Valerie Cooms (Quandamooka Yoolaburrabee RNTBC)
Tony Kelly (First Nations Legal and Research Services)
Ian Rawlings (Central Desert Native Title Services)
Joshua Haynes (Yandruwandha Yawarrawarrka
Traditional Land Owners AC)
Peter Windie (Yamatji Marpa AC)
Melvin Farmer (Western Desert Lands AC)
Ned David (Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea
and Land Council Torres Strait Islander Corporation)
Rhonda Jacobsen (North Queensland Land Council)

The Board appointed Jamie Lowe as Chairperson and Francine McCarthy as Deputy Chair.

The larger the membership the greater the authority as a national voice for the Indigenous Native Title Sector so PBC and TOC participation is critical.

Membership Fees

The NNTC is a membership based organisation that relies on the payment of fees to provide resources and

support its activities. Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers have been providing the organisation with an annual membership fee of \$25,000 per annum, supporting a full-time CEO and part-time secretariat.

At its AGM, the **Membership recommended that a fee moratorium be put in place for PBC and TOC members for the first 12 months.**



That means a fee holiday for new PBCs and TOCs for 12 months whilst still being able to participate in the activities of the organisation and assist in the development of the new structure that will clearly articulate an agenda for all members.

After 12 months the NNTC will review the moratorium and discuss with PBCs and TOCs their capacity to contribute. Any decision on fees will be assessed on an amount that is proportionate to your income.

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Participation

The NNTC does not have funds to assist members to participate in forums or sub-committees, this will be done at the cost of the individual member. This may change over time as the organisation grows and there as an increase in membership contributions.

Forums and sub-committees will be convened at a location that is convenient to as many participating members as possible. It should be noted that location will inconvenience some members or may be more costly for some than others, but the impost will be spread across the membership to ensure minimal inconvenience.

Even if you do not have the resources to travel to meeting locations, you will still be able to participate in the NNTC agenda setting and participate in the development of submissions to influence Government policy and legislative reform.



Significant work is done via technology with discussions occurring through email and information will be disseminated through regular newsletters. It is our intention to establish on-line forums, which will ensure all members can participate to whatever level they have the means to do.

The information gained via the NNTC will assist individual members in their strategic planning processes and help you get a better understanding of what Government priorities are.

NNTC Activities

Legislative Reform

Currently, the NNTC is heavily engaged in a process of legislative reform looking at amendments to the *Native Title Act*. The NNTC was invited to present at a gathering of native title Ministers from each State and Territory as well as the Federal Attorney General and is also participating an Expert Technical Advisory Group.



The CATSI Act is also being reviewed and the NNTC is advocating for a separate chapter in the Act to take account of the unique nature of native title organisations.

It is critical that the views of PBCs and TOCs is included in the reform discussions and all members will be invited to contribute to submissions that will be presented to Government before legislation is introduced to Parliament.

Cultural Flows Research Project

The NNTC hosted a project that developed critical research data to identify and quantify cultural flows to incorporate Aboriginal values into water management throughout Australia. Tools were developed as part of the project to facilitate Traditional Owner participation in regional water planning.

The project is now completed and the research outcomes are available on the Cultural Flows website: www.culturalflows.com.au.