

Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment Bill 2012
Roundtable public hearing
Friday 8 February 2013
National Centre for Indigenous Excellence, Redfern

Program

10.00am – 12.15pm	The Native Title Amendment Bill 2012
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Future reform of the Native Title process

Session One: The Native Title Amendment Bill 2012

Discussion points

1. Does the Bill achieve what it sets out to do, in terms of:
 - a. Codifying what ‘negotiating in good faith’ requires in the right to negotiate processes
 - b. Enabling native title to be revived in parks and reserves that are set aside for environmental purposes, and
 - c. Streamlining the process for Indigenous Land Use Agreements?
2. Has a sensible balance been struck in the Bill between the views of various stakeholders?
3. Can you foresee any unintended or negative consequences of the reforms if the Bill passes in its current form?

Session Two: Future reform of the Native Title process

Discussion points

1. If this Bill were to pass the House, would the legislative arrangements for native title strike a fair balance between the various competing rights and interests over land? What further legislative arrangements should be considered?
2. What steps can be taken to improve the functioning of Australia’s native title system and its ability to produce tangible benefits for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities?
3. What changes to the native title system would encourage non-litigious agreement-making when there are competing interests over land?