

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on  
Native Title and the Aboriginal and  
Torres Strait Islander Land Fund**

***OPERATION OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT***

**Inquiry Into Indigenous Land Use  
Agreements**

**Submission No: 15**

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**South Australia**

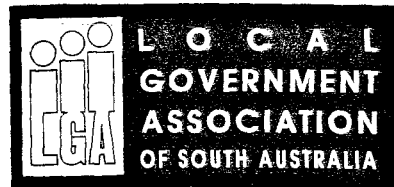
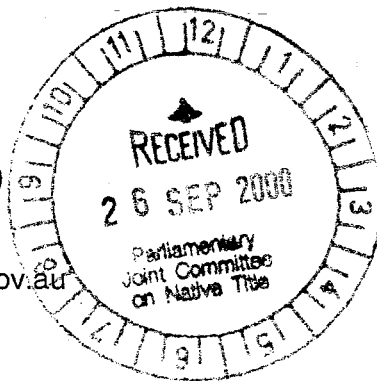
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Ms Robina Jaffray  
Parliamentary Joint Committee  
on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Jaffray

### **Inquiry into Indigenous Land Use Agreements**

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2000.

This Association is keenly interested in Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) under the Native Title Act and recently supported the conduct of a forum on the Yorke Peninsula. The forum was led by the District Council of Yorke Peninsula and aimed at achieving a process for negotiating an ILUA. This forum was also supported by the Australian Local Government Association.

As there are no ILUAs registered in South Australia we do not have enough experience in the process to provide detailed feedback in relation to your Committee inquiry.

Consistent with the Australian Local Government Association's approach and Working with Native Title kit we have encouraged Councils to see negotiations of ILUAs as a speedier, cheaper and more effective way to resolve Native Title claims, rather than court processes. We anticipate providing support to Councils through the ILUA process in future years.

We would be interested in the results of your inquiry. If you require any further assistance please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Russell'.

Chris Russell  
**Director**  
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