

**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: 16**

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Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title  
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Dear Sir,

BY:.....

### **Inquiry Into Indigenous Land Use Agreements**

Advice has been received from the Local Government Association that an inquiry is being held into Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Council supports the process and has successfully negotiated with local Aboriginal communities in several areas, not only in regard to Native Title, but also under State legislation. However, investigations regarding Native Title claims do require extensive technical and financial resources and in 1998 Council made application for Federal government assistance to the Attorney General's Department(ref: LAF98/21286:RH) in regard to NC96/20 - Walbunja; South of Jervis Bay to Narooma. Council's application was unsuccessful in this regard, which is disappointing.

Please contact me on 02 4429 3470 should you have any enquiries regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully

  
Ernie Royston  
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