

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator: Senator Cory Bernardi

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Question:

The Queensland Government has introduced legislation to allow freehold title on Indigenous land. What implications does that have for the Torres Strait?

Answer:

A grant of freehold extinguishes native title hence an Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act is required before any grant of freehold can be made.