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Question:

In relation to the COAG Land Review, the Northern Territory Government has formed its own Working Group. How does that feed in to the COAG Land Review process?

Answer:

The COAG Investigation into Indigenous land administration and use was conducted by a Senior Officers Working Group (SOWG) made up of officers from the Commonwealth, New South Wales, Northern Territory, Queensland, South Australian and Victorian governments. A subgroup of the SOWG made up of Commonwealth and Northern Territory officers also met regularly to discuss matters specific to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cth). This subgroup met with all Northern Territory Land Councils and sought their input into the Investigation.