



SENATE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

17 March 2017

Senator the Hon Stephen Parry
President of the Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr President

Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Bill 2017

Pursuant to Senate standing order 38(7), I present to you an interim report of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (the committee) for the above inquiry.

On 16 February 2017, the Senate referred the provisions of the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017 (the bill) to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (the committee) for inquiry and report by Friday 17 March 2017.

Conduct of inquiry

The committee advertised its inquiry on its website, and wrote directly to a number of stakeholders, drawing attention to the inquiry and inviting written submissions. The committee has received 59 submissions, and received over 20,000 campaign emails and letters. The committee has also held a public hearing in Brisbane on 13 March 2017.

Reporting

In order to allow the committee sufficient time to consider the substantial volume of evidence it has received, the committee has agreed to present this interim report to seek an extension of time to table its final report by Monday 20 March 2017.

Yours sincerely

Senator Ian Macdonald
Chair