



Native Title Work Procedures

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Procedure

What are the Native Title Work Procedures?

The Native Title Work Procedures ("Procedures") are a policy document to aid decision making and allow the business of government to proceed while appropriately considering native title and satisfying the requirements of the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 (NTA).

They reflect current law and policy and apply across all State departments and agencies.

The Procedures help you carry out a native title assessment for your proposed dealing.

A native title assessment identifies -

- whether native title may still exist over particular areas of land or waters, ie. has native title been extinguished?;
- where native title has not been extinguished, the provision of the NTA which applies and the procedural rights (if any) to be provided to the relevant native title parties.

The Procedures lead you through the steps of a native title assessment (beginning with **Module AA, Chapter 1**) to ensure native title issues are properly addressed prior to each and every land and resource dealing, e.g. the grant of a lease, the grant of a commercial fishing licence, the construction of a public work on a reserve, the creation of a national park management plan, etc.

Until you carry out a native title assessment, you will not know how to address native title for your proposed dealing. By following the Procedures, you ensure that your proposed dealing is valid in relation to native title.

Where do I find the Procedures?

The Procedures are located on the GovDex website. To access GovDex a username and password is required. Please contact the Policy Unit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services to access the Procedures on GovDex.

Who do I contact if I have a query?

If you have a query about the Procedures please contact your Native Title Contact Officer. A list of Native Title Contact Officers is on GovDex.

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Legislation

Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993

