ANNUAL NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE 2014

Living with Native Title
From the Bush to the Sea

Coffs Harbour, New South Wales
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th June 2014
The National Native Title Conference is recognised as the leading Indigenous policy conference in Australia.
THE NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The three-day Conference program consists of:

- one day of closed workshops for Indigenous people and their native title representative bodies/service providers; and
- two days of a public program which may include keynote speeches, Indigenous Talking Circles, Women’s Forums, Workshops, Panel Discussion and Debates as well as the delivery of Conference papers.

The National Native Title Conference trade fair and cultural program run concurrently with the conference sessions, highlighting the cultural and artistic expressions of the local Indigenous community as well as showcasing the variety of stakeholders working with Indigenous peoples in native title, land management and community development.

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What is the National Native Title Conference?

The National Native Title Conference is recognised as the leading Indigenous policy conference in Australia. The co-convenors of the 2014 National Native Title Conference are the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and NTSCORP.

Each year a different native title representative body or service provider co-convenes the Conference with the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS. And each year the conference involves the traditional owners of the place in which it is held.

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Who attends the National Native Title Conference?

The National Native Title Conference has previously been held in Melbourne, Townsville, Geraldton, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Coffs Harbour, Darwin, Cairns, Perth, returning to Melbourne for the 10th anniversary, Canberra, Brisbane, Townsville celebrating 20 years since the Mabo case recognised native title in Australia, and in Alice Springs in 2013 celebrating 20 years of the Native Title Act.

The Conference has built a reputation for quality and continues to attract up to 700 delegates each year. It provides a unique opportunity for a diverse range of native title stakeholders to come together to review current native title practice, policy and law.

The National Native Title Conference is also the leading annual professional development event for staff of native title representative bodies/service providers and relevant government agencies, as well as independent native title practitioners and academics.

The National Native Title Conference enjoys strong support from within the native title sector attracting a broad range of delegates including:

- Indigenous people involved in native title, land, natural resource and water
- management whether as native title claimants, holders or service providers,
- native title representative bodies/service providers,
- native title practitioners and academics,
- non-Government service providers
- the National Native Title Tribunal and the Federal Court,
- Federal and State Government Departments and agencies across all areas of policy,
- private and corporate sectors engaged with land, water and natural resource management and native title issues; and
- International Indigenous Peoples and agencies

The National Native Title Conference prides itself on ensuring that Indigenous people are strongly represented in the Conference program.

Above: Dr Tim Haines, Jaky Troy, Ghil’ad Zukermann, Robynne Quiggin, National Native Title Conference 2013, Shaping the Future, Alice Springs, NT
Photo taken by: John Paul Janke

Left: 2013 Conference Delegates at the Conference Opening, National Native Title Conference 2013, Shaping the Future, Alice Springs, NT
Photo taken by: John Paul Janke
ABOUT THE CONFERENCE CO-CONVENORS

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES (AIATSIS)

The mission of AIATSIS is the promotion of worldwide understanding of Australian Indigenous cultures, past and present. AIATSIS is responsible for a multidisciplinary research program, manages world class collections of cultural and research material, houses the Aboriginal Studies Press and engages in numerous partnerships with research and government institutions and Indigenous communities.

AIATSIS was established in 1964 as an independent Commonwealth Government statutory authority, and has an independent governing Council chaired by Professor Michael Dodson. The functions of AIATSIS are set out in its enabling legislation, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Act 1989 (Cth).

AIATSIS native title activities are supported through a funding agreement with the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and is primarily conducted through the Native Title Research Unit (NTRU). The NTRU was established in 1993 in response to the High Court decision in Mabo v Queensland [No.2] [1992], which recognised Indigenous peoples’ rights to land under the legal concept of native title. The conference in 2013 will mark the 20th anniversary of the Native Title Act.

The NTRU provides high quality independent research and policy advice in order to promote the recognition and protection of the native title of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and plays a key role in coordinating information, developing capacity and facilitating policy debate within the native title system.

NTSCORP

Our vision is to promote social justice, economic, cultural and social independence for the Traditional Owners of the lands, seas and waters.

Our purpose is to achieve our vision in assisting Traditional Owners achieve these aims through native title and other related purposes.

NTSCORP offers assistance to Traditional Owners in the following areas:

- Facilitation and assistance of native title claims;
- Dispute resolution;
- Notification of Future Acts activities;
- Agreement making; and
- Research.

To achieve our vision and purpose it is essential that the values of NTSCORP are not only stated, but actively pursued. Our values are:

- Respect for elders and other members of the community;
- A commitment to achieve positive outcomes for Traditional Owners and community;
- Advance the capacity of self-determination and community building for Traditional Owners;
- To act in a professional, honest and accountable manner at all times;
- To provide efficient, fair and transparent performance of our functions; and
- To provide a safe, diverse and trusting workplace.

NTSCORP is located on the lands of the Gadigal people of the Dharug Nation. We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and pay our respects to the Elders past and present.

For further information, please email us at information@ntscorp.com.au or see www.ntscorp.com.au/our-services. Information about acknowledgement and welcome to country can be found by visiting www.ntscorp.com.au.
Promoting the National Native Title Conference

The National Native Title Conference is promoted through various sectors including academic, legal, Indigenous, government, mining industry and natural resource management in several ways, including through:

• advertising, media releases and articles,
• promotion in NTRU and AIATSIS publications,
• targeted print and electronic invitations and announcements,
• online networks,
• a conference website that provides up to date information to prospective delegates, and
• conference merchandise such as caps, t-shirts and bags.

Seeking financial support

To support a productive exchange of community and organisational perspectives, AIATSIS strives to maximize conference participation by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Indigenous people from around the world, as speakers, facilitators, delegates and performers.

It is towards this end that a significant proportion of the financial sponsorship will be directed. This may involve sponsoring Indigenous delegates’ travel, accommodation and conference registration fees.

Sponsorship funds are also used to subsidise the Conference registration fee to ensure that the Conference remains an economically accessible national native title forum.

Acknowledging your support

The National Native Title Conference provides a unique opportunity for sponsors to communicate with and promote their organisation within the native title sector.

We rely on a small group of supporters at different levels.

All supporting organisations will be promoted via a range of initiatives [listed below] reflecting their support for this important national event.

A summary table is provided at the end of this kit.

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Above: Delegates at Conference Dinner, National Native Title Conference 2012, Echoes of Mabo, Honour and Determination, Townsville, QLD
Photo taken by: John Paul Janke
# NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE CONFERENCE 2014 – SPONSORSHIP COMPARATIVE TABLE

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Where we have been