



NATIVE TITLE ACT AMENDMENTS

21 March 2011 – Second Reading speech by Senator Siewert to introduce the Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011
(no consultation with AMEC prior to the Bill being introduced)

12 May 2011 – The Senate referred the Amendment (Reform) Bill for Inquiry and Report to the Legal and Constitutional Committee by 20 September 2011

29 July 2011 – AMEC submission to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
(no feedback provided to AMEC)

November 2011 – Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee Report recommends that the Senate should not pass the Bill

6 June 2012 – Hon Nicola Roxon Attorney General announces at the AIATSIS Native Title Conference in Townsville proposed changes to the good faith negotiations, Indigenous Land Use Agreements, historical extinguishment in parks and reserves and tax treatment of native title payments

3 August 2012 – Telephone and email contact from the Attorney General's Department (AGD) requested an urgent teleconference to discuss the proposed amendments. As no details had been provided, AMEC requested, and was provided with a confidential and not for distribution copy of the Draft Explanatory material

(No consultation with AMEC during the period 30 July 2011 to 3 August 2012 – over 12 months)

15 August 2012 – Teleconference between AMEC and AGD representatives where numerous concerns were raised by AMEC

21 September 2012 – Release of exposure draft legislation
(none of AMEC's concerns raised at the teleconference of 15 August appear to have been addressed)

19 October 2012 – AMEC submission to the Attorney General's Department on the Exposure Draft

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28 November 2012 – Attorney General’s Second Reading speech introducing the Native Title Amendment Bill 2012

(none of AMEC’s recommendations made in the 19 October 2012 submission have been acknowledged or addressed)

28 November 2012 – AMEC attended pre-arranged meeting with AGD representatives in Canberra on a variety of issues including brief discussion on AMEC’s submissions and concerns on the proposed amendments to the Native Title Act (same date that the Bill was introduced for a Second Reading). AGD representatives advised *‘that the Commonwealth’s native title strategy is not in one single document’*

29 November 2012 – Amendment Bill referred to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

29 November 2012 – Amendment Bill referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

31 January 2013 – AMEC joint submission to both Standing Committees

8 February 2013 – AMEC attends roundtable public hearing in Sydney on Amendment Bill

SUMMARY

Limited and inadequate consultation with AMEC on the proposed Native Title Amendment Bill 2012

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