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Question:

How important is building Governance capacity? What measures have been taken by ORIC to improve Governance capacity of Indigenous Corporations?

Answer:

Building governance capacity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations is vital to the ongoing sustainability of corporations and communities as well as increasing public confidence in their long term viability.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations provides free corporate governance training to directors, members and key staff of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. As well as providing training, the key to improving governance is providing ongoing support through mentoring, regular contact with communities and people and the provision of general advice and information. The Registrar achieves this through its regional office network and the following suite of support services:

- call centre,
- dispute management
- complaints assistance
- Independent *directory*
- LawHelp
- Corporation jobs
- ORIC recruitment assistance.

More detailed information on the Registrar's services is available at www.oric.gov.au.