

**Communications Strategy 2001-2006 — Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (CATSI Bill)**

<p><b>2001–02</b></p>	<p>Independent review of the ACA Act commissioned by the Registrar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questionnaires sent to all ACA Act corporations as well as to 345 Indigenous organisations incorporated under other Commonwealth, state and territory legislation</li> <li>• Advertisements placed in key Indigenous publications, including the <i>Koori Mail</i>, <i>National Indigenous Times</i>, <i>Yamatji News</i> and the <i>Torres Strait News</i>, calling for submissions and comments. Advertisements run on the National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS) network</li> <li>• Consultations, workshops and briefings held</li> <li>• Details of the review, consultation papers and questionnaires for Indigenous corporations available on the ORAC website</li> </ul>
<p><b>Dec 2002</b></p>	<p>The final report of the review presented</p>
<p><b>2002–04</b></p>	<p>Policy development for reforming ACA Act, further research and consultation, including presentations and information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Native Title Conference 2003</li> <li>• Subsequent NTRB meetings</li> <li>• Several mail outs per year to all corporations advising of reforms and inviting comment</li> <li>• Information presented at each of ORAC’s corporate governance training workshops</li> <li>• Peak body meetings—e.g. legal services and medical services</li> <li>• Meetings with key stakeholders and funding bodies</li> </ul>
<p><b>2004–05</b></p>	<p>Drafting of Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bill) 2005 (CATSI Bill)</p>
<p><b>23 June 2005 and ongoing</b></p>	<p>CATSI Bill introduced into parliament</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All corporations invited to comment on Bill</li> <li>• Consumer guides including facts sheets and <i>Meet the Bill</i> sent to all corporations; audio visual tools on website or available on DVD</li> <li>• Radio information on National Indigenous Radio Service and</li> </ul>

	<p>BRACS network</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations to key stakeholders including peak community bodies</li> <li>• Presentations at each of ORAC's corporate governance workshops and Cert IV in Governance and</li> <li>• Information sessions for individual corporations</li> </ul>
<b>August 2005</b>	CATSI Bill referred to Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs committee
<b>June 2005 – August 2006</b>	<p>Development and drafting of transitional provisions and consequential and other amendments to CATSI Bill.</p> <p>Communication about the Bill and transitional arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responded to concerns raised by providing Senate committee with further information publicly available on its website</li> <li>• Contact with organisations that raised concerns</li> <li>• Information presented at each corporate governance workshop and information session run by ORAC throughout Australia, most in remote areas</li> <li>• All native title representative bodies contacted and invited to request presentations—several presentations to boards and senior staff</li> <li>• Information sessions to key stakeholders such as funding bodies, HREOC, state and territory agencies</li> <li>• Presentations to National Indigenous Council</li> <li>• Distribution of <i>The Oracle</i> newsletter in May 2006 and September/October 2006</li> </ul>
<b>September 2006</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bills introduced</li> <li>• Bills, 2nd Reading Speeches and Explanatory Memoranda publicly available</li> <li>• Media Release</li> <li>• New facts sheets, Frequently Asked Questions, Guide to the legislative package “Get into the Act” booklet available on website</li> <li>• Mail out to all existing corporations and key stakeholders</li> </ul>

**October  
2006**

advising of changes and inviting comment

- Radio advertisements (NIRS)
- Model transitional constitution available
- Radio advertisements (NIRS)
- Additional fact sheets available
- Poster for corporations containing key dates to make changes

**November –  
December  
2006**

- Presentations to corporations on request and to peak bodies and key stakeholders
- Radio advertisements (NIRS)
- Additional information available on website