

## **Summary of Consultations: Post-introduction of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (CATSI Bill)**

Following introduction of the CATSI Bill in June 2005, the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations (ORAC) has continued undertaking consultation and communication, as outlined in Attachment C, with relevant stakeholders. The communication and consultation has included not only members and corporations registered under the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* (ACA Act) but also peak bodies such as health organisations, land councils and relevant Commonwealth and state and territory agencies.

### **Communication with individual stakeholders has included:**

- Mail-outs to every corporation registered with ORAC informing of the reform of the ACA Act through the CATSI Bill. The next mail-out occurring at the end of September will include:
  - ‘The Oracle’ newsletter, No. 2
  - Transitional arrangements fact sheet
  - Duties of directors fact sheet
  - The Bill and the ACA Act fact sheet
  - A form listing further information that is available on request
- Ongoing support and advice through a free telephone service
- A detailed and regularly updated ORAC website
- The preparation and wide distribution of fact sheets explaining the legislation in ‘plain English.’

ORAC staff have also regularly visited remote and regional communities and corporations to conduct governance workshops and to provide information about the new legislation.

### **Consultation and communication with peak bodies and others has included:**

- Presentations to relevant peak bodies and others in all states and territories
- Regular, ongoing communication with representatives from these bodies and agencies
- Continuous correspondence via mail (both electronic and postal) and telephone.
- A separate mail-out has been prepared for stakeholders including funding bodies or interested parties which will include all the information listed above, as well as a further fact sheet containing relevant information for funding bodies.

This consultation and communication is ongoing and is expected to continue up to and beyond commencement.