



Australian Government
Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations

Ms Jackie Morris
Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs
Department of the Senate
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Morris

RE Inquiry into the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005: PROPOSED SIZE THRESHOLDS FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING.

Please find attached information to supplement ORAC's recent submission to the inquiry into the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (CATSI Bill) and associated bills.

The information attached provides further detail on the proposed thresholds for classifying corporations as small, medium or large. The reason why the Bill provides for these thresholds to be determined through regulations is to enable the Bill to maintain relevance over time and give greater flexibility to alter these thresholds in the future.

As regulations have not yet been made the attached information is intended as a guide only.

I hope this further information assists the Committee. ORAC welcomes comments or queries on the Bill or on any elements of ORAC's work from the Committee or from any other interested persons. These can be directed to Ms Toni Matulick, Director, Legislative Reform (02 6212 2261, toll free 1800 622 431 or toni.matulick@orac.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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Proposed Size Thresholds under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005

Please note that as regulations under the CASTSI Bill have not yet been made, the information below is intended only as a guide to the criteria that are being proposed.

A **small** corporation is likely to be one which satisfies at least two of the following:

- Total consolidated gross operating income is less than \$100,000;
- Total consolidated gross assets is less than \$100,000
- Total employees less than 5.

A **medium** corporation is likely to be one which satisfies at least two of the following:

- Total consolidated gross operating income from \$100,000;
- Total consolidated gross assets from \$100,000;
- Total employees from 5.

A **large** corporation is likely to be one which would otherwise be a **medium** corporation but which satisfies at least two of the following:

- Total consolidated gross operating income is \$5 million or more;
- Total consolidated gross assets is \$2.5 million or more;
- Total employees more than 25.