



National  
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Tribunal



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Mr Peter Hallahan  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Hallahan,

**Inquiry into the Native Title Amendment Bill 2009**

In response to a request from the Committee for information about the number of National Native Title Tribunal members, I enclose the following documents:

- a chart showing the number and categories of Tribunal members for each year from 1994 to 2009 and a table showing this information.
- a chart showing the names of all former and present members of the Tribunal.

Also enclosed are:

- a copy of the Tribunal's National Report on native title dated March 2009 from which I quoted statistics in my evidence to the committee.
- a copy of the judgment, *McLennan and others on behalf of the Jangga People v State of Queensland* [2009] FCA 236, which I mentioned in my evidence.

I confirm that there are currently 472 native title claimant applications. The mediation status of those applications are as follows:

In Mediation	254
Mediation Ceased	62
Mediation Complete	2
Not Yet In Mediation	154

As you will see from page 7 of the Native Title Report, most of the claimant applications in the Northern Territory are not with the Tribunal for mediation.

Please contact me if the Committee requires any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graeme Neate". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

**Graeme Neate**

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