

RECOMMENDATIONS

Chapter 3

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the Registrar or his delegate, in the written reasons for decisions taken in the registration tests include for unsuccessful applications, a brief plain English explanation as to the decision making process for the application.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Registrar, in consultation with the Native Title Representative Bodies, should give consideration to notifying the native title parties of outcomes from the Tribunal.

Recommendation 3

The Committee recommends, that at the completion of the terms of the current members of the Tribunal, the Government gives consideration to the appointment of an increased number of indigenous members in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Chapter 4

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The Committee recommends that ATSIIS, to assist Native Title Representative Bodies to implement a performance based assessment scheme, consult with them to develop templates as models for their 2005-2006 (and out years) budget proposals and the management of work priorities.

Recommendation 5

The Committee recommends that the National Native Title Tribunal continue to explore partnerships to develop programs aimed at capacity building within organisations involved in the native title process.

Recommendation 6

The Committee recommends that a further inquiry be conducted into the work demands and funding needs of native title representative bodies.

Chapter 5

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The Committee recommends that within the next 12 months and on both a national and state/territory basis, the National Native Title Tribunal should develop a broad framework for setting priorities that includes consultation with each of the “stakeholders”.

Recommendation 8

The Committee recommends that the National Native Title Tribunal should, within the time limits set by the *Native Title Act 1993*, seek to reduce the time lines associated with the registration of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Recommendation 9

The Committee recommends that the National Native Title Tribunal amend the guidelines on acceptance of expedited procedure objection applications to include a provision that a registered native title party wishing to lodge an objection may discuss, within the time limits set by the *Native Title Act 1993*, issues related to compliance with the appropriate tribunal member.