

**Parliamentary Joint Committee on
Native Title and the Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander Land Fund**

OPERATION OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT

**Inquiry Into The Effectiveness Of
The National Native Title Tribunal**

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From: Tony Tapsell [mailto:tony.tapsell@lgant.nt.gov.au]
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Dear Maureen,

This is a personal submission to the Inquiry. One aspect of the National Native Title Tribunal's operations that I would like to see improved is its reporting to parties to Native Title claims on the status of claims. Given the process for determining claims is generally lengthy I consider an annual schedule of hearings or at least regular update information would be useful to parties. At present parties often have to pursue the Tribunal for such information and it is not always clear 'where things are at'.

Tony Tapsell