



Review of the Future Acts Regime

Information Sheet

What is the Inquiry about?

The ALRC has been asked to review the operation of the future acts regime under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), which is the main native title law in Australia. We will look at how the future acts regime works now, and how it can be improved to make it work effectively, equally, and fairly.

We have also been asked to consider some specific issues, including:

- options to support native title groups, proponents, and governments, to share in the benefits of development on native title land;
- whether the regime appropriately provides for new and emerging industries; and
- options for supporting fair negotiations and collaboration.

What is the Inquiry process?

We will publish a background paper in late 2024. This will include more information about the Inquiry.

We will publish a consultation paper in 2025. This will explain some of our ideas for reform and call for formal submissions in response.

We will also consult with stakeholders later in 2024 and in 2025.

We will give our final report to the Australian Government by 8 December 2025.

Who is the ALRC?

The Australian Law Reform Commission is an independent statutory body. We conduct inquiries and make recommendations to the Australian Government about how to reform the law.

This Inquiry will be led by Part-time Commissioner, Tony McAvoy SC, a Wirldi man, and the ALRC President, Mordy Bromberg.

How do I participate?

We want to hear from a wide range of people, including native title holders and future acts proponents. We respect the custodianship First Nations people have over their stories and knowledge about Country and culture.

There are 3 main ways to participate in the Inquiry:

- 1 consultations and meetings** with different stakeholders. We will be holding
- 2 submissions** in 2025. Anyone is welcome to make a submission. We will call for formal
- 3 You can get in contact** with us at any time during the Inquiry.

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