



Australian Government

National Native Title Tribunal

Appointments – President and Native Title Registrar

The Australian Government is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified persons for the appointments of:

- President, and
- Native Title Registrar

of the National Native Title Tribunal (the Tribunal). These positions are established under the *Native Title Act 1993* (the Act).

Almost 30 years have passed since the Act commenced and the Tribunal was established. The principal work of the Tribunal involves mediating and arbitrating disputes over certain proposed future acts (such as the grant of a mining lease) in native title areas, as well as mediating native title claims referred by the Federal Court of Australia. The Tribunal assists parties to negotiate Indigenous Land Use Agreements, resolve native title disputes, and assists representative bodies to perform their own dispute resolution functions. Following the commencement of the *Native Title Legislation Amendment Act 2021* (Cth), the Tribunal has an additional function of assisting in dispute management and resolution at the request of native title holders and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate. The Tribunal also conducts inquiries into issues connected with native title claims, and contributes to community liaison and education around native title. Information about the Tribunal can be found at www.nntt.gov.au.

The Government is looking for a dynamic and collaborative leadership team, with vision and cultural competence, to oversee the work of the Tribunal for the next five years.

The President is responsible for the management of the business of the Tribunal, including its administrative affairs, and the allocation of duties, powers and functions. The President must also possess legal skills of the highest order to manage the Tribunal's most complex arbitration and mediation matters. Alongside the Tribunal's Registrar and Members, the President is also responsible for the delivery of the Tribunal's arbitral, mediation and educational functions.

The Native Title Registrar has a wide range of functions under the Act, including to assist people to prepare applications and to help them, and other persons in matters relating to proceedings in the Tribunal, make decisions about registration of both claims and Indigenous Land Use Agreements, and responsibilities for various notifications and public records relevant to native title (including the Register of Native Title Claims and Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements). The Native Title Registrar is also actively involved in the mediation and educational functions of the Tribunal.

Information for applicants

The appointments are on a full-time basis for terms of up to five years. The positions can be based in either the Brisbane or Perth office. Information about the positions, including remuneration, eligibility and selection criteria, and details on how to apply, is available on the Attorney-General's Department website Careers page - <https://www.ag.gov.au/about-us/careers/statutory-appointments>

Expressions of interest close at **5:00pm, AEDT on Friday, 9 December 2022**.

Enquiries can be directed to appointments@ag.gov.au.

People who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander are strongly encouraged to apply.