

Attachment A

Survey of Anthropologists working in Native Title

**Anthropos Consulting, Canberra
for the
National Native Title Tribunal**

This project

Anthropos Consulting has been engaged by the National Native Title Tribunal to assess the anthropological profession's capacity to provide services to the parties involved in native title mediation and litigation.

Areas to be covered include:

- An assessment of the present roles that anthropologists play in native title processes, and an assessment of their preparedness for those roles;
- An assessment of the required skills sets for different professional services (e.g. mediation, litigation, policy analysis, heritage assessments etc);
- An assessment of the capacity of present Australian anthropological consultants to meet the needs for field-based reporting and analysis in native title proceedings, including specifically, 'connection reporting';
- An assessment of the take-up profile of graduates in anthropology in salaried positions relating to native title.

The project has been initiated by the NNTT to assist with its own strategic planning, and to provide all stakeholders (including NTRBs, governments and the Federal Court) with an informed and publicly available commentary regarding the roles, qualifications, experience and availability of anthropologists working on native title matters.

While the project is focussed primarily on consultants, their roles and capacities cannot be understood outside the broader discipline of anthropology in Australia. The survey seeks information regarding the issues faced by all anthropologists working in the native title area, whether they are consultants, work for Native Title Representative Bodies, government agencies or private industry, or are based within universities.

We understand the time pressures faced by anthropologists. However, we do urge you to commit the relatively short time necessary to complete and return this questionnaire, since it provides an opportunity for you to provide input into a project of importance to anthropological practice in the native title arena. The findings of the project will be of particular importance to anthropologists and to the discipline more generally, in terms of informing the ongoing discussion within the profession regarding the relationship between the academy and applied practice in the native title area.

Note also that only those sections of relevance to each participant's situation need be completed and returned.

The questionnaire is available in hard copy or electronic form. Electronic versions are available for download from the Anthropos website (at www.anthropos.com.au) in both pdf format (which can be printed out, filled in by hand, and posted or faxed back), and rtf format (which can be electronically filled in and emailed back, or printed out and posted or faxed back)).

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33. Please comment on any subject not covered above that represents an important issue for you in your native title work.

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Questions specifically for consultant anthropologists

34. Are you a full-time consultant?

yes, full-time no, part-time

Please expand; e.g. do you work only part-time, or do you also have other paid work?
With whom (if you work in the academy, you can also fill out the relevant section)?

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35. Do you consult largely or wholly in native title?

yes, mainly native title no, other areas as well

Please expand; if 'no', what other kinds of consulting work do you undertake?

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36. Does the demand for your services in native title exceed your capacity or availability to undertake the work?

yes no

Please expand (for example, is there enough native title work available for you to make it your full-time work if you wanted to?)

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37. Who has approached you in the past 5 years to undertake native title work?

NTRBs / claimants	non-claimant indigenous groups	Government agencies	Private sector (eg miners)
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Expand if necessary

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38. For whom have you worked over the past 5 years in native title matters?

NTRBs / claimants	non-claimant indigenous groups	Government agencies	Private sector (eg miners)
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Expand if necessary

39. Are there factors other than your availability which are relevant to what kinds of native title work you undertake?

yes no

Please expand (for example, are there particular parties for whom you would not work, or particular categories of native title practice you prefer not to undertake?)

40. What are your roles as a consultant in native title? How do they compare with what, in your view, you as an anthropologist *could* or *should* undertake?

41. How would you describe the position and professional status of anthropologists and anthropology within the native title arena (including in the research process)?

42. What do you see as the roles of *staff* anthropologists in the organisations who engage you in the native title process?

43. In general, how well do you think that they perform these roles? (Note: confidential or specific identifying information is not sought here, but rather general or indicative issues)

44. What knowledge and skills do you think are needed to perform competently as a consultant anthropologist in native title work (including field-based research and reporting such as preparation of 'connection reports', etc)? Has anthropological training provided you with an appropriate grounding in these, in your opinion?

45. Is there somewhere you can get professional help or advice in your work?

yes no

Please elaborate; e.g., where can you go for advice?

46. Have you undertaken professional development (for example, in the anthropology of native title, or native title law)?

yes no

Please elaborate; for example, was it specifically related to your work as an anthropologist, or to more general issues for you as a consultant?

47. Have you gained any additional qualifications relevant to your work?

yes no

Please specify, including who financed it, and whether it proved useful.

48. How do you keep abreast of developments in native title (e.g. in the law, or in anthropological theory) as these may impact on your anthropological practice?

49. What professional contact do you have with other anthropologists?

50. If skilling and professional development were available in native title, what areas would you like to see highlighted, and what form/s should it take?

51. In your view, what are the major issues for anthropology and anthropologists in the native title arena?

52. What do you see as your own preferred roles in the native title arena? If this differs from the roles you are currently performing explain what ideally you would like to be doing? What prevents you from operating in this fashion?

53. Have you published or given conference papers on native title?

yes no

Please expand; should consultants be able to publish / give conference papers based on their research? What are reasonable constraints?

54. What, if any, constraints should be imposed by the organisation/s who engage you concerning where and for whom you work in the future in native title?

55. What career options do you see for yourself in native title work? Do you think it can lead on to other areas of professional work, or is it a 'professional dead end'?

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Questions specifically for anthropologists based in universities

57. Do your university's undergraduate degrees in your view cover areas relevant to native title anthropological practice—please expand

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58. Does your university provide courses specific to native title practice (e.g. post graduate courses)—please expand

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59. How would you describe the position and professional status of the anthropology of native title within your department and university?

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60. How would you describe the position and professional status of the anthropology of native title within the discipline more generally?

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61. What knowledge, skills and training do you think are needed for an anthropologist to perform competently as a staff anthropologist in native title work? Are they different to, or the same as, those needed for consultancy anthropology?

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yes no

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66. What career options do you see for yourself or other anthropologists in native title practice or teaching? Do you think it can lead on to other areas of work, or is it a 'professional dead end'?

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67. Does the demand for your services in native title exceed your capacity or availability to undertake the work, given that you work in a university anyway?

yes no

Please expand

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