



Welcome!

Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) are very important to the future of Australia. In 2019, a new survey of PBCs is being run that will inform PBC policy, governance, and development opportunities.

Three national organisations have come together to support the survey. The National Native Title Council (NNTC) works on behalf of its Members in the native title sector to help Prescribed Body Corporates (PBC) grow and develop. The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is a world leader in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) is the national science agency. The survey will be run by NNTC and AIATSIS staff, supported by scientific advice from the CSIRO.

This survey is intended for PBC directors, CEOs or other staff to complete on behalf of their PBCs, but it is up to each PBC to decide how and who they want to do the survey for them. The survey is just about PBC goals, activities and needs, and only public information is needed. Survey information will be kept in secure storage at the three organisations.

The survey results will be made available to PBCs and the wider public in reports written by the organisations involved. This will help support PBC sector planning and development. By showing where the needs are, it can also assist local PBC strategic planning and funding applications. Further AIATSIS, NNTC, and CSIRO presentations, factsheets, and research articles may also use the results in the public reports.

The survey is part of wider projects and partnerships between NNTC, AIATSIS, and CSIRO funded by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet of the Australian Government.

The AIATSIS and CSIRO Ethics Committees have reviewed the survey and given the research team permission to do this research. The contact details for the research team and for AIATSIS and CSIRO Ethics staff appear at the bottom of the page. Culturally or commercially sensitive information is not required in this survey. No participant will be identified by name in the final results or report without their permission. Participation is voluntary and participants can withdraw information they have provided at any time up until the final results are published in late 2019.

By signing your name below you are showing that you:

- agree to take part in the survey,
- understand the aims and conditions of the survey, and
- consent to your answers being included in the results.

Your name: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Your role in the PBC: _____

Your signature: _____

Today's date: ___/___/2019

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1. PBC Name

2. How many directors does your PBC have?

3. How many of your PBC's current directors identify as:

Female _____

Male _____

Other _____

4. How many of your PBC's current directors are:

Under 25 _____

25-34 _____

35-44 _____

45-54 _____

55-64 _____

65 or older _____

5. How many independent directors does your PBC have?

Independent directors are directors who are not members of the PBC. Sometimes PBCs appoint independent directors because they have specialist knowledge or expertise.

6. Please list any entities that are owned or controlled by your PBC

This includes any businesses, investment companies, organisations or programs that sit 'under' your PBC.

7. What are the three most important purposes of your PBC?

- Fulfil responsibilities under *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- Look after and manage country
- Be a strong representative voice
- Pursue further native title claims
- Create wealth and business opportunities
- Create employment
- Provide education and training
- Provide community services
- Strengthen culture
- Manage activities by non-native title holders on country
- Other (Please specify):

8. What kinds of work have your PBC, and all the entities it owns or controls, done in the last 12 months?

- Cultural services (including cultural heritage, cultural programs, art production)
- Environmental services (land and sea management, carbon, biodiversity)
- Farming and fishing (including pastoralism, agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, bush food development)
- Mining, transport and construction services
- Hospitality services (including tourism, accommodation, catering, and retail)
- Social services (including housing, employment, community, and educational services)
- Financial services and investments
- Other work not listed:

9. In the last 12 months, has your PBC provided any prescribed services to native title proponents?

'Prescribed services' include providing comments on proposed future acts, exercising procedural rights in response to future acts, negotiating 'right to negotiate' future act agreements (Section 31 agreements) and negotiating Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

- Yes, and charged for it
- Yes, but didn't charge for it
- No

10. In the last 12 months, what kinds of organisations has your PBC worked or regularly communicated with?

- Other PBCs
- Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) or Native Title Service Providers (NTSPs)
- Other local Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations
- National Indigenous organisations
- State or Territory government departments and agencies
- Federal government departments and agencies
- Mining companies
- Other commercial enterprises and businesses
- NRM or land and sea management boards and organisations
- Scientists or research institutions
- Other non-government organisations (NGOs)
- Other kind of organisation not listed:

11. Does your PBC have access to any of these skills and areas of expertise?
This could be from staff, directors, members or people who volunteer for your PBC.

- Office administration
- Accounting or bookkeeping
- Business management and development
- Human resources
- Environmental and natural resource management
- Writing and reviewing contracts and agreements
- Native title law
- Dealing with government
- Completing funding and grant applications
- Dispute resolution and mediation
- Facilities maintenance
- Information & communications technology
- Corporate governance

12. What are the key challenges your PBC faces?

- Not sure where to start
- Don't know where to find out about opportunities
- Not enough resources
- Too many responsibilities and obligations
- Uncertainties or issues with native title rights
- Obtaining permits or licences for activities and business ventures
- Recruiting or keeping staff with appropriate skills
- Lacking certain skills, expertise or knowledge
- Disputes or lack of agreement between native title holders
- Lack of collaboration with other key organisations (e.g. local government, businesses)
- Difficulty attracting government investment
- Difficulty attracting private investment
- Agreeing on a clear vision or plan for the future
- Other (Please specify):

13. What do you think would help your PBC overcome these challenges?

- More funding
- Assistance completing funding and grant applications
- Training in specific skills
- Help with strategic and business planning
- Advocating for changes to government policy
- Scientific research for PBCs
- Connecting with investors
- Mediation and governance support
- Business development support
- Other (Please specify):

14. What are your PBC's biggest information needs?

You might want information about your country, your people/nation, opportunities etc.

- Indigenous knowledge (e.g. cultural mapping, kinship and connection, history, environmental knowledge)
- Minerals and energy
- Soils and water
- Animals and plants
- Health of country (e.g. damage to country, relationship to community wellbeing)
- Non-Indigenous laws and policies
- Information about non-native title holders' use and interests
- Access to data held by governments (e.g. health records)
- Access to data held by research institutions and universities
- New technology and management options
- On-country business and enterprise options
- Other (Please specify):

15. Is there anything else you would like to say about the challenges and needs your PBC has and what would help it address them?

16. What are some key areas of success that your PBC has had in the past 5 years?

- Meeting its obligations under the Act
- Winning a determination
- Mounting a new claim
- Bringing people together
- Improving governance
- Looking after country
- Strengthening culture
- Creating new business and employment
- Providing education and training
- Managing non-Indigenous activities on country
- Other (please specify):

17. What kinds of work do your PBC, and all the entities it owns or controls, want or plan to do in the next 5 years?

- Cultural services (including cultural heritage, cultural programs, art production)
- Environmental services (land and sea management, carbon, biodiversity)
- Farming and fishing (including pastoralism, agriculture, aquaculture, horticulture, forestry, bush food development)
- Mining, transport and construction services
- Hospitality services (including tourism, accommodation, catering, and retail)
- Social services (including housing, employment, community, and educational services)
- Financial services and investments
- Other work not listed:

18. Does your PBC have any documents that set out a plan or vision for the future?
For example, a business plan, strategic plan, planning book or strategic vision.

- Yes
- No

19. Does your PBC have any succession arrangements?

- Succession plan
- Youth engagement plan
- Mentoring program for young leaders
- Governance training
- Youth leadership training
- Nothing like these
- Other not listed:

20. Is there anything else you want to say?
