

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)).

Please send the completed survey to:

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70. 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?)

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

