



Queensland Government Native Title Work Procedures

**Annexure 8.4 - Queensland Native Title Representative Bodies and
Areas**

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Queensland Native Title representative bodies and areas

Introduction

Queensland is divided into five native title representative areas each of which is looked after by a native title representative body or a native title service delivery agency. In Queensland, there are three native title representative bodies (NTRBs) and two native title service providers (NTSP).

Representative area	Representative body	NTRB / NTSDA
Torres Strait Region	Gur A Baradharaw Kod Sea and Land Council Torres Strait Islander Corporation	NTRB
Cape York Region	Cape York Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	NTRB
Carpentaria Gulf Region	Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation	NTSP
Northern Queensland Region	North Queensland Land Council	NTRB
Southern and Western Queensland Region	Queensland South Native Title Services Limited	NTSP

What is a native title representative body?

A NTRB is determined by the relevant Commonwealth Minister under the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993. The NTRB must give priority to the protection of the interests of native title holders and may carry out a number of different functions, which include –

- facilitation and assistance – research and prepare native title applications, assist registered native title bodies corporate, native title holders and persons who may hold native title in consultations, mediations, negotiations and proceedings in relation to native title applications, future acts, indigenous land use agreements, rights of access and any other matter relating to native title or to the operation of the NTA
- certification – certify, in writing, applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements or applications for determinations of native title, relating to areas of land or waters wholly or partly within the area in relation to the NTRB's area
- notification – to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable that notices that are given to the representative body and that relate to land or waters wholly or partly within the NTRB's area, are brought to the attention of any person who the NTRB is aware holds or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters, where the NTRB considers that the notices would be unlikely to come to the attention of the person by some other means
- agreement making – a NTRB may be a party to an indigenous land use agreement; etc.

What is a native title service provider?

A native title service provider (NTSP) is an alternate to a NTRB and provides professional services to native title parties in a particular representative area in accordance with the NTA.

A NTSP is a private corporation and receives funding under the NTA from the Australian government to perform the majority of functions of a NTRB and has the same obligations and powers in relation to those functions as a NTRB.

Contact details and representative area maps

QNTIME

Search QNTIME for contact details for Queensland's NTRBs and NTSPs and to see the boundaries of the representative areas.

If you do not have access to QNTIME, please visit the National Native Title Tribunal website for information.