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Requesting conclusions for research items in QNTIME

1. Introduction

This Annexure outlines the minimum standard of information or detail required when requesting a conclusion for a research item. It also includes a sample conclusion request.

The QNTIME Help Manual explains how to request a conclusion in QNTIME.

A conclusion published in QNTIME can be relied upon for the purpose of your native title assessment. The existence of a conclusion means no further tenure or usage research is required, as native title has been assessed as being wholly extinguished over the area covered by the conclusion subject to Module BB.

You do not have to wait for the conclusion request to be processed to proceed with your dealing. Your native title assessment for that research item is sufficient unless the Native Title Work Procedures state otherwise.

2. Requesting a conclusion

Once you have -

- saved your research item in QNTIME
- carried out a native title assessment under the Native Title Work Procedures for that research item
- assessed that the research item is a previous exclusive possession act (PEPA),

you should then request by a QNTIME generated e-mail that a conclusion be published in QNTIME for that research item.

Your conclusion request is sent to the QNTIME Conclusion Request Group (QCRG) QNTIMEConclusionRequests@dnrm.qld.gov.au, which consists of officers within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services (ATSILS). ATSILS as lead agency for native title has a responsibility to audit and vet assessments of extinguishment before publishing them as a conclusion on QNTIME.

3. Information required for conclusion requests

If you have entered a sufficient amount of information (ie. you have completed all fields) for your research boundary and research item as set out in Annexure 7.9, then the only additional information to add in your conclusion request is -

(a) your basis and reasoning for assessing that the research item is a PEPA

(b) where you have not provided a title reference, a scanned copy of the particular title or lease instrument
(c) where your research item is a public work, a scanned copy of the documentation attached to your native title assessment form, e.g. photos, diagrams, etc.

N.B. In some cases, the QCRG may further request a hard copy of the material to complete their assessment of the research item.

4. Conclusion request example

The following is an example of a conclusion request.

5. Publishing of a conclusion in QNTIME

A conclusion will only be published in QNTIME where the research item is a PEPA under the Native Title Act 1993 (NTA). This means that that native title has been wholly extinguished over the area covered by the conclusion boundary.

Once a conclusion is entered by the QCRG, QNTIME links the conclusion to the associated research item and automatically generates a unique identification number, e.g. C/308, for the conclusion. This identification number can be used subsequently to quickly find a conclusion or when communicating with other QNTIME users.
6. Relying on a conclusion

Once a conclusion has been made it can be relied upon for conducting a native title assessment subject to Module BB.

You must assess whether Module BB applies, before relying upon the conclusion.

If Module BB applies, forward all details to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services through your Native Title Contact Officer. If Module BB does not apply, you can rely upon the conclusion published in QNTIME that native title is extinguished.