**Land Court of Queensland** 

## **ADR Information Session**

GasFields Commission Queensland



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# Agenda

Who is the Land Court and how does it make decisions?

Agents/experts/lawyers

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

### The Land Court of Queensland

- Who are we?
  - President and Members
    - Associates
  - Judicial Registrar
  - Registry

- How does it make decisions?
  - On identified issues/claims
  - On evidence

# Agents/experts/lawyers

#### Agents:

- Cannot be an expert who gives evidence.
- May not have professional indemnity insurance.
- Form 20
  http://www.courts.qld.gov.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0003/515190/lc-f-20.pdf

I, (insert name of party), of (insert address of party) authorize (insert name of agent) of (insert address of agent) to represent me as my agent in this case.

My agent's authority to represent me is: (strike out whichever does not apply)

- (a) Unlimited; or
- (b) Limited in the following way: (insert any limitation on the agent's authority)

### I acknowledge I have read the following information:

- Lawyers are accountable and must have insurance
- You should consider
  - Skill and suitability
  - Implication for costs
  - Waiver from suit



#### Experts:

- Who do you need and when do you need them?

#### Lawyers:

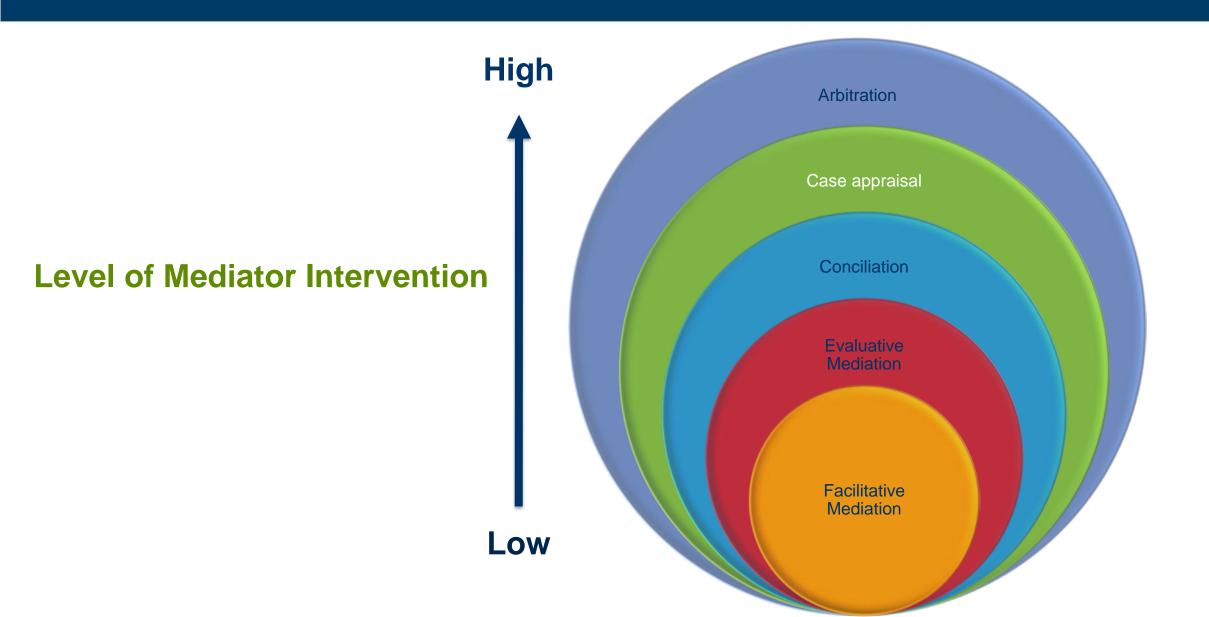
- Do you have a written agreement?
- You instruct them, they do not instruct you.
- Unbundling of services.



Stay informed and involved

The buck stops with you!

## Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) – what is it?



## ADR – when/how will it happen?

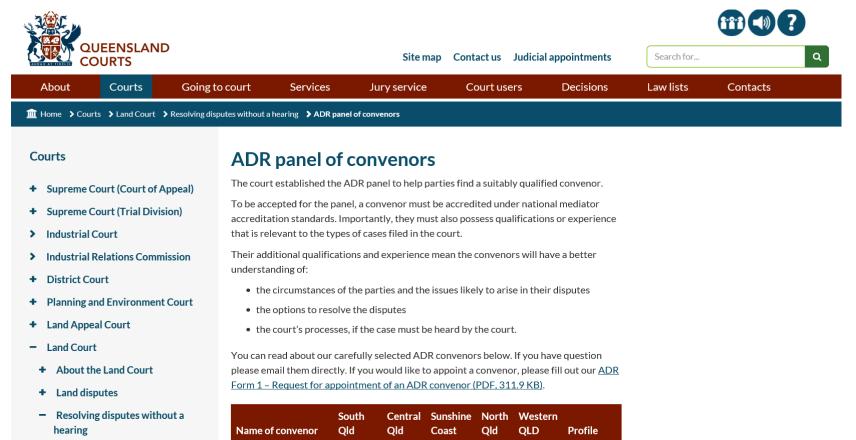
Pre-litigation mediation

Land Court ADR panel

Low-cost mediation

## Land Court Queensland ADR Panel

http://www.courts.qld.gov.au/courts/land-court/resolving-disputes-without-a-hearing



### Conclusion

Be informed
Choose advisers wisely
Be involved
Consider alternatives

