



LAND TRIBUNAL

Annual Report

FINANCIAL YEAR

2025/2026

ESTABLISHED UNDER THE ABORIGINAL LAND ACT 1991



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Dear Attorney,

Re: Land Tribunal Annual Report 2025-2026

As required by s 245(1) of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991, I present my report on the operations of the Land Tribunal.

Yours sincerely,

Peta Stilgoe OAM
Chairperson

a year's overview

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

This report covers the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

My appointment as Chairperson of the Land Tribunal, up to and including 20 July 2032, was approved by the Governor on 17 July 2025. This appointment has eliminated the uncertainty that has previously existed through the convention of an annual appointment.

The tribunal received two requests during this financial year. The first request in July 2025 was for copies of transcripts. The relevant transcripts were located and provided.

The same requestor filed a formal application in September 2025 seeking access to restricted exhibits mentioned in the transcripts. The requestor discontinued the application soon after lodgement because they were able to obtain the exhibits directly from the personal representatives of the Land Claim.

No claims have been referred to the Tribunal but I note that, as with previous annual reports, some claims lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development have not been referred to the Tribunal.

The Tribunal's files are a valuable record of First Nations Peoples' history and culture and of colonial and post-colonial land use.

I acknowledge the continued assistance of the Principal Registrar and staff of the Land Court in maintaining the Tribunal records.



Peta Stilgoe OAM
Chairperson