



VISION

The Land Court will be an exemplary forum for specialist dispute resolution providing exceptional public value through accessible, flexible, just, fair and innovative services and procedures.

MISSION

The Court hears and determines matters relating to land and other natural resources.

The Court:

- » hears appeals against land valuations
- » determines claims for compensation for the resumption of land
- » makes recommendations and hears objections to the grant of mining tenures and environmental authorities for resource projects
- » determines compensation for mining claims and leases and determines compensation and land access conditions for mining exploration and other natural resource activities
- » hears appeals against local government rating categories
- » deals with Indigenous land and cultural heritage issues, including the grant of injunctions and approval of cultural heritage management plans

GUIDING VALUES

- » equality (before the Law)
- » fairness
- » impartiality
- » independence of decision-making
- » competence
- » integrity
- » transparency
- » accessibility
- » timeliness
- » certainty

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- » align and develop systems to deliver better public value
- » develop consistent and effective leadership
- » build our capability and performance
- » strengthen our internal and external relationships and alliances

FIRST NATIONS

The Court will assess its:

- » **Reconciliation Action Plan** - Implementing the actions and deliverables highlighted in the RAP that will strengthen relationships, build respect, and provide opportunities for First Nations peoples.
- » **Procedural Assistance Service** - Develop materials on Cultural Heritage jurisdiction in lay terms targeted for self-represented litigants.
- » **Cultural Heritage Forms** - Develop and implement Court forms for the Cultural Heritage jurisdiction to increase access to justice and streamline the application process.
- » **On Country protocol for First Nations evidence** - The Court will consult with relevant groups to develop a protocol about First Nations evidence that provides clarity about the Court's practices and ensures procedural fairness for all parties.
- » **Cultural Competence Training** - Partnering with the Centre for Cultural Competence, the Court will commit to a program of work in Aboriginal Cultural Competency Training throughout 2023.
- » **First Nations High School Work Experience Student** - The Court will engage with relevant organisations to develop a work experience program for First Nation students that will provide an insight into the public service Land Court jurisdictions.
- » **First Nations Business Procurement** - Review and update procurement practices to remove barriers to procuring goods and services from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses.





PROJECTS

The Court will initiate these projects:

- » **Digitise the Queensland Mining Warden's Decisions** - The Court will digitise its collection of mining warden decisions and copies of transcripts, appeal decisions of superior courts and courts of other jurisdictions.
- » **Cultural Records** - Undertake an audit of all Cultural Heritage records and work with Queensland State Archives to develop a culturally appropriate process for both recording and providing access to the evidence given in land claim hearings by First Nations Peoples.
- » **Audit of Records** - Undertake an audit of all Land Court records to identify Aboriginal Land Tribunal and permanent records held in offsite storage.

INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Court will ensure a review of:

- » **Fee Structure** - The Court will continue to investigate the introduction of a relevant fee schedule for matters being determined by the Land Court of Queensland.
- » **Indigenous Assessors** - Investigate opportunities to engage Indigenous Assessors.
- » **Queensland Law Reform Commission** - Registry to conduct an analysis of Mining Objection Hearing applications from 2007 to 2022 to assist with the review.



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