

National Native Title Conference 2011: Our Country, Our Future

In 2011 the annual National Native Title Conference will be co-convened by the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS) on the traditional lands of the Yagera and Turrbal Peoples of the Brisbane River.



The conference will be held on the traditional lands of the Yagera and Turrbal peoples of the Brisbane River. *Image courtesy of Brisbane Marketing*

This year the theme of the conference is 'Our Country, Our Future'. It will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from 1-3 June 2011. The conference will address the following sub themes:

- Decisions, Actions, Results
- Enduring cultures, resilient societies
- Country, Heritage and Development
- Tenure, Title and Possession

Relevant topics within these themes include: regional alliances, shared country, decision making, capacity, mediation, native title benefits, native title achievements, PBCs (prescribed bodies corporate), sea country, urban native title, country and belonging, unity and diversity, social and emotional wellbeing, natural resources and mining, conservation, climate change, water, history and ethnography, connection, reversing the onus of proof, claim management, collections management, alternative settlements, agreement making, compulsory acquisition, community development, housing, NTRB and non-NTRB representation, amending the NTA, the role of the judiciary, Federal Court developments, state and territory comparisons, and constitutional reform.

Conference presentations will be in five formats: keynotes and plenary speeches, debate forums (a new format), technical workshops, topical workshops, and Indigenous talking circles.

Call for Papers

Proposals for papers, panels and talking circles are invited for consideration by the conference conveners. Please submit your proposal with an abstract and biography to nativetitleconference@aiatsis.gov.au by Monday 14 March 2011. You may also register an 'expression of interest' for discussion with the conveners.

For further information please contact the NTRU on (02) 62461167 or at nativetitleconference@aiatsis.gov.au
For regular conference updates visit the website:

<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/nativetitleconference/conf2011/conf2011.html>

The impact of the recent floods on the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre did not affect the event spaces, and was limited to car parking and service areas. The Centre has now resumed normal operation.