

Important changes to the Native Title Story

In March 2021, the government changed some of the rules in the Native Title Act.

These rules change how native title holder corporations - prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) - do their business.

Certificate of Consultation and Consent

1. **PBC members** do not sign the **Certificate of Consultation and Consent**. [Page 12]
2. **Affected native title holders** tell **PBC directors** to sign the **Certificate of Consultation and Consent** for agreements about their country. [Page 13]
3. **PBC directors** sign the **Certificate of Consultation and Consent**. [Page 13]
4. The **Certificate of Consultation and Consent** has to be signed by 2 **PBC directors** (or the PBC CEO). The PBC directors have to sign the certificate straight away after signing the agreement or at the next **director's meeting**. [Page 20]

Consultation with the Central Land Council

5. The PBC does not tell the CLC about the plan of the company. The PBC can tell the CLC if it wants the CLC to help. [Page 16]

Important changes to your PBC rule book

PBCs have to change the rule book.

The changes must be done by March 2023.

Changes that need to be made in the PBC rule book

1. Dispute resolution clause:
 - a. To have rules that help the PBC work with **native title holders**.
 - b. To have rules that help the PBC work with people who claim to be **native title holders**.
 - c. To have rules that help the PBC with doing native title business.
2. Rules about when a **member** can be removed from the **member register**. These rules are in the **CATSI Act**.
3. Rules about who can be a **member** so that all **native title holders** are represented by the PBC. For example, you can have your name on the **membership register**, or the name of someone from your family who represents all your family.
4. The government has said that it will make another change to the **rule book** at the end of 2021. This change will be about putting some of the rules from the **CATSI Act** in the **rule book**.

To make changes to the **rule book**, the PBC needs to hold a special general meeting. At this meeting, the **directors** (or **members**) say what changes need to be made to the **rule book**. The **members** (75%) need to agree to the changes (pass a resolution).

More information

- Native title: Attorney-General's Department
- Changes to native title legislation affecting PBCs: National Indigenous Australians Agency