



Office of the Attorney-General

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Mayor David O'Loughlin
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Dear Mayor O'Loughlin

I refer to your letter to the Attorney-General, Senator the Hon George Brandis QC, of 22 August 2017 in relation to the resolution passed by the National General Assembly of Local Government on legal and financial assistance and training for local governments affected by native title determinations. The Attorney-General has asked me to reply on his behalf.

Local governments may be eligible for financial assistance for legal representation and disbursement costs incurred in native title proceedings under the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme. Local government associations may also be eligible for assistance under the Native Title Officer Funding scheme. Both schemes are administered by the Attorney-General's Department, in accordance with section 213A of the *Native Title Act 1993* and the *Native Title (Assistance from Attorney-General) Guidelines 2012*. Information about how to seek assistance under these schemes is available on the department's website: www.ag.gov.au.

The National Native Title Tribunal can also provide training and information on native title for stakeholders, including local governments. Further information is available on the Tribunal's website: <http://www.nntt.gov.au/assistance/Pages/Provide-tailored-information-Training-Workshops-Presentations.aspx>.

The responsible adviser for this matter in this Office is Jules Moxon, who can be contacted on 02 6277 7300.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Attorney-General's attention

Yours sincerely

Liam Brennan
Chief of Staff

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