

Resume of Francis Charles Edwards

Aboriginal Mediator/ Conciliator / Law student / Trainer & Assessor

Objective

To provide optimum and culturally appropriate independent services in Alternative Dispute Resolution across a number of jurisdictions, especially disputes involving Aboriginal peoples.

Capacity

Registered for tax purposes under the name Thurrili Investments ABN 23 709 051 303, with Professional Indemnity insurance cover by Aon Risk Solutions, and having association with LEADR under whom complaint-handling accountabilities apply.

Aboriginality

I am an Aboriginal man of the Gamilaraay Nation that spans much of north-west NSW and south-west Queensland. I identify as Aboriginal and am fully accepted by my home communities of Tingha and Boggabilla/Toomelah, as well as my local community in western Sydney where I am a full voting member of the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal land Council.

Qualifications

Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

Current law student at Southern Cross University, Lismore NSW.

Current student with Institute of Family Practice, Parramatta NSW.

ADR experience

Ministerial Appointee under Attorney General of NSW as a community mediator and conflict manager mediating in disputes referred by the local courts or requested by community persons

Registration as Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner with the Attorney General of Australia

Panel member of Family Dispute Resolution program with Legal Aid NSW

Panel member of Care & Protection Pilot Mediation Program with Legal Aid NSW

Panel member of "Right People for Country" Project with Victorian Department of Aboriginal Affairs

Associations

National Accreditation under Community Justice Centres of NSW as a Mediator

LEADR Membership

Public Service Agencies employment history

Australian Taxation Office; NSW Police Service; Department of Juvenile Justice; Attorney General's Department of NSW; Department of Families and Communities NSW

Contract work

Delivery of Cert IV Business (Governance) qualification to Aboriginal Board Members across NSW

Delivery of the "Community, Land & Business Plan" training program to various Local Aboriginal Land Councils under a contract with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council

Referees

Bill Pritchard, CEO of AbSEC NSW – Telephone (02) 9559-5299 / 0408-888-698

Sally Smith, Project Manager, Right People for Country project, Department of Aboriginal Affairs Melbourne – Telephone (03) 9208-3580

Sally Lord, Manager, Family Dispute Resolution Services, Legal Aid NSW, (02) 9219-5843