



RMJ Consultancy Capability Statement

What Does RMJ Consultancy Provide?

RMJ Consultancy provides the premier, independent, culturally appropriate meeting facilitation for all matters related to native title, cultural heritage, PBC governance and land rights (NSW).

Who Is RMJ Consultancy?

RMJ Consultancy was established by Rhonda M Jacobsen (**Jake**), a Ngempa and Kamilaroi woman (NSW) and practised in *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) law from 2000 to 2002 and as a native title solicitor from 2002 to 2024.

How Can RMJ Consultancy Assist You?

If you, or your native title client group, would benefit from a meeting facilitator that is:

- Independent;
- Indigenous;
- with expertise in native title (specialising in future acts);

to assist the meeting participants arrive at an informed, culturally appropriate decision making process and decision, then RMJ Consultancy may be a fit for you.

Principal Consultant

I am Rhonda M Jacobsen (**Jake**), a Ngempa and Kamilaroi woman born in Gulargambone, raised mostly in Sydney and the Riverina region in NSW.

After many years in the federal government, including management positions, I chose to study law as a 'mature age' student in the early 1990's. I initially specialised in telecommunications law but eventually became a native title solicitor in NSW then Qld from 2002 until 2024.

From 2005, I specialised in future acts, then later in PBC governance. I recognise the depth of the cultural, political, environmental and academic positioning of Indigenous Australians in native title.

On a regular basis, native title groups are faced with navigating through the decisions they need to make, often in a situation of structural power, respect and recognition imbalance.



RMJ Consultancy provides independent meeting facilitation services to assist native title groups, and their advisors, be satisfied that the decision-making process has been to the highest standard in meeting cultural imperatives and legal requirements.

Relevant Native Title Education and Work

Education

1998: Bachelor of Arts (**BA**) and Bachelor of Laws (**LLB**), University of NSW

2005: Masters of Law and Policy (**LLM**), Centre for Energy, Petroleum and Mineral Law and Policy (CEPMLP), Dundee (Scotland)

Work

2000 – 2002: Paralegal, Aboriginal Land Rights Unit, NSW Aboriginal Land Council (**NSWALC**)

2002 – 2004: Solicitor, claims and future acts, NSW Native Title Services (**NSWNTS**)

2006 – 2008: Manager, Future Acts Unit, NTS Corp (formally NSWNTS)

2008-2016: Manager, Future Acts Mining and Exploration (FAME) Unit, North Queensland Land Council (**NQLC**)

2016 – 2024: Manager Engagement and Development Support Team, comprising the Future Acts Mining and Exploration Unit and the PBC Support Unit, NQLC

2016 – 2022: Acting CEO (various periods), NQLC

2022 – 2023: Interim CEO, NQLC

Other

1997-2002: Founding member and Inaugural President, Ngalaya Lawyers Aboriginal Corporation

2008-2010: Acting Commissioner, Land and Environment Court, NSW

2013-2014: Member Multi Stakeholder Group, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, representing the National Native Title Council

2019-2024: Director, National Native Title Council

