



FEDERAL COURT  
OF AUSTRALIA



PRACTITIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
THE COURT'S

# 2025 Native Title Forum

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Friday, 31 January 2025  
10 am to 3.30 pm (AEST)

In person at Brisbane (Court 1, Level 7)  
and  
Livestreamed nationally

Morning tea and lunch provided

See program below

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RSVP by Thursday, 23 January 2025

**Click here** to register your in-person attendance at the  
Brisbane Registry or for online viewing

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cannot attend on the day

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# Native Title Forum

## 31 January 2025

### PROGRAM

#### Introduction

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10:00am – 10:15am (AEST) **Welcome and Introductions**

Justice Rangiah

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#### Morning Sessions

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10:15am – 11:15am (AEST) **Indigenous land rights and native title: past, present and future**

The Honourable John Mansfield AM KC

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11:15am – 11:30am (AEST) Morning Tea – Break

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11:30am – 1:00pm (AEST) **Challenges, innovations and solutions in the native title system**

Moderator and introductory comments: Justice Longbottom

Panel Members:

- Nicola Colbran, National Judicial Registrar – Native Title & District Registrar South Australia and Northern Territory
- Rachel Kerrigan, Branch Manager, Land and Native Title Branch, National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Susan Walsh, Principal Legal Officer, Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council
- Carla Klease, Barrister, Higgins Chambers
- Richard Abraham, Special Counsel, MinterEllison

Discussion and contributions from audience

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1:00pm – 2:00pm (AEST) Lunch – Break

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#### Afternoon Sessions

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2:00pm – 3:30pm (AEST) Introductory comments: Justice Collier

**Conflicts between lawyers and anthropologists in native title law**

Dr David Martin, Consultant Anthropologist, Anthropos Consulting Services

**The mistakes lawyers make in briefing expert witnesses**

- Ms Wendy Asche, Anthropology Manager, Northern Land Council
  - Joshua Creamer, Barrister
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3:30 pm (AEST)

**Closing remarks**

Justice Rangiah

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