



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

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Chair
Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee
Parliament House
Macquarie Street
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Dear Mr O'Dea,

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Audit Report. I noted your commendation on the actions taken by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council to improve the sustainability, governance and performance of Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

I note the request for further information in relation to the implementation of recommendations from the Sustainability Discussion Paper. At this stage, the Council are working through the issues in relation to the recommendations in the discussion paper. There is more work to be completed to ensure that the sustainability of the Aboriginal Land Rights Network is achieved over the coming years.

I would like to bring to your attention the following actions that the Council will be undertaking and participating in over the next 12 months in relation to sustainability of the Aboriginal Land Rights Network.

1. Participating in and contributing to the Review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983)*;
2. Participating as a member of the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs;
3. Conducting workshops with Local Aboriginal Land Councils on sustainability of the network and the review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983)*;
4. Continuing discussion and affecting change in relation to sustainability, governance and performance of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

As you would appreciate, the various reviews, meetings and ongoing discussions will ensure that the sustainability of the Aboriginal Land Rights Network will occur.

I propose to provide further information in relation to the sustainability of the Aboriginal Land Rights Network after the completion of the Review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1983)* and the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me on 02 9689 4444.

Yours sincerely,

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