

Fact Sheet

Be Involved

The Land Justice Group is committed to involving all traditional owners in finding land justice solutions and are also very interested in what priority you wish to give to particular issues. The Steering Committee Framework discussions are a way for Victorian traditional owners to have direct input into State policy. The LJG would like to see two stages to traditional owners' input in this process.

The first stage is during the Steering Committee discussions before a Framework has been agreed. During this time we are seeking your input on the key issues. We have to do this in a way that respects the confidentiality of the Steering Committee discussions. We invite you to consider and provide feedback to us on the issues that the Land Justice Group first put on the table for the Government's consideration - outlined in the LJG's 'Framework Agreement Discussion Paper 26 August, 2006' www.landjustice.com.au. The second stage will come when the Steering Committee reaches agreement on a draft Framework. The Land Justice Group will be advocating for this draft framework to be put to the rest of the Victorian traditional owner community to hear your views.

Make sure we can stay in touch with you. Are you on our mailing list?

Contact **Mark Brett**, Secretariat if you would like to contact the LJG members. You can also talk to **Drew Berick** the Community Liaison Officer for the Land Justice Group.

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Why are Steering Committee negotiations confidential?

Developing this new Framework will require consideration and debate about difficult issues. The complexity of the issues, in terms of acknowledging the past and present situation and the aspirations for the future, will require creative thinking and frank and open discussions between the Steering Committee members. Privacy and confidentiality can help promote more honest discussion about concerns, interests and options. Confidentiality is a standard feature of mediation and other dispute resolution. The State, the Land Justice Group and NTSV have agreed to confidentiality. This means we cannot report on what is said at the Steering Committee meetings or publicly release any papers developed by the Steering Committee unless everyone in the Steering Committee agrees.

How can I get more information?

- You can contact any members of the Land Justice Group, particularly any of the five Steering Committee members and the secretariat.
- You can contact the CEO of NTSV or any of the lawyers working with you on your native title claim.
- We encourage you to attend your claim group meetings, at which LJG business is a regular agenda item.
- The Land Justice Group puts out regular newsletters so make sure you're on the mailing or emailing list. Contact Community Liaison Officer Drew Berick on freecall 1800 791 799 to be added.
- Visit our website www.landjustice.com.au

"That is where all the representatives of the Land Justice Group have to come into play of course to provide information or feedback, what is required, what they feel about the framework, what should go into the framework and all the rest of it"

Negotiator & LJG member Sandra Onus