



ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme

Use this form if you have not previously applied for assistance in relation to this matter under the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme.

1. Name and address of applicant (individual or organisation): _____

2. Applicant's solicitor's name: _____

3. Contact address: _____

4. Email: _____

5. Telephone: _____

6. Name of native title proceedings: _____

7. Are you a group representative of multiple applicants? (*Guidelines*, Div 8.1) Yes No

If yes, proceed to next question. If no, you must provide full details of your financial circumstances (annual income from all sources, total value of all assets and total balance of all savings/shares). You must **ATTACH** supporting documentation (e.g. all bank statements for the previous two months, last tax assessment notice, last annual financial statement etc) _____

8. Are you applying under s 213A(1), s 213A(2), or both? _____

9. At what stage is the inquiry, mediation, proceeding or negotiation? _____

10. Who are the parties to the inquiry, mediation, proceeding or negotiation? _____

11. What are the interests you are seeking to protect through participation in the inquiry, mediation, proceeding, or negotiation? _____

12. How will these interests be affected in a real and significant way by a determination of native title or absence of an agreement? _____

13. What is anticipated to happen in the proceedings during the coming six months?
(for example, level of activity allocated by the Court, date of next directions hearing, date/reason for anticipated meetings/mediation): _____

COST ESTIMATE

14. Based on your answer to Question 13, estimate your anticipated legal costs in relation to the proceedings for the next six months. Please note this scheme of assistance is akin to legal aid and commercial rates for legal costs are not payable. You must provide a breakdown of anticipated professional fees, travel disbursements and general disbursements with reference to the Federal Court Rules scale of costs.

PLEASE ATTACH AN ITEMISED BUDGET TO YOUR APPLICATION.

DECLARATION

I, _____ (applicant/solicitor/agent) declare that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I agree:

- that the Department may obtain information about the application/proceedings (including a legal opinion) from other government or industry bodies or from the applicant's solicitor
- that the Department may disclose information in the application or information obtained from the applicant to another applicant or government or industry body for the purposes of deciding whether to authorise assistance, and
- to adhere to the general terms and conditions of the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme if a grant of assistance is approved as a result of this application.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Please submit this application via email to finass@ag.gov.au. The Department does not require a hard copy. Please advise the Department on (02) 6141 4770 if you do not have access to email. Only complete applications will be accepted and processed. Your application will be deemed incomplete if:

- any of the above questions are not answered, or are only partially answered, and/or
- the required supporting documentation is not provided.