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Module AC: Is there a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) that covers the proposed dealing area?

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Introduction

Module AC requires you to consider whether there is a **registered** ILUA over the proposed dealing area which you have identified in **Module AA**.

Important: Even though QNTIME or the National Native Title Tribunal website indicates that an ILUA covers the proposed dealing area, the ILUA may or may not be relevant to the proposed dealing.

Application of module

Where you can satisfy Requirement 1 and Requirement 2, this module applies to your proposed dealing.

What is an ILUA?

An ILUA is a voluntary agreement about the use and management of an area of land or waters, made with one or more native title groups.

These ILUAs are registered with the National Native Title Tribunal.

The effect of registering the ILUA is that all native title holders for the ILUA area, as well as any other party to the ILUA, are bound by the agreement, even if some of the native title holders are not a party to the ILUA.

The terms and conditions of an ILUA will set out the effect of a particular dealing on native title.

To find out if an ILUA is registered, go to National Native Title Tribunal website.

Important: The ILUA only provides the authority to proceed with the proposed dealing in relation to native title. It does not remove the requirement of complying with the relevant State legislation authorising the dealing, e.g.

- Ms Farmer negotiates an ILUA with the Jacaranda People for the grant of a term lease under the Land Act 1994 for grazing purposes over an area of USL.
- Ms Farmer then approaches the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and advises she has addressed native title and should be granted a lease.
- There is no requirement for the State to give effect to the ILUA, as Ms Farmer has not been made any offer nor satisfied any of the requirements of the *Land Act 1994*.

The ILUA may also have certain conditions that must be observed or complied with (e.g. procedural rights or steps to follow) before the dealing can proceed.

Requirement 1: Registered ILUA that covers the proposed dealing area

- 1. If there is a registered ILUA that covers the proposed dealing area, go to Requirement 2.
- 2. If there is no registered ILUA that covers the proposed dealing area, go to Module AD.

Important: In some cases, a proposed dealing area may be covered by the external boundary of an ILUA but specifically excluded from the actual ILUA. E.g. an ILUA may specifically exclude any areas where native title has been extinguished.

Helpful tips

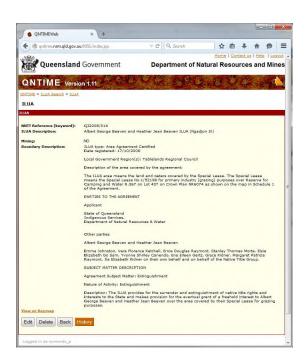
There are 2 ways to identify if a registered ILUA covers the proposed dealing area.

QNTIME Search

Identify your proposed dealing area on the QNTIME Keymap and carry out a native title window fill.

Native title window fill button

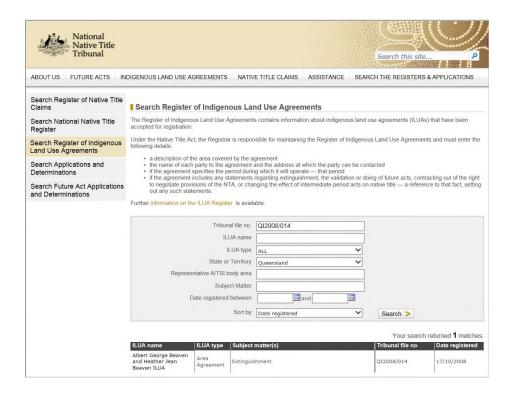




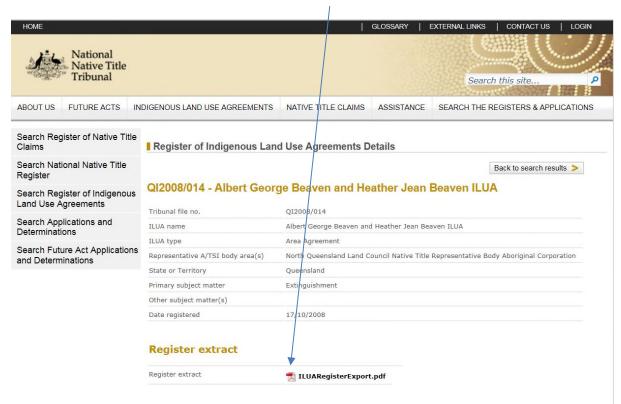
National Native Title Tribunal search

Whilst QNTIME makes all attempts to ensure the data it receives from the National Native Title Tribunal is uploaded as soon as possible, there may be instances when there is a delay in having the ILUA details entered into the system.

It is recommended that you also carry out a search on the National Native Title Tribunal website.



Click on the pdf document to bring up the Register Extract.



Native Title Vision, a web-based application which is provided by The National Native Title Tribunal, may also be utilised to ascertain basic information about the geographic extent or external boundary of an ILUA.

Requirement 2: Registered ILUA authorises the proposed dealing

The registered ILUA must evidence the consent of the native title party/ies to your proposed dealing/s to allow it to proceed validly with respect to native title. E.g.

- The proposed dealing is specifically described in the ILUA, e.g. the grant of an exploration permit to the ABC Mining Company; or
- The proposed dealing is within a class of acts described in the ILUA, e.g. the grant of exploration permits within the area covered by the ILUA over the next 5 years to various applicants.

Additionally, the registered ILUA may provide for certain steps to be followed before the doing of your proposed dealing, e.g.

- notice being sent to the native title parties X days prior to the act being done; or
- provision of a survey plan accurately showing the area to which the act applies.

If the ILUA does not authorise the proposed dealing, go to **Module AD**.

Helpful tips

Obtaining a copy of the registered ILUA

1. Register Extract

From the National Native Title Tribunal website, you can search the Register of ILUAs and obtain the Register Extract.

A Register Extract will generally provide you with a good indication of whether the registered ILUA is likely to be relevant to your proposed dealing. E.g. the proposed dealing area is covered by an ILUA with Ergon but the proposed dealing is the conversion of a pastoral lease. In this case, it is clear that the Ergon ILUA will have no bearing on your assessment.

2. ILUA

The applicant will need to provide a copy of the ILUA. In certain circumstances ATSILS may already have a copy of the ILUA, e.g. if the State was a party to the ILUA.

Where an applicant provides you with a copy of the ILUA, it is acceptable for any commercial in confidence clauses to be blacked out or removed.

QNTIME action

Where native title is to be surrendered under the terms of an ILUA, then at the point when native title is surrendered, e.g. immediately prior to the grant of freehold, a request should be made to have this surrender recorded in QNTIME.

Finalising your assessment

If all the requirements of Module AC are met, finalise your Native Title Assessment using Annexure 7.1.