

## ADC SEMINAR

# The complexities of a mammoth 26,000 Land Rights Claims in NSW; the role of ADR

The relationship between Land Rights and Native Title is legally complex and the volume of Land Rights Claims is staggering. ADR processes can dramatically decrease time delays, party costs and the crippling uncertainty felt by parties in many processes. How can Land Claims and Native Title issues be tackled using ADR mechanisms? How can mediators, arbitrators and representatives assist?

ADC welcomes two of Australia's leading specialists in this field; Helen Shurven, Member of the National Native Title Tribunal and Stephen Wright, Registrar of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, NSW who will be sharing their significant experience in discussing some key questions:

- What is the relevance of ADR principles to disputes involving Aboriginal parties?
- What mechanisms can be used to assist parties in agreement making?
- How do we overcome government's reliance on "consultation" with Aboriginal people by advocating for ADR practises?
- In the post-determination world the focus turns to ATSI bodies corporate; what ADR expertise might they need to operate effectively?
- How big is the need for Aboriginal mediators, conciliators and arbitrators?

Date: Monday, 23 May 2016

Time: 5.45 for 6.00pm

Where: Australian Disputes Centre,  
L16, 1 Castlereagh St, Sydney

Drinks: 7.00 – 7.30pm

Cost: ADC Alumni – \$40  
General – \$50



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**Helen Shurven**

**Member, National Native Title Tribunal**

Helen Shurven is one of four Members of the National Native Title Tribunal, appointed by the Governor General of Australia. Helen is an accredited mediator under the Australian National Mediation Standards and has conducted hundreds of hours of face to face and telephone mediation in native title matters. She has made over 300 arbitral decisions under the Native Title Act 1993.



**Stephen Wright**

**Registrar – Aboriginal Land Rights Act**

Stephen Wright has held the office of Registrar since 2002. He is a graduate in politics and law from Macquarie University and before entering public service he worked for the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council prosecuting the cause of land rights under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. The Registrar has functions to mediate, conciliate and arbitrate disputes arising under the ALRA

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