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Land Access and Aboriginal Engagement

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Introduction

DMIRS has committed to deliver better outcomes for the Indigenous people in Western Australia.

We are attempting to achieve this by implementing DMIRS:

- Aboriginal Engagement Strategy
 - Aboriginal Employment program
 - Aboriginal Empowerment Initiative

The Aboriginal Engagement Strategy for GSWA is based on the principle of Free, Informed and Prior consent.

Free, Informed and Prior Consent

Article 32 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.
2. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
3. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

GSWA Engagement and Consultation

GSWA conducts various geological survey activities throughout Western Australia, such as field mapping, sampling, airborne and ground-based geophysical surveys to name but a few.

When engaging with the Native Title groups or Prescribed Body Corporations (PBC's) we have enhanced our notification practices to create a more informative and a less technical approach.

This has been achieved by providing:

- More appropriate, clear maps and data
- More information about how the fieldwork will be conducted



Native Title claim group (for an unclaimed area of land) lodges the Native Title claimant application with the Federal court, after extensive research being conducted by the Native Title rep body on behalf of the claimant group.



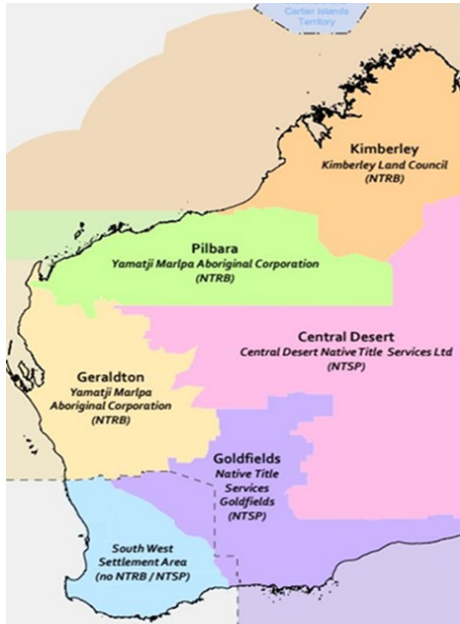
When and if the claim is registered, the group have certain procedural rights including the right to negotiate, once registered.



Following extensive consultation between the Claimant group the Native Title rep body and the Federal court a Determination of claimed lands and waters can then either be litigated or a consent determination maybe reached.



Once determined a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) would then be formed by the group which holds the native title. The Native Title Act (NTA) and PBC Regulations require that native title holders establish a PBC to hold and manage (as a trustee), or manage (as an agent) their native title interests, and register the PBC under the CATSI Act (s. 56(2)(a)(i), NTA).

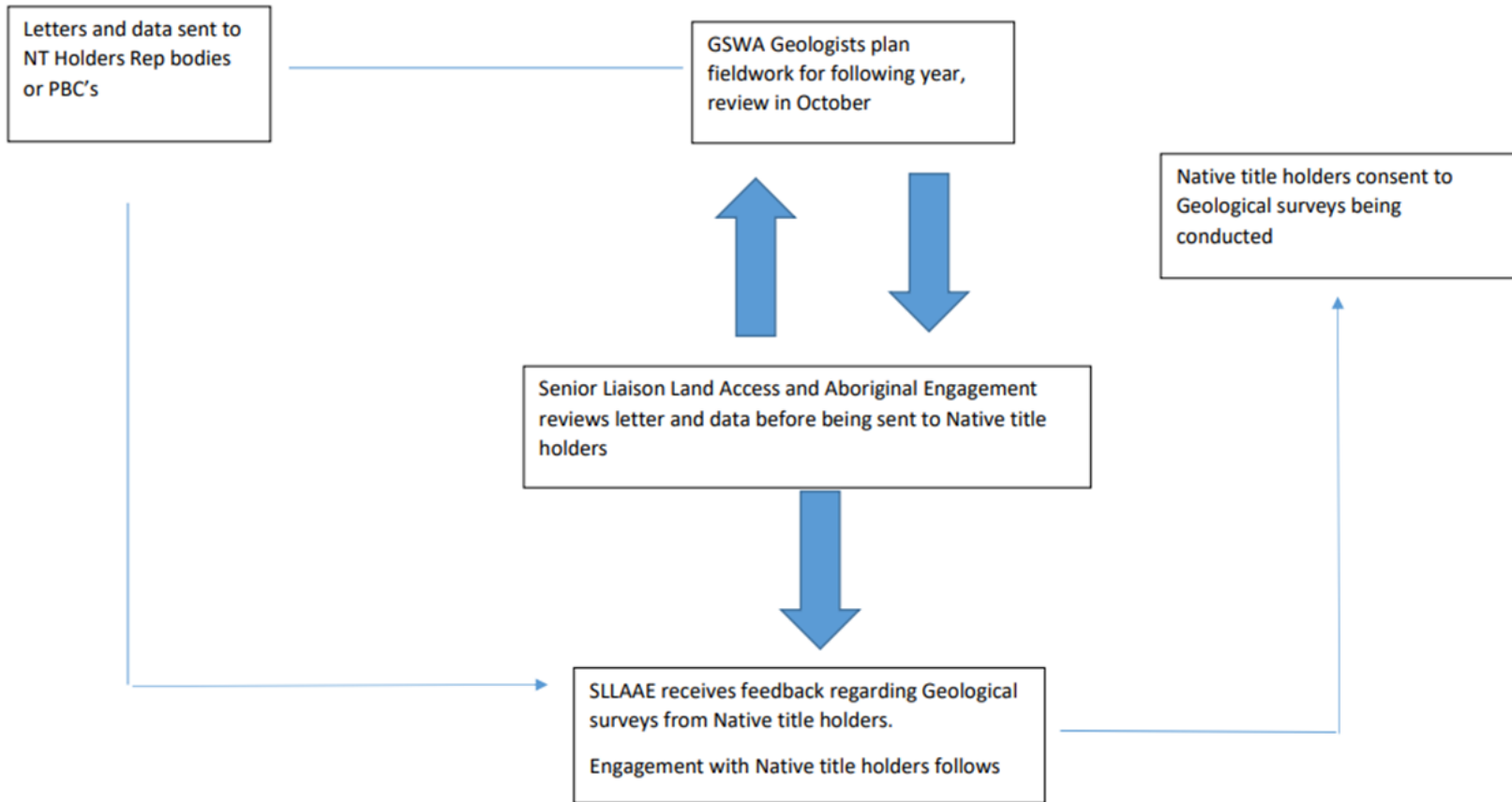


Aboriginal Engagement

In consulting with the Native Title groups (Representative bodies) and PBC's we seek to achieve a long lead in time with our survey notifications so the groups have ample time to access the proposed activity.

Our engagement process is designed to achieve the following outcomes:

- Build strong relationships with our Indigenous partners
- Create an environment for open and honest communication
- Identify possible employment/business opportunities that may arise from the GSWA activities
- Provide feedback about the survey results and
- Listen to any feedback about how the survey was conducted and to improve future activities.



From Step 4 – requiring further consultation

