

Seed Bank Accountability for Indigenous Knowledge

An institutional performance issue?

Dr. Mark Shephard

UNE Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Law

A problem

How to effectively administer
responsibility and demonstrate
performance?

Dr. Mark Shephard

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law



Performance Management

(1) Operating Protocol

(2) Trust Agreement

(3) Administration and
Enforcement

Dr. Mark Shephard

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law

Collection

Biological sample + data (IK)

Attribution to institution

Functional v Sensitive Knowledge

Dr. Mark Shephard

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law

Trust Declaration – Realising the nature of knowledge and responsibility

(Martin & Jeffery 2007 Knowledge Trust, 11 NZ J Env't L 1)

(i.) Description of knowledge

(ii.) Use

(iii.) Restrictions

(iv.) Benefit sharing

Dr. Mark Shephard

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law

Supporting Improved Accountability

What is it you need to know?

Underpinning the institutional
social licence of a seed bank

Administration and
enforcement process

Dr. Mark Shephard

Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law

Supporting Improved Accountability: Fraught with Complexity

