

Indigenous Knowledge Forum

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In June 2014 members of the Indigenous Knowledge Forum working party visited Aboriginal Communities in the north-west of NSW to consult on the draft legislation prepared by the working party. The draft legislation is entitled *Recognising and Protecting Indigenous Knowledge associated with Natural Resource Management*. This consultation process was the commencement of the third stage of our research project funded by North West Local Land Services (NSW) (formerly Namoi Catchment Management Authority). Details of the project were reported in Newsletter No. 4 and Working Party process has been provided in subsequent newsletters.

The consultation was based on a discussion paper created through the work of the working party and is available under the Announcements tab on the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website. The outcomes of the consultation process will be incorporated into a White Paper to be delivered to government. While the White Paper was expected to be finalised by September 2014 that deadline has been extended to allow for consultation with Aboriginal Communities that we were unable to meet with during our first round of consultation.

Second Indigenous Knowledge Forum (IKF2)

Due to the extension of the consultation process in the Project, IKF2 will now take place 2-3 October 2014 at UTS Haymarket Campus. Further details of the forum will be made available on the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website shortly. Meanwhile a key theme of the Forum is *Comparative Systems for Recognising and Protecting Indigenous Knowledge and Culture*.

IKF2 will bring together key speakers from around the globe representing those nations with either existing legal frameworks or nations in the midst of developing such regimes for the protection of Indigenous knowledge and culture. Dialogue, discussion and information exchange will be facilitated bringing together government officials, decision makers, scholars, and especially Indigenous and local peoples' representatives, providing an opportunity to discuss the details of the White Paper to be presented at the Forum.

We also welcome the [submission of abstracts for papers](#) to be presented at the forum that address the key theme and/or the elements of such systems of recognition and protection.

Visiting scholar

The proposed visit to the University of Queensland and UTS from late July 2014 by Manuel Ruiz Muller from Peru has been delayed due to ill health. Manuel is the Director and Principal Researcher of the International

Affairs and Biodiversity Program, Peruvian Society for Environmental Law. He is actively involved in the process to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) at national, regional and international levels. We hope that Manuel will have recovered and be able to join us as a keynote speaker at IKF2.

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If you would like to follow the progress of our research or learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Forum you can do so at: www.indigenousknowledgeforum.org

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