

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.

The consultation was based on a discussion paper available under the Announcements tab on the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website which was created through the work of the working party. 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.

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.

IKF2

Due to the extension of the consultation process IKF2 will now take place 2-3 October 2014 at UTS. We hope that Manuel Ruiz Muller will have recovered and be able to join us as a keynote speaker. Further details of the forum will be made available on the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website shortly.

Contact

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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