

Indigenous Law Centre (ILC)

The ILC is the only Indigenous law research centre in Australia. Established in 1981, the ILC is an integral part of the life of the Faculty of Law at UNSW Australia (The University of New South Wales).

The ILC contributes to the recognition, protection and development of the legal rights and freedoms of Indigenous peoples both in Australia and internationally. The Centre achieves this by conducting and disseminating innovative and high quality research on Indigenous legal issues and through community legal education on issues of particular significance.

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Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII)

AustLII provides an online free-access public library for Australasian legal materials. AustLII is Australia's most popular legal website, and averages over 700,000 hits per day. AustLII was established in 1995 as a joint facility of the UNSW Australia and University of Technology Sydney (UTS) Faculties of Law.

AustLII engages in innovative research in the development of legal information systems, the operation of public free-access legal research facilities, and education in legal research techniques and infrastructure.

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Warnings

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are advised that the **Indigenous Law Resources database** may contain names or images of deceased persons. Users are also reminded that material contained in the database reflects the attitudes and views of the time in which the documents were produced. Some language may be considered offensive and unacceptable by contemporary standards.

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If you would like to provide material for digitisation and inclusion in the database, please contact us at indigenoulawlib@austlii.edu.au



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A new, free-access collection
of Indigenous Legal Resources

Indigenous Law Resources Database

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What is the Indigenous Law Resources database?

The Indigenous Law Resources database is a free-access, online collection of important legal materials relating to Indigenous issues.

The database is the result of a joint project of the Indigenous Law Centre (ILC) and the Australasian Legal Information Institute (AustLII). The new database is hosted on AustLII's website and can be accessed at:

www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/IndigLRes

Why is this database important?

Indigenous research and perspectives are still often neglected in mainstream library collections.

A priority was to collate and digitise rare, vulnerable and hard to access key materials, drawing upon personal collections, key agencies and specialist libraries.

The majority of documents in the Indigenous Law Resources database are materials that have been made available online for the first time.

All documents in the database are full-text searchable and are available in various formats (HTML, Word, PDF). Just like the other databases available on AustLII, those documents that are available in HTML format include hyperlinks to other legal resources on AustLII, meaning that users can access the legislation, cases or journal articles mentioned in any one of the documents with one simple click.

What is available in the Indigenous Law Resources database?

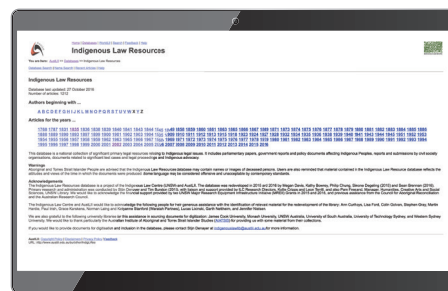
As at November 2016, the database contains more than 1,200 documents, dating from 1768 to 2016. It includes parliamentary papers, government reports, policy documents and other legal material related to important litigation. Also included is a significant collection of documents related to Indigenous civil society and representative organisations.

Thematic areas covered include:

- **Violence against Indigenous people**
Approximately 60 documents relating to 19th century laws and policies affecting Indigenous people in the 'killing times' and early 'protection' eras, including previously undigitised materials
- **Indigenous land justice**
More than 200 key documents relating to land rights and native title
- **Indigenous representation**
Including a comprehensive collection (approx. 260 documents) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) annual reports, speeches and other documents
- **Cultural heritage**
More than 60 reports and policy documents

- **Treaty or makarrata**
Around 45 significant papers, presentations, reports and speeches
- **The struggle against discrimination**
Including a collection of significant pastoral and industrial award cases and previously undigitised civil society reports (approx. 100 documents)
- **Intellectual property**
A substantial collection (190 documents) of materials relating to a number of significant court cases on the appropriation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art and culture, from the personal collection of Colin Golvan QC
- **Deaths in custody**
Including previously unpublished materials (around 50 documents) from the collection of Hal Wootten AC QC relating to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
- **Indigenous advocacy**
Including an important collection of rare and vulnerable Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI) documents, now available online for the first time (approx. 80 documents)

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