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7th Annual QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum

Native Title and Tourism – odd couple or dynamic duo?



Through Native Title, we drive the achievement of Indigenous self-determination to redress the past, strengthen the present and empower the future



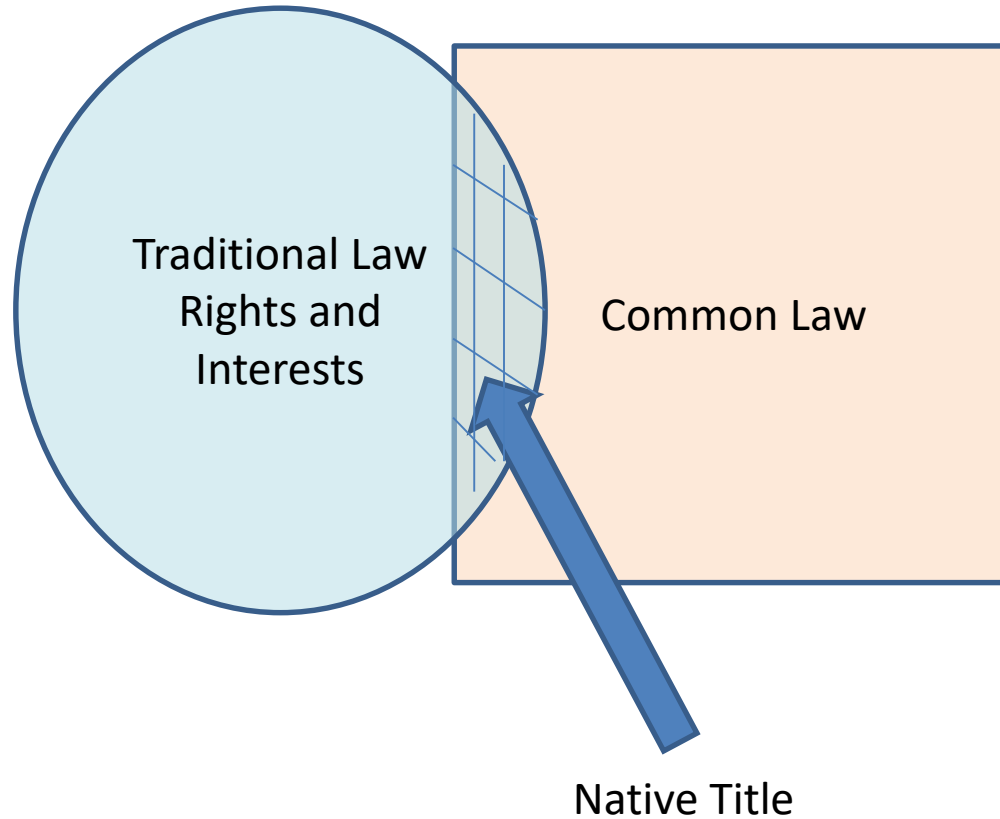
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Overview

- Native title (what, how and where)
- Indigenous Estate (native title, cultural heritage, intellectual property)
- Aspirations and challenges
- Tourism Opportunities
- Native title as an 'organising principle' and the SEQ Indigenous Tourism Initiative

Native title is legal recognition:



How is native title proved

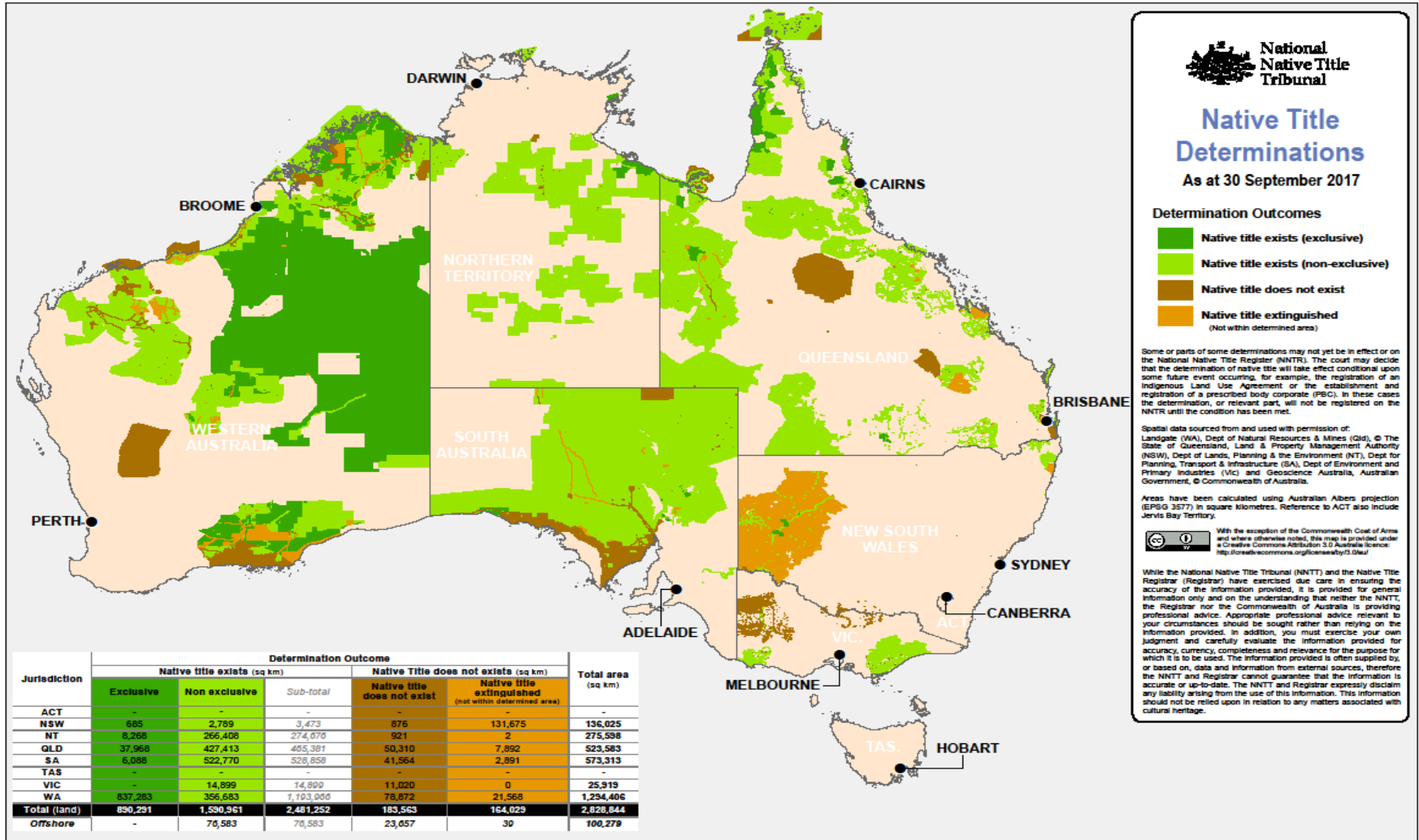


Yorta Yorta Principles:

- People, laws and customs
- Rights and interests only to land and waters
- Continuity of connection
- Permissible adaption
- Native title claimants bear the burden of proof

Where is native title recognised – NTDA determinations: National and State

National	QLD	NSW	NT	SA	VIC	WA
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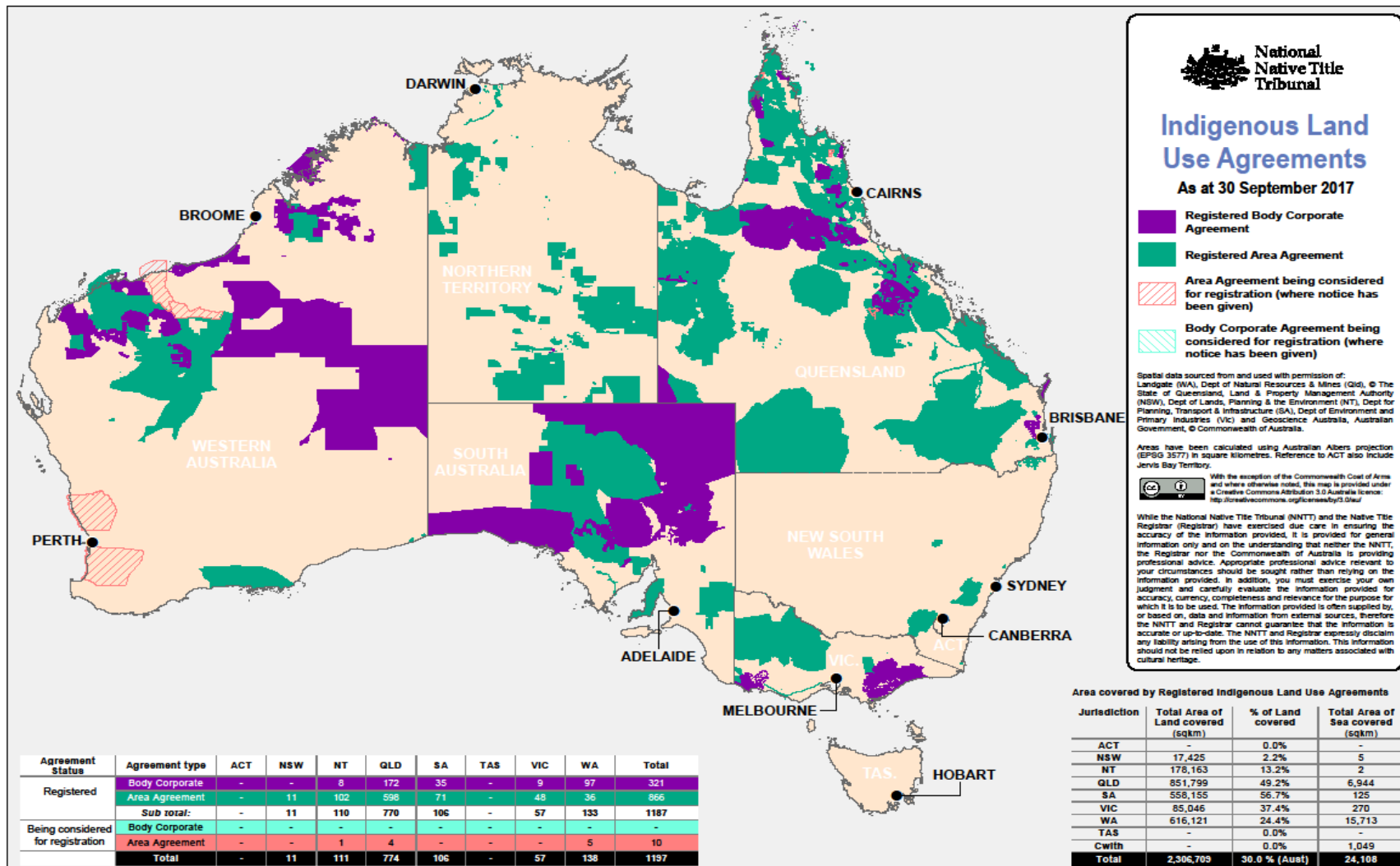
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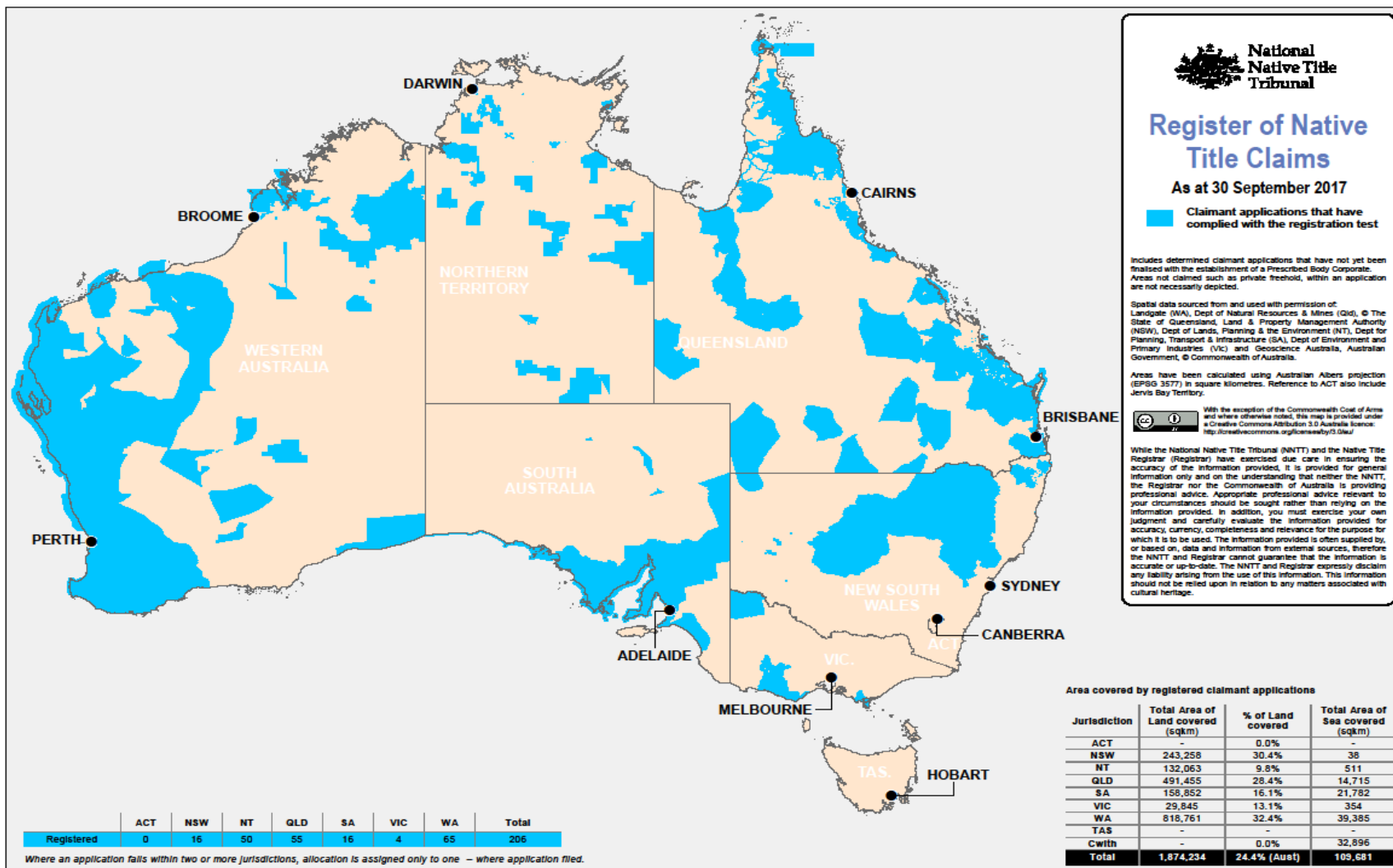
Where is native title recognised – Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs): National and State

National	QLD	NSW	NT	SA	VIC	WA
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Where is native title recognised – Current Applications: National and State

National	QLD	NSW	NT	SA	VIC	WA
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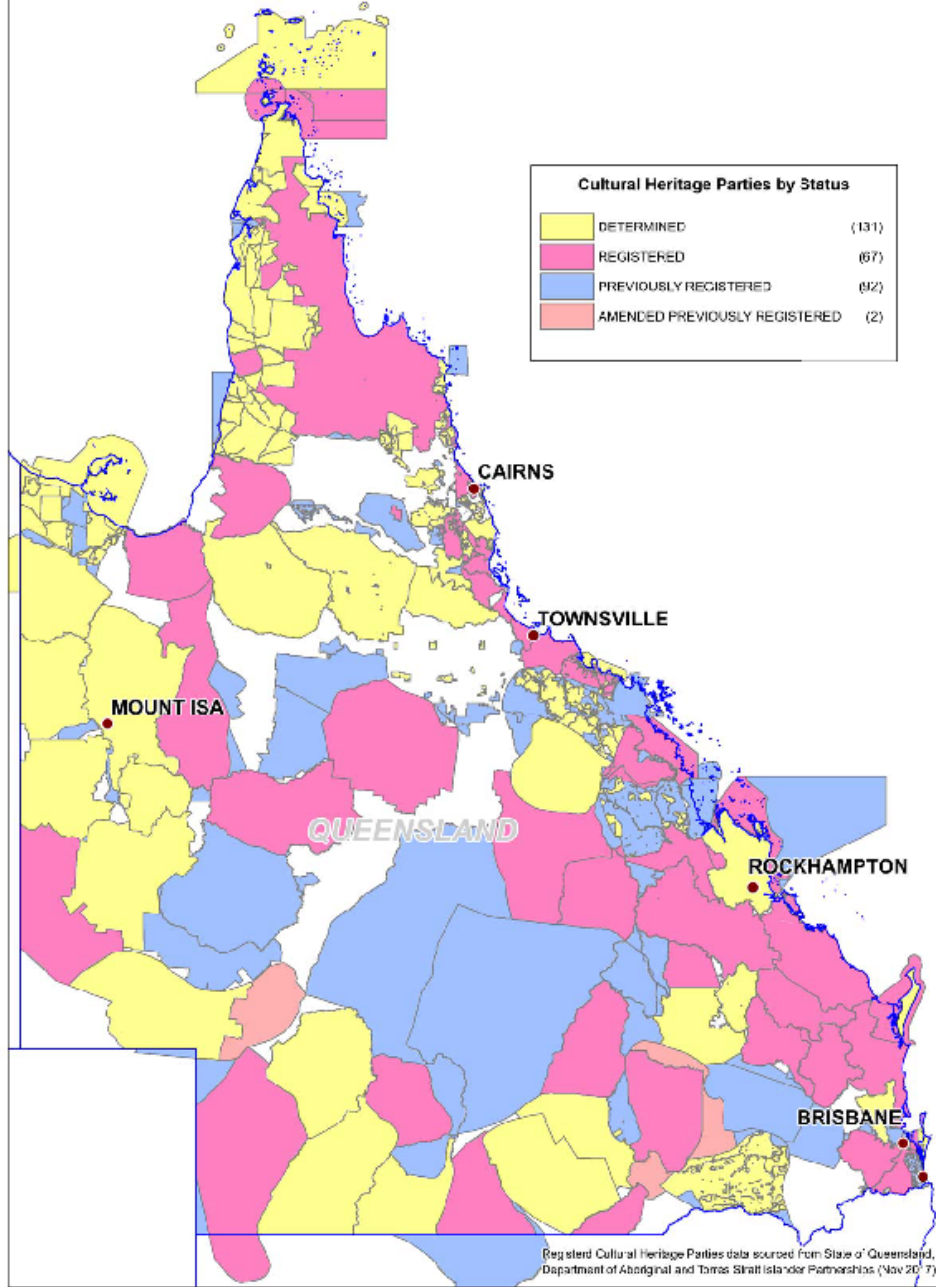


Observations on statistics:

- Reached a tipping point (more determinations than claims)
- The number of prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs) will increase
- The next phase after recognition – management and leverage
- Familiarity with ILUAs as legal mechanism to 'get business done'

Indigenous Estate

- Native title (determinations, ILUAs, future act agreements)
- Cultural Heritage
- Intellectual / cultural property
- Intersection with Planning Act and planning schemes
- Reconciliation Action Plans



Registered Cultural Heritage Parties data sourced from State of Queensland, Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (Nov 2017).

Traditional Owner Aspirations:

- Protect and promote
- Self-determination – taking control of Indigenous Estate
- Managing and leveraging native title
- Native title groups regularly identify Indigenous tourism as potential economic development opportunity
- In remote and regional areas – part of a diversification strategy
- In urban areas – viable alternative to extractive industries

Challenges

- Collective Vs Individual
- Relationships: Inter and Intra Indigenous; Traditional and Residential
- Transitioning from recognition to management / leverage phases
- Transition from Extractive industry-centric
- PBC capacity

Tourism Opportunities

- Good fit with protection and promotion priorities
- Culture as an asset
- Authenticity
- Accreditation is a 'two-way street'
- Partnering / Mentoring / Joint Ventures
- Supply Chain

Native title as an 'organising principle'

- Cultural and legal legitimacy
- 25 years of native title – familiarity with processes, negotiation skills, portable to mainstream activities;
- Repurposing connection reports
- Leverage regional networks of PBCs and cultural ties with 'Neighbours'

South East Queensland Indigenous Tourism Initiative

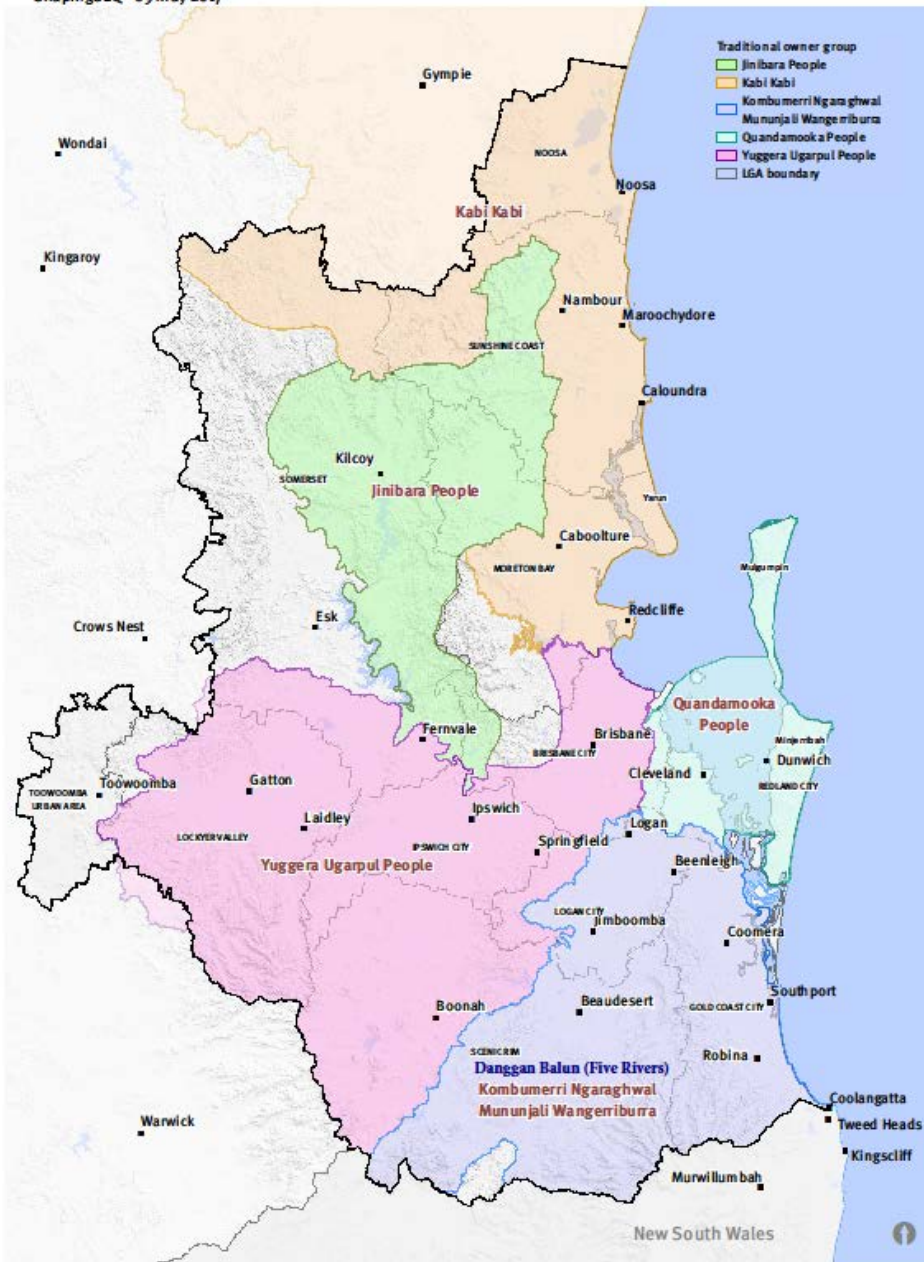
- **Drivers** – critical mass of determinations/claims; major projects; ShapingSEQ regional plan; transitioning from reliance on extractive industry; established tourism footprint;
- **Partners** – QSNTS, QYAC, QTIC, UQ/Griffith, IBA, ILC, DTESB, Blue Sky
- **Composition** – strong traditional owner cultures and interrelationships; SEQ native title holders/claimants
- **Strategy** – bottom-up approach; overarching regional strategy composed of sub-regional strategies
- **Structure** – an umbrella organisation comprised of SEQ PBCs/Traditional Owner corporations
- **Programmes** – focus on advocacy, partnerships, influencing the tourism operating environment



South East Queensland Region

Traditional Owner Groups in SEQ

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