

What we want to discuss with you

1. Transfer of native title functions from TSRA to GBK
2. Transfer of native title files from TSRA to GBK and what authority to transfer is required
3. The services that TSRA and GBK will provide after the transition



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1. Transfer of native title functions from TSRA to GBK

- On 30 June 2022 the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) stops being a native title representative body (NTRB).
- From 1 July 2022 Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council (GBK) will be the native title service provider (NTSP) for Torres Strait.





2. Transfer of files from TSRA to GBK

- Since 1996,TSRA has created files for each native title group it represented
- The files hold all their native title documents.
- TSRA has sent all files for scanning (to make **electronic copies**).
- TSRA wants to hand over **these electronic copies** to GBK.
- We seek each PBC's authority to hand over the **electronic copies**.
- TSRA will hold on to the **hard copies** because of obligations under the National Archives Act.

3. The services after 1 July 2022

TSRA

- The TSRA will **continue to provide programmes** for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people in the TS following the transition:
 - Economic Development
 - Environmental Management
 - Fisheries
 - Healthy Communities
 - Regional Infrastructure
 - Safe Communities
 - Culture, Arts and Heritage
 - Governance and Leadership
- TSRA will also continue to **provide support for PBCs** to engage in environmental projects and create economic development opportunities.
- The NTO will close.



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3. The services after 1 July 2022

GBK

GBK will **perform all native title functions** under the Native Title Act including:

- facilitation and assistance
- certification
- dispute resolution
- notification
- agreement making.



GBK will continue to **support the 5 active native title claims** in our region:

- Badulgal, Mualgal & Kaurareg Peoples (Warral & Ului)
- Torres Strait Regional Sea Claim Part B
- Kaurareg People #1, # 2 and #3

