New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council

FACT Sheet

4 APPLICATION TO NSWALC FOR APPROVAL

After Local Aboriginal Land Councils (**LALCs**) have held their land dealing meeting and passed the relevant resolution(s), they should apply to NSWALC for approval of the land dealing using the Application for Approval for a Dealing with Land on NSWALC's website and provide all relevant information to the Commercial Team of NSWALC, including:

- the Application for Approval of a Dealing with Land properly completed, signed and dated;
- payment of the application fee ($250). This is not payable if the land dealing consists of **only** a development application;
- a copy of a title search for all relevant properties;
- a valuation report valuing the land dealing for the particular purpose (e.g. market value for sale purposes, market rental for lease purposes or "before" and "after" valuation to determine compensation for a grant of easement);
- a copy of the meeting notice (including the name of the newspaper the advertised meeting notice appeared in and the date of circulation, or proof of when the notice was posted/given to members) (see **Fact Sheet 2** for further information);
- properly signed minutes of the meeting;
- a copy of the resolution(s) passed (see **Fact Sheet 3** for further information);
- a copy of the signed and legible attendance sheet;
- a copy of the membership roll current as at the meeting date;
- a copy of the community land and business plan; and
- a copy of any relevant documents tabled or presented at the meeting.

Please note that:

- NSWALC may request further information from LALCs in order to properly assess a Land Dealing Application. The additional information NSWALC may request will vary depending on the land dealing activity proposed by the LALC. Some examples are:
  - For a large-scale property development project NSWALC may request copies of project feasibility studies and information relative to the inputs to the feasibility studies, construction contracts and consultant contracts;
  - For an easement NSWALC may request a copy of the proposed plan of easement.

  Note: these examples do not cover all documents likely to be required by NSWALC in support of a land dealing application. Should LALCs have doubt as to the information to be included in an application, the LALC should contact the Commercial Team for clarification.
- LALC land dealings need to be approved by the Council of NSWALC. The Council of NSWALC meets approximately every 4-6 weeks. Therefore, a LALC's land dealing application may take some weeks to receive NSWALC approval. Any LALC land dealing that is not approved by NSWALC is void and unenforceable (see section 42C of the ALRA).

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