

16 December 2018

Australian Government  
Attorney-General's Department  
4 National Circuit  
BARTON ACT 2600

To whom it may concern,

**RE: Concerns regarding proposed *Exposure Draft Native Title Reform*.**

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) is the peak industry body for tourism in Queensland, acting as the "voice of tourism" and representing the interests of the tourism and hospitality industry across the state. QTIC is an independent, membership-based tourism industry organisation. The tourism industry in Queensland contributed \$25 billion to Queensland's Gross State Product (GSP), representing 7.8% of total GSP, year ending June 2017. Generating \$62 million a day in overnight visitor expenditure across the state, tourism is a key driver of the Queensland economy.

QTIC was recently made aware of the proposed *Exposure Draft Native Title Reform*, in particular in relation to 47C - National parks etc. covered by native title applications. Concerns have been raised by our members regarding the influence and impact of this change on existing commercial operations within National Parks. Such changes create uncertainty for existing operations and could have significant impact on the tourism industry.

Whilst we acknowledge that we have missed the formal submission deadline regarding this matter, we had not been made aware of this issue either. We would suggest that tourism operations are potentially significantly impacted by the proposed new provisions and we urge you to consider this in your further deliberation. QTIC is supportive of the rights of Native Title holders to enjoy those rights. However, we also support the rights of all to do business and all who will potentially be affected by these amendments to have security and certainty.

Kind Regards,



Daniel Gschwind  
Chief Executive

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