



Northern Land Council

Research/Survey Permit Application

July 2013-current

THE purpose of this document is to provide guidelines for and ask questions of researchers and their teams who wish to enter and remain on Aboriginal Land, or sea adjoining Aboriginal Land, to conduct research or surveys.

Please answer the questions in detail and provide information as outlined below. The information/project brief you provide will be presented to relevant traditional landowners and the resulting directions from these landowners will be conveyed back to the researcher.

- **1. Names of research institution, research partners and/or Indigenous partners**
 - a) Please provide names and contact details;
 - b) Please provide details and a copy of any relevant approvals from the applicant's research institute, e.g. ethics committee approval, etc.

- **2. Nature of the research proposal**
 - a) Briefly outline the objectives of the research;
 - b) Is the research proposal undertaken in cooperation with traditional owners? If so, who? (Please attach a letter of support);
 - c) Attach a map showing detailed locations (co-ordinates preferred) of study area and/or sample sites for the proposed research.

- **3. Project methodology**

Please include a detailed outline of the project methodology including:

 - a) A list of dates and times when access is required for fieldwork;
 - b) Indicate the number and types of vehicles, plant and equipment to be used;
 - c) Is any follow up work expected? If so, when? (approximate dates)

- **4. Funding and support for the project**
 - a) How is the project to be funded? Include a list of all organisations and individuals that are funding the project, or providing non-financial support for the project, and the nature of that contribution;
 - b) Are there any conditions attached to the project funding agreements which purport to assign intellectual property or other ownership of material/research outcomes? If so, what?

- **5. Benefits to the Traditional Owners**
 - a) If traditional owners are not partners in, or beneficiaries of, the research, how will they be compensated for the use of their land, waters, knowledge and/or services?
 - b) Will there be opportunities for traditional owners to participate in the research program? e.g. as informants, workers, guides;



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c) Indicate how you will involve traditional owners in the research, should they wish to participate.

- **6. Personnel**

- a) Include a list of the names and positions of all people requiring access to the study area;
- b) Include the approximate dates when each of these people requires access.

- **7. Publication**

- a) A report of the project, together with any other reports or results arising from the project, whether published or unpublished, will be required by the NLC and traditional owners. The NLC generally expects researchers agree to provide a free copy of any report, thesis, article or book, etc. to the NLC library;
- b) To whom will the results be available if not published?
- c) Advise if it is proposed to make the results of the research available, in a manner readily understandable fashion, to the layperson or traditional owner.

- **8. Intellectual property**

- a) Will the project seek to utilise local indigenous knowledge? If so, what arrangements have been made to protect indigenous intellectual property?
- b) Where will ownership of indigenous intellectual property, including techniques used and developed, be vested?
- c) Does the research intend to utilise plants or wildlife, or their genetic materials? If so, what benefit sharing arrangements, between the researchers and traditional owners, are proposed for their use?

- **9. Proposals for minimising environmental impact**

- a) Outline the extent to which the research proposal may affect the physical environment within the research area;
- b) How are these effects, if any, to be ameliorated?
- c) Does the project involve the use of firearms, or poisons? If so how? (Please note that vehicle wash down prior to entry is required and when travelling from weed-infested areas to non-infested areas.)

- **10. Cultural issues**

- a) Is the applicant aware of the importance of culturally significant sites and country and has this been accounted for in the proposal? If so how?

Please fax through your finished application to the Permits Officer on (08) 8945 2633.