



Lawyers' likely questions for you about a future act matter

When you ask a lawyer to help you with a future act, he or she will ask you questions about your mob and about the effect of the future act on you. These are some of the questions they might ask:

What type of future act is it?

Where is the future act?

- What is important about that area for your mob?
 - Are there cultural heritage sites or areas there?
 - Do you use that country for hunting, fishing or other food gathering?
 - Do you collect other resources there, like ochre or wood?
- How far is it from where people live?
- How often do people go there, and how regularly?
- Who goes there? How many people go there? Why do they go there?

Generally about all future acts:

- What do you want to say about the future act?
- What effects does it have on country?
- What effects does it have on the exercise of your native title rights and interests?
- What effects does it have on your access to country?
- Can you think of any ways in which the future act could be changed to reduce its impact?

If the right to have an objection heard applies:

- Why do you object to it?

If the government says the expedited procedure applies:

- How is the exploration licence or activities done under it likely to affect:
 - the carrying on of your community or social activities?
 - areas or sites of particular significance?
 - the land and waters?
- What is already done on that country, by pastoralists etc?
- What effect has mining or exploration already had on that country?
- Do you know anything about how that mining company has behaved elsewhere?

If the right to negotiate applies:

- What do you want to negotiate about?
- What do you want from the mining company or government?
- What effect is the mining or exploration likely to have on:
 - your way of life, culture and traditions?
 - development of your social, cultural and economic structures?
- areas or sites of particular significance?
- What do you want in relation to the management, use or control of land or waters?