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The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body was established to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Canberra's to have a strong, democratically elected voice

Our role

The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB) has the following functions:

- to receive, and pass on to the Minister, the views of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT on issues of concern to them;
- to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT and to act as an advocate for their interests;
- to foster community discussion about
 - issues of concern to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT; and the functions of ATSIEB; and this Act;
- to conduct regular forums for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT and report the outcomes of those forums to the Minister;
- to conduct research and community consultation to assist ATSIEB in the exercise of its functions;
- to propose programs and design services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT for consideration by the government and its agencies;
- to monitor and report on the effectiveness of programs conducted by government directorates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT;
- to monitor and report on the accessibility by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT to programs and services conducted by government agencies for the general public;
- when asked by the Minister, to give the Minister information or advice about any matter stated by the Minister;
- when asked by a government directorates or another person, and in consultation with UNEC, to recommend any reasonable action it considers necessary to protect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural material or information considered sacred or significant by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT;
- any other function given to ATSIEB by the Minister;
- any other function given to ATSIEB under this Act or another territory law.

ATSIEB must meet at least six times per financial year and hold two community forums. Meeting and community forum dates are made available on the ATSIEB website www.atsieb.com.au