



ACT|atsieb

ACT | Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander
Elected Body

PROTOCOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH ACT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

(Endorsed on 28 February 2013, see Decision on Agenda Item 13 of ATSIEB Meeting No.4/2012-13)

1. An important function for ATSIEB is engaging with ACT Government agencies.
2. *Section 26 of the Act* provides for ATSIEB to invite Director General of Government agencies to their meetings to discuss issues relating to the functions of ATSIEB.
3. ATSIEB may invite a Director General of a government agency to attend a meeting of ATSIEB to discuss any issues relating to the functions of ATSIEB or the government agency.
4. If ATSIEB invites the Director General of a government agency to attend a meeting to answer questions or provide information about the functions of the government agency, the Director General must take reasonable steps to attend the meeting, and answer the questions and provide the information, as requested.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Boards or Committees

5. ATSIEB acknowledges that some government agencies have formal boards or committees to advise on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. As a preference, ATSIEB will consult with the relevant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Board or Committee on an issue in the first instance, if relevant.
6. Should an ATSIEB member become aware of an issue or concern that merits further action then this must be brought to ATSIEB for consideration before taking any action or making any representations direct to the relevant ACT Government agency.
7. All enquiries relating to ATSIEB or to ACT Government agencies must be directed through the Secretariat.
8. The Secretariat will arrange the necessary briefs, reports or meetings between ATSIEB or the Chair or an authorised ATSIEB member and Director General.