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PROTOCOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE UNITED NGUNNAWAL ELDERS COUNCIL (UNEC)

(Endorsed on 24 February 2012, see Decision on Agenda Item 7 of ATSIEB Meeting No.5/2011-12)

1. UNEC is a significant Aboriginal Body providing advice to the ACT Government in relation to heritage and connection to land issues for the Ngunnawal people. UNEC is made up of representatives nominated by each of the 12 Ngunnawal (traditional custodian) families in the ACT region.
2. In accordance with the Act, ATSIEB must consult with and consider the views of UNEC. There are two relevant provisions in the Act: *Sections 8(j) and 9*.
3. *Section 8(j)* deals specifically with 'connection to land' issues and in this case any such issues that may come before ATSIEB will be referred directly to UNEC. The Chair will write to the Chair of UNEC.
4. UNEC will provide advice to ATSIEB before any recommendation is made.
5. *Section 9* provides for ATSIEB to generally consult with UNEC in respect to all their other functions.
6. This will be done by ATSIEB requesting from or providing information to UNEC about issues that arise.
7. Upon request by the ATSIEB Chair, the Secretariat will arrange briefs, reports or meetings between ATSIEB, the ATSIEB Chair or an authorised ATSIEB member and UNEC.