

# CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL – Native Title Representative Body

## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### 1.1 Basis of Accounting

The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) as prescribed in the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998* and a Land Council under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. Since being recognised as an NTRB the CLC has performed the functions of the NTRB in association with other CLC functions.

These financial statements of the Central Land Council as a NTRB are required by Section 203DC (4) of the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998* and are a general purpose financial statements.

The statements as a result of Ministerial determination have been prepared in accordance with:

- Finance Minister's Orders made under the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*;
- Australian Accounting Standards and Accounting Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board; and
- Urgent Issues Group Abstracts.

The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) as prescribed in the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998*. Since being recognised as an NTRB, the CLC has performed the functions of the NTRB in association with other CLC mainstream functions. The CLC has reporting requirements specified in the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998*, *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (schedule 1) and Finance Minister's Orders.

The CLC has prepared the Income Statement, Balance Sheet and Cashflows applicable to the NTRB operation and function. All NTRB account balances have been identified from within the CLC financial information and accurately extracted from the CLC accounts, representing the completeness and existence of all assets and liabilities of the NTRB. The CLC maintains an NTRB revenue and expenditure cost centre and the Statement of Financial Performance is a complete and accurate record of NTRB revenue and expenditure.

This is the first financial report to be prepared under Australian Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AEIFRS). The impacts of adopting AEIFRS are disclosed in the Statement of Compliance below. The NTRB's Income Statement, Balance Sheet have been prepared on an accrual basis and are in accordance with historical cost convention, except for certain assets, which, as noted, are at valuation. Except where stated, no allowance is made for the effect of changing prices on the results or the financial position.

The financial report is prepared in Australian dollars.

Assets and liabilities are recognised in the NTRB's Balance Sheet when and only when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow and the amounts of the assets or liabilities can be reliably measured. Assets and liabilities arising under agreements equally proportionately unperformed are however not recognised unless required by an accounting standard. No capital liabilities and assets that are unrecognised are reported in the Schedule of Commitments and the Schedule of Contingencies.

Revenues and expenses are recognised in the NTRB's Income Statement when and only when the flow or consumption or loss of economic benefits has occurred and can be reliably measured.

#### Significant Accounting Judgements and Estimates

In the process of applying the accounting policies listed in this note, NTRB has made the following judgements that have the most significant impact on the amounts recorded in the financial statements;