

# **National Committee for Land Use and Management Information**

## **Terms of Reference and Operating Procedures**

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### **Overview**

The National Committee for Land Use and Management Information (NCLUMI) is the national coordinating committee responsible for collaborative development of land use and management data, information products and standards, analysis and assessments. NCLUMI is a multi-jurisdictional committee that includes representatives of relevant policy and technical agencies. Members represent land use data providers and users.

NCLUMI provides national leadership and strategic direction to the development of integrated land information and mapping (which includes; land use, land cover and land management practices) built on complementary national and state and territory approaches. It also has a key role in promoting the development of integrated and interpreted land information and mapping products that meet decision maker needs.

NCLUMI:

- facilitates a framework for land use and land management practice information collation
- reviews information needs and facilitates access to information
- facilitates consistent development and maintenance of information products
- identifies priorities and develops proposals for reporting on change in land information and mapping, and
- defines national standards, methods for collection, management, documentation and sharing of natural resource and related information at a range of scales.

### **Goal**

To provide leadership, vision and strategic direction to the development of integrated land information and mapping built on complementary national and state approaches through the Australian Collaborative Land Use and Management Program (ACLUMP).

This is achieved by a comprehensive approach to land use and land management information including:

- providing relevant advice and information to Ministers, senior officials committees and Government departments and agencies on developments and progress in implementing nationally consistent arrangements for land information
- developing a national framework for integrated land information and mapping through necessary understandings and agreements
- ongoing review of land information needs for natural resource management to ensure agreed policy, program and management needs are being met
- national consistency in the development, access and maintenance of land information products and relevant national performance or sustainability indicators, as well as the institutional arrangements supporting them, as a component of the Australia wide protocol for natural resources data access, standards and availability
- reporting on land information over time at the national and regional scales
- promoting refinement of agreed land information systems and their adoption by natural resource management and other stakeholders at the national and regional levels
- encouraging and facilitating the development of partnerships between land information providers, users and coordinators for land use and related themes

- enhancing national capacity for land information collation and mapping and analysis and increased cooperation at regional, local and industry levels, and between government and private stakeholders.

## **Operating Procedures**

### **Meetings**

NCLUMI will meet annually, with additional face to face meetings and out of session processes conducted subject to agreed needs.

### **Chair and Secretariat**

The Chair shall be a representative of the jurisdictions. The position of chair will be rotated and reviewed every 2 years by members. The Chair will be a member of NCLUMI. Secretariat support is provided by the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

### **Governance**

NCLUMI's operations are governed by its Terms of Reference which have been approved by relevant State and Commonwealth standing committees.

The committee may comprise one or more representatives from each jurisdiction. NCLUMI provides for representation from all jurisdictions and includes technical and policy expertise. The Commonwealth Department of Agriculture and Water Resources provides the Secretariat for NCLUMI unless otherwise agreed.

Technical advisory groups will be established by NCLUMI as required to advise on relevant issues.

NCLUMI is responsible for the Australian Collaborative Land Use and Management Program (ACLUMP). ABARES coordinates ACLUMP including maintenance of the ACLUMP website.

### **Membership**

Membership of NCLUMI reflects the interests of the Australian, state and territory governments and key information providers and users, to the extent required to implement the Terms of Reference. Jurisdictions ensure that representatives are capable of representing its interests as a whole.

NCLUMI's membership is reviewed from time to time to provide a balance between users and providers of land information and mapping. Membership participation is augmented by nominated observers, who will be kept informed of NCLUMI activities and by invited specialists where required.

The current lead agency member and observers are listed below.

### **Administrative Issues**

Members participate in ACLUMP through in kind provision of data, knowledge and expertise. Members are responsible for meeting the costs of their travel to meetings.

### **Projects**

From time to time, NCLUMI may request project proposals from members. Where NCLUMI agrees that a project will go ahead, the Commonwealth will complete the project process in accordance with the appropriate rules and guidelines.

## **List of NCLUMI Members**

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>
New South Wales	Office of Environment and Heritage
Northern Territory	Department of Land Resource Management
Queensland	Department of Science, Information Technology and Innovation
South Australia	Department of Environment, Water, and Natural Resources
Tasmania	Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment
Victoria	Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
Western Australia	Department of Agriculture and Food
Australian Government	Department of Agriculture and Water Resources Australian Bureau of Statistics Geoscience Australia Bureau of Meteorology
National	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation Terrestrial Ecosystems Research Network (TERN) Murray Darling Basin Authority

## **Observers**

National Committee on Soil and Terrain