

KAURAREG PEOPLE #2 AND KAURAREG PEOPLE #3 NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS

NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION MEETING

When: 13 November 2025 from 10am - 3pm (open for registration from 9am)

Where: Horn Island Sports Complex, Multipurpose Stadium, Nawie Street, Horn Island

This notice is for a meeting of the Kaurareg Claim Group. The meeting relates to 2 current native title claims:

- Kaurareg People #2 (QUD10/2019 – formerly QUD267/2008); and
- Kaurareg People #3 (QUD24/2019 – formerly QUD362/2010).

An in-person **information session** will be held at the Sports Complex on 12 November 2025 from 2pm (details below)

THE KAURAREG CLAIM GROUP

The members of the Kaurareg Claim Group are invited to attend the Authorisation Meeting.

The Kaurareg Claim Group for each of the Kaurareg native title claims is made up of the descendants of the following ancestors:

Makaku & Buiya, Gaugabiri (sometimes spelled Kaugapiri), Zagra Snr/Jack Prince of Wales & Kamur, Kaitap & Serei, Urui, Daiam & Duni, Baetie, Bagie, Rattler Tom, Papoose & Pau Pai Kai, Kanamuri & Neru Pearson and Panipan.

BACKGROUND TO AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Kaurareg #2 claim was made in 2008. It relates to areas below the high-water mark.

The Kaurareg #3 claim was made in 2010. It relates to areas above the high-water mark.

The Kaurareg native title claims have been involved in a Federal Court dispute resolution process for a number of years.

In November 2022, the Federal Court made a consent determination over parts of the Kaurareg #2 claim area, after the withdrawal of other parts of the Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims (as reported in *David v State of Queensland* [2022] FCA 1430).

The Federal Court dispute resolution process has continued since then over the remaining parts of the Kaurareg #1, Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims. For some parts of the Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims there is now in-principle agreement - subject to final decision-making - with the State of Queensland and other respondent parties on how the claims can be resolved. The general location of these parcels is:

Within the Kaurareg #3 claim area: Hammond Rock, Alpha Rock, Puapin (Strait Rock), Kunai Islet, Channel Rock, Kapuda, Great Woody Island, Little Woody Island, Wai Weer Islet, Tuesday Islet, Tuesday Island (No.1), Tuesday Island (No.2), parts of Palilug (Goods Island), parts of Wednesday Island, parts of Gealug (Friday Island), Cheropo Island and certain parcels on Thursday Island.

Within the Kaurareg #2 claim area: Certain parcels below the high water-mark adjacent to Thursday Island.

Details of the parcels and the proposed native title outcome for each of them will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting, at the **information session** and in the **information pack** (see details below).

FINAL DECISION-MAKING

The terms of the Kaurareg Applicant's authorisation in July 2019 limit how the Kaurareg Applicant can negotiate to resolve tenure and extinguishment issues in consent determination orders, without a prior decision of the Kaurareg Claim Group.

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting is to ask the Kaurareg Claim Group to consider and make any necessary decisions so that the Kaurareg Applicant can finalise negotiations for the consent determination orders over parts of the Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims, and then ask the Federal Court to make the determination.

AUTHORISATION MEETING FORMAT

The authorisation meeting is being organised by the Kaurareg Applicant and the legal representatives for the Kaurareg Applicant, with support from Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council (**GBK**).

The authorisation meeting will be an **in-person only** event.

So that there is a genuine opportunity for discussion between attendees at the meeting, there will be an independent facilitator and a Code of Conduct.

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR AUTHORISATION MEETING

The proposed agenda is:

1. Confirm the Code of Conduct.
2. Confirm the decision-making process to be used at the Authorisation Meeting.
3. Review the parcels in the Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims identified for determination, and the proposed native title outcomes for these parcels (including information about extinguishment).
4. Using the decision-making process, to consider and if appropriate make decisions to authorise the Kaurareg Applicant to progress and finalise negotiations for a partial determination of the Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims and any necessary section 87A NTA agreement, including:
 - (a) whether and how to address extinguishment of native title in any of the parcels.
 - (b) how the native title rights and interests are described in the determination.
 - (c) prescribed body corporate arrangements for any partial determination.
5. Update on dispute resolution process for other parts of Kaurareg #1, Kaurareg #2 and Kaurareg #3 claims.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE AUTHORISATION MEETING

There is limited funding available through GBK for travel and accommodation assistance for this meeting. Decisions about travel and accommodation assistance will be made in accordance with GBK's policies. Elders and senior family members will be prioritised.

Kaurareg Claim Group members seeking to apply for travel and accommodation assistance to attend the authorisation meeting must send a completed GBK Contact Form (copy enclosed) to valda-anne.sabatino@gbk.org.au by **28 October 2025**.

Each individual applying for assistance must complete a Contact Form.

If you do not have email access, you can phone 0488 019 082 to discuss your application.

Approval for travel and/or accommodation assistance will be confirmed by GBK soon after 28 October 2025.

If you do not receive an email confirming your travel arrangements, your travel and accommodation assistance has not been approved.

INFORMATION PACK AND INFORMATION SESSION

An **information pack** which contains detailed information about the proposed determination has been prepared for the meeting. It can be emailed or posted to members of the Kaurareg Claim Group upon request.

Please contact James Walkley (info@chalkbehrendt.com.au or (02) 9231-4544) if you would like a copy of the information pack sent to you.

James can also discuss the information pack with you before the authorisation meeting – by telephone or by video conference. Please also contact James using the same details to make arrangements.

An **in-person information session**, to distribute and discuss the information pack and to distribute other papers for the authorisation meeting, will also be held. The details for the information session are:

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