



PBC ACCESS SERVICE

is expanding

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The Native Title Research Unit (NTRU) is expanding its Native Title Access Service (the NTRU access service) to assist Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) with requests for materials from the AIATSI collection post-determination.

AIATSI holds the largest archive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander materials in the country. For two decades the NTRU has been assisting traditional owners and their representatives with expedited access to the collection.

The NTRU access service was created to assist with the preparation of native title applications to be submitted to the National Native Title Tribunal

(NNTT) and the Federal Court. As the number of applications for recognition of native title slows, the NTRU is shifting its focus to assisting PBCs build and curate their own collections of historical materials.

The expansion of the access service has been influenced by conversations the NTRU has had with PBCs that are keen to do their own cultural research. Feedback to AIATSI indicates that many PBCs are interested in using resources from the AIATSI collection to interpret and tell their histories in a cultural way.

To use the NTRU access service, please send an email to **NTSS@aiatsis.gov.au** and one of our staff will

assist you with your request.

The NTRU also runs a program to provide access to its collection for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and individuals not involved in native title. The Return of Native Title Materials to Indigenous Communities (ROMTIC) provides 20 free copies of cultural materials held in the AIATSI collection for Indigenous peoples to showcase these materials to their communities. More info on ROMTIC can be found here <https://aiatsis.gov.au/collections/using-collection/return-material-indigenous-communities>