

Day 3 Session 2 Damian Hastings-James (Kimberly Land Council) and Peter Murray *How useful are native title materials in managing the Indigenous estate?*

A case study involving an evaluation of connection site data transfer to a ranger group in the Kimberley.

Key points in the discussion include:

- PBCs must be able to move away from rep bodies to manage their own land and a capacity to access to materials held by rep bodies which can assist PBCs with their business
- However, processes need to be in place to ensure data is used by the right people for the right purposes
- It can be difficult for PBCs to know what data is held by rep bodies and it can be difficult to get access
- The Ranger program is an integral part of accessing country and knowledge transfer
- An Agreement was struck with the Kimberley Land Council to return site data first (GPS points) and has been used by the Rangers for land management purposes
- The PBC has now developed its own database which the rangers add to
- Site data can also assist PBCs to negotiate HPAs (Heritage Protection Agreements) with resource companies
- The importance of access protocols is discussed: PBCs must be able to hold the data secure and have protocols for access