

# Appendix B: Memorandum of Commitment

The words written down in this document called 'The Memorandum of Commitment' are words that the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia will act upon throughout Western Australia in the course of the consultations with Aboriginal people undertaken as a part of the reference on Aboriginal customary laws

The Law Reform Commission of Western Australia is committed to:

1. Working honestly and with integrity with Aboriginal people.
2. Entering Aboriginal country with permission and with respect for, and honour of the local cultural protocols and practices of the Aboriginal people of that country.
3. Leaving Aboriginal country with permission and with respect for, and honour of local cultural protocols and practices of the Aboriginal people of that country.
4. Ensuring that Aboriginal stories, information, cultural knowledge and cultural narratives are treated with the greatest respect and honour.
5. Abiding by the confidentiality to be accorded to all materials given to the Commission in confidence.
6. The Commission will treat cultural materials given to it, including stories, information, cultural knowledge, and cultural narratives as the property of relevant Aboriginal people, subject to the laws of the State and the Commonwealth.
7. The Commission does not wish to, nor claim to, own the stories and information given by Aboriginal people, subject to the laws of the State and the Commonwealth.
8. Ensuring that the principles contained in this Memorandum of Commitment continue past the life of the reference on Aboriginal customary laws.
9. Ensuring at all times that the aspirations and views of Aboriginal people are respected and acknowledged.

SIGNED by the Chairman of the Law Reform Commission, Professor Ralph Simmonds:

*Ralph Simmonds*

SIGNED by the Project Team and Reference Council members below as a commitment to maintain the Commission's confidences and as an indication of their loyalty to the reference on Aboriginal Customary Law:

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