



## **Who is the Executive Director of Township Leasing?**

The Executive Director of Township Leasing (Executive Director) is the person who manages the land covered by a Township Lease.

Township Leasing and the position of the Executive Director are set up under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.

The Executive Director is an independent Commonwealth statutory office holder who is appointed by the Governor-General, usually for five years. The Executive Director makes decisions independently of the Minister and the Government.

The Executive Director works in partnership with an advisory group of Traditional Owners called the Consultative Forum to make decisions about land use and development in the township.

Land within the township is Aboriginal land and will always be the property of the Traditional Owners. Under the Township Lease, the land is leased to the Executive Director to manage on a long term basis, usually for 99 years.

The Executive Director does not negotiate a Township Lease but signs the Township Lease for the Australian Government and then manages the land in the township for the Traditional Owners and collects rent on their behalf.

The Executive Director must manage the Township Lease according to his or her legal responsibilities and following the terms and conditions of the Lease.