

Application for research endorsement trial

Frequently asked questions

What permits require an Application for research endorsement (ARE) trial?

It is the responsibility of the researcher and Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples to negotiate resourcing involvement in the project. Researchers should be considering fee for service arrangements in the initial research planning and budgeting phase.

The DES delegate may still decide to grant a permit in the absence of a fee for service arrangement.

How will we know if the research is commercial (e.g. biodiscovery)

All research and education permits regulated by DES exclude commercial use, and applicants must complete a declaration on the permit application form confirming this.

If research is commercial a Biodiscovery permit is required as regulated under the [Biodiscovery Act 2004](#). These types of permits are administered through a separate administrative process outside these arrangements.

Does this process satisfy the requirements of the Native Title Act 1993 ?

The application for research endorsement is intended to establish relationships and strategies to support greater involvement of Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples in research activities.

This is separate to procedural rights under the [Native Title Act 1993](#), which are set out in the [Queensland Government Native Title Work Procedures](#). The list below provides examples of standard permit conditions that can apply to all research permits involving activities in the WTWHA.

The permit holder/researcher must:

- x provide an opportunity for a Traditional Owner to accompany researchers when taking fieldwork (e.g. a seat is available in the research vehicle)
- x avoid entering sensitive cultural locations as specified by the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples or representative organisation
- x acknowledge the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, relevant organisations and Traditional Owners in any publication relating to the research
- x provide a plain English summary of the research or presentation about the research to the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples or an organisation nominated by the relevant Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples.