



AUSTRALIAN REGISTRARS NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING COUNCIL

**Australian Registrars' National Electronic  
Conveyancing Council**

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## About ARNECC

ARNECC – the Australian Registrars’ National Electronic Conveyancing Council – was established in 2011 to oversee the regulatory framework for national electronic conveyancing (NEC) across Australia.

ARNECC was established by a formal agreement between the State and Territory Governments (excluding the Australian Capital Territory). The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) signed in 2011 broadly outlines the Council’s functions.

## Purpose

ARNECC’s core responsibility is to establish and manage the regulatory framework for the efficient implementation of the Electronic Conveyancing National Law (ECNL), including the Model Operating Requirements (MOR) and Model Participation Rules (MPR), and to maximise consistency in how it operates across different states and territories.

ARNECC is also responsible for putting in place practical guidelines to support NEC take-up rates over time, and to build public confidence in the NEC system overall.

Registrars regulate Electronic Lodgment Network Operators (ELNOs) to the extent they provide an Electronic Lodgment Network (ELN) to lodge electronic registry instruments, as well as use of the ELN.

## Members and Stakeholders

Members of ARNECC comprise Registrars of the six Australian States and the Northern Territory. The ACT Registrar is yet to become a member, though is kept informed of all activities and outputs of the Council.

ARNECC also has a responsibility to engage with stakeholders which comprise persons, organisations, groups or professions involved in conveyancing transactions or potentially impacted by NEC and the ECNL. Key amongst these are ELNOs, conveyancers, lawyers and financial institutions.

## Roles

The core roles and functions of ARNECC are to:

1. **Provide leadership** on the NEC regulatory framework and its operations.
2. **Provide advice to government and industry** on the NEC regulatory framework and its operations.
3. **Consult with and inform stakeholders** about NEC and its progress.
4. **Prepare and update documentation** that supports the efficient and consistent implementation of NEC.
5. **Set national electronic conveyancing data standards.**
6. **Monitor and review ELNO and Subscriber compliance** across jurisdictions and take steps to support the consistent implementation of NEC.
7. **Share information and resources with ARNECC members** that support their jurisdictional responsibilities consistent with the IGA.

## Operating Commitments

As reflected in the IGA, ARNECC members are committed to working together and fulfilling their joint roles based on the following operating commitments:

1. **Commit to finding a national consensus on NEC matters** for the benefit of all stakeholders and users across Australia.
2. **Agree to implement and manage NEC** in a manner that minimises inconsistencies between jurisdictions.
3. **Agree to collaborate honestly and in good faith** based on open communication, active listening to all views and perspectives and sharing information.
4. **Implement NEC** based on the latest ARNECC documentation including:
  - a. MOR
  - b. MPR
5. **Be proactive in responding to emerging issues** and working collaboratively to ensure that business practices are consistent where possible.
6. **Ensure that all stakeholders continue to be consulted** and engaged in NEC roll-out.
7. **Run an effective Council and efficient Secretariat** with capacity to undertake all its roles and functions.

## Success Indicators

By the end of 2019, ARNECC will know it has been successful on the following measures:

- Indicator 1 →** increased take-up of electronic conveyancing across Australia
- Indicator 2 →** expansion of quality NEC products and services available in the market
- Indicator 3 →** high levels of consistency of practice evident across jurisdictions
- Indicator 4 →** an effective NEC compliance and enforcement program
- Indicator 5 →** a sustainable NEC regulatory and funding model agreed
- Indicator 6 →** Government and industry have confidence in NEC and continue to support its implementation including an efficient competitive ELNO market
- Indicator 7 →** Government and industry indicate ARNECC has fulfilled its role and delivered high quality advice and information
- Indicator 8 →** ARNECC members continue to collaborate with goodwill and with a shared commitment to the roll-out of a consistent NEC system