



AUSTRALIAN REGISTRARS NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING COUNCIL

**Australian Registrars' National Electronic
Conveyancing Council**

**STRATEGIC PLAN
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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 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, industry and the community** 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. **Ensure there is one national electronic conveyancing data standard.**
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 the sharing of information.
4. **Implement NEC** based on current ARNECC documentation, including the MOR and 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.
8. **Promptly refer to ARNECC** all issues that could impact consistency in approach to NEC matters.
9. **Promote the value of national consistency in NEC matters**, and the role played by ARNECC, with stakeholders in each jurisdiction.

Success Indicators

By the end of 2019/20, ARNECC will know it has been successful if there is:

- Indicator 1 →** An expansion in the use of electronic lodgment networks across Australia.
- Indicator 2 →** An increased range of electronic conveyancing documents available.
- Indicator 3 →** An agreed funding model for ARNECC.
- Indicator 4 →** A clear and shared understanding of the regulatory role of ARNECC and financial regulators by members and stakeholders.
- Indicator 5 →** Government, industry and consumer confidence in ARNECC and electronic lodgement networks.
- Indicator 6 →** Continued collaboration between ARNECC members based on goodwill and shared decision making.