



AUSTRALIAN REGISTRARS NATIONAL ELECTRONIC CONVEYANCING COUNCIL

**Australian Registrars' National Electronic
Conveyancing Council**

**STRATEGIC PLAN
2021-2025**

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.

Members of ARNECC comprise Registrars of the six Australian States, the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory, or their respective nominees.

The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) signed in 2011 broadly outlines the Council’s current functions.

Our Vision and Purpose

ARNECC aims to create national consistency in how electronic conveyancing is conducted across Australia, and to shape a regulatory system that supports secure, reliable, accessible, and affordable electronic conveyancing, within a competitive environment, for the benefit of consumers, stakeholders, and Australian governments.

ARNECC’s core responsibility is to manage and recommend improvements to 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 developing and disseminating practical guidelines to support NEC, ensuring Subscriber compliance, and maintaining public confidence in the NEC system overall.

Our Stakeholders

In addition to its eight state and territory members, ARNECC engages with stakeholders which comprise persons, organisations, groups, government agencies and professions involved in conveyancing transactions, or potentially impacted by NEC and the ECNL.

Key amongst these are ELNOs, conveyancers, lawyers, and financial institutions.

ARNECC's Core 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. **Engage 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.
8. **Review current and emerging trends, issues and risks** to inform the future direction of NEC, and developments in the digital economy.

ARNECC's 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. **Maintain a national consensus on NEC matters** for the benefit of all stakeholders and users across Australia.
2. **Manage NEC** in a manner that minimises inconsistencies between jurisdictions.
3. **Collaborate in good faith** based on open communication, active listening to all views and perspectives, and the sharing of information.
4. **Keep** ARNECC documentation up-to-date, and ensuring the MOR and MPR are relevant, appropriate and effective.
5. **Maintain an effective compliance framework and monitor compliance** by ELNOs and Subscribers.
6. **Be proactive in responding to emerging issues** and work collaboratively to ensure that business practices are consistent where possible.
7. **Ensure all stakeholders continue to be engaged** in NEC
8. **Run an effective Council and efficient Secretariat** with capacity to undertake all its roles and functions.
9. **Promptly refer to ARNECC** all issues that could impact national consistency in approach.

Our Success Indicators

ARNECC will know it has been successful if it has contributed to shaping a secure, reliable, accessible, and affordable NEC system, within a competitive environment, for the benefit of consumers, stakeholder and Australian governments.

Specific success measures include:

- Indicator 1 →** Stakeholders have confidence in the NEC regulatory environment, and electronic lodgement systems more broadly.
- Indicator 2 →** The NECDS Company is established and functioning effectively.
- Indicator 3 →** Relevant recommendations of the 2019 IGA Review are effectively implemented and managed.
- Indicator 4 →** Emerging electronic conveyancing innovations, risks and challenges are identified and effectively managed from a regulatory perspective.
- Indicator 5 →** Compliance levels are achieved across Australia.
- Indicator 6 →** Stakeholders feel engaged in the work of ARNECC.
- Indicator 7 →** ARNECC has secured sustainable resourcing to allow it to deliver its roles and functions to quality standards.
- Indicator 8 →** There is continued collaboration between ARNECC members based on goodwill and a commitment to joint decision making.

Putting the Strategy in Action

While this Strategic Plan is for the 2021-25 period, it will be subject to annual review and revision as needed.

ARNECC will develop an annual business plan documenting priority areas of action. This plan will be routinely monitored and updated as part of regular meetings of members.