

## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) is a not-for-profit charity and a company limited by guarantee that operates as a law practice throughout South Australia. ALRM is an Aboriginal community organisation which is also a law practice. The law practice is in two parts, the criminal section which deals with criminal cases and the civil section which deals with civil compensation claims, child protection and family law cases. ALRM receives funding to run these law practices under the National Legal Assistance Program. ALRM is also the lead organisation in South Australia for advocacy on legal and policy questions which affect Aboriginal people. We are independent of government, we are accountable to the Aboriginal communities of the state and we provide frank and fearless advice.

That we are called the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, reflects the fact that ALRM began its life nearly 50 years ago as a social movement directed to using the legal system to assert the rights of Aboriginal people. In that, we have not changed.

## Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Board

The Board works actively to identify and confirm Aboriginality. Unfortunately, we are unable to confirm in all circumstances as the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement 'Confirmation of Aboriginality Form' is a legal document and the Board must be satisfied that it knows you to be Aboriginal descent before it can be confirmed.

### Who can apply?

To be confirmed as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, you must be a person who meets the following 3 criteria

- Is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- Identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and
- Is accepted as such by the community in which you live

If you are from a community other than one of the South Australian communities Aboriginal Legal Rights will refer you to the community in which you descend from to obtain for Confirmation of Aboriginality.

### How do I apply?

You will need to complete a Confirmation of Aboriginality Descent form. To assist the Board please attach any documents that can support your application such as

- Birth Certificates
- Family history parents/Grandparents

Application must be signed by a Justice of the Peace (JP), A JP can be found at Courts, local Council offices,, police stations and the Attorney Generals Department.

<https://www.agd.sa.gov.au/services-and-support/justice/find-justice-peace>

All supporting information supplied with an application will be confidential and accessed by Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Board and relevant staff who must adhere to our confidentiality process.

### What happens after I submit my form?

Once to Confirmation of Aboriginality form has been received, it will go to the Board for endorsement. The Board meet periodically so it may take a number of weeks before it is reviewed. Once the Board have made a decision, you will be notified in writing of the outcome.

Please note: you may be required to provide more evidence to support your application. If this is the case you will be notified in writing.

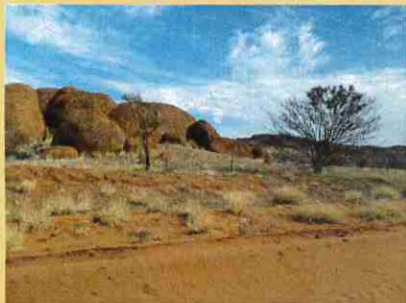
**Why was Confirmation of Aboriginality not signed?**

There may be number of reasons why Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement are unable to confirm your Aboriginality. You will be sent a letter with an explanation from the Board

**More Information**

You can download to Confirmation of Aboriginality Process, Form and this brochure from

[Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement \(alm.org.au\)](http://Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (alm.org.au))



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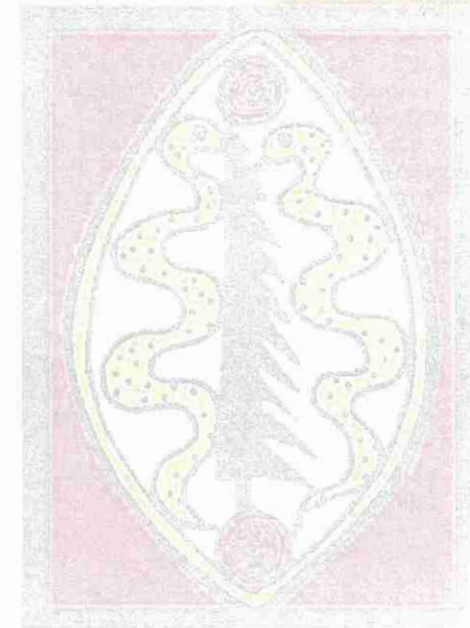
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