Native Title Amendment Bill 1997: Issues For Indigenous Peoples

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Native Title Amendment Bill 1997 contains extensive amendments to the Native Title Act 1993, including the addition of a new Part 1B, Amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1988, and the introduction of a new Part 2A, Amendments to the Torres Strait Islander Land Act 1992. The amendments aim to address concerns with the operation of the Native Title Act and to give greater effect to the rights of Indigenous peoples to negotiate with state and territory governments over the resolution of native title and conservation issues and improved tenure. Indigenous peoples are also given greater control over land and waters by introducing the concept of 'traditional connection' to land and waters. The amendments also provide for greater cultural protection and the introduction of a new Part 3A, Amendments to the Native Title Act 1993, which gives Indigenous peoples greater control over land and waters by introducing the concept of 'traditional connection' to land and waters.