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Jenny Humphris specialises mainly in the areas of government and native title law. Jenny has had extensive experience in government law in both Queensland and the United Kingdom.

Jenny also heads up the MacDonnells Law legal compliance practice and has assisted several large government and banking organisations to introduce legal compliance systems, including systems in compliance with the Consumer Credit Code.

### Areas of Practice

- Government and public law
- Native title
- Legal compliance
- Tendering
- Corporatisation
- Trade practices law
- Leasing and property law
- Transport law

### Experience

Jenny's long association with local government law includes working as a solicitor for a local government in England, where she conducted litigation, prosecutions and planning appeals in the Magistrates and Crown Courts and Planning Tribunal. Upon her return to Queensland, Jenny continued working for the Director of Prosecutions and was responsible for the conduct and preparation of criminal cases.

As part of a legal compliance initiative, Jenny gained experience with a major building society as project leader for the implementation of the Consumer Credit Code. Jenny subsequently conducted the Consumer Credit Code audit of three significant financial institutions as part of a due diligence merger process. This led to her appointment as project leader for the implementation of a legal compliance program for a Far North Queensland electricity distributor and major local government, and government-owned corporations.

Jenny also has extensive experience in the preparation of tender documents on behalf of statutory and government bodies for:



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- engineering consultancy and construction services
  - the appointment of a consultant for the supply of electricity from Cairns to Daintree
  - the letting of retail and office space in the terminals at Cairns International and Domestic Airports; and
  - the redevelopment of a theme park, caravan park and tourist park in North Queensland.

Jenny represents numerous government and other clients in native title claims, regularly appears in the Federal Court and participates in National Native Title Tribunal mediations. Jenny has assisted in resolving native title issues for the development of infrastructure by a number of government clients and advises regularly on the native title implications of future activities.

During her career, Jenny has given many presentations and conducted training courses including:

- training lending staff in new lending procedures throughout Queensland for a Queensland-wide financial institution
- training managers in compliance initiatives
- training officers in leasing practises; and
- various presentations to industry bodies on government and native title issues.

#### **Qualifications & Memberships**

- Master of Laws, University of Queensland, 1998
- Admitted as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1990
- Bachelor of Laws, Honours, Queensland University of Technology, 1987
- Member, Association for Compliance Professionals Australia
- Member, Women's Lawyers Association