

To: RDA Steering Committee

From: Charlotte Christensen, ORDAC representative

Subject: Formal response to RSC/PlacesWG/2023/1 - Jurisdictions, Governments, and Courts in RDA

In general ORDAC supports the recommendations.

We have specific concerns about the understanding of place and ownership in a broader sense than this working group's scope. Indigenous communities have connections to place that are not necessarily the same as legal ownership or governance in the western sense. The conversations about how this should be represented are developing in countries like Australia and New Zealand, as well as in other places around the world, and we have a general feeling that there is more work to be done on the Place entity as a whole in relation to reflecting indigenous understandings in order to meet RSC and RDA Board's stated internationalisation goals. This work could well impact on the definitions discussed here, as well as adding conditions and options to element pages.

For now, given that we recognise this would be a piece of work requiring extensive consultation, ORDAC is willing to support the recommendations done by the existing Working Group and will look to developing a discussion paper to begin the conversations required.

**Recommendation 1**

ORDAC approves of this recommendation.

**Recommendation 2**

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**Recommendation 3**

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**Recommendation 4**

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**Recommendation 5**

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**Recommendation 6**

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**Recommendation 7**

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