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The [Final Report](#)  of the Scoping Study on Stand-Alone Legislation for Indigenous Knowledge (Report) has been released. The Report highlights the need for, and benefits of, increased protection of Indigenous Knowledge through stand-alone legislation.

The findings from the Report indicate strong support from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous stakeholders for stand-alone legislation that safeguards traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, and rights to the genetic resources of native flora and fauna.

The Report was informed by consultations in 2022 regarding the possible elements of stand-alone legislation to protect and commercialise Indigenous Knowledge. As part of the [National Cultural Policy – Revive](#) , the Australian Government has committed to introducing stand-alone legislation to protect First Nations knowledge and cultural expressions, including addressing the harms of inauthentic art and craft. The Indigenous Knowledge Working Group intends to pursue deeper engagement, collaboration, and partnerships between First Nations peoples and the government to develop the new legislation.

The WIPO Intergovernmental Committee on Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Traditional Cultural Expressions (IGC) meeting was held in June 2023. In the next 12 months, member states intend to discuss finalising a new international instrument relating to patent disclosure, which would require patent applicants to disclose the source of a genetic resource or Traditional Knowledge associated with a genetic resource, where used in their invention. See a summary of the current draft text [here](#) .

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