

[Senate Economics Legislation Committee discusses standalone ICIP legislation](#)

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Abstract:

On 16 February 2023, the Senate Economics Legislation Committee: Industry, Science and Resources Portfolio discussed the possibility of standalone legislation to better protect Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP).

Representatives from IP Australia expressed support for the development of standalone legislation aimed at protecting traditional knowledge and cultural expression — a project led by the Office of the Arts and the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). It is recognised that the current IP framework does not adequately address ICIP in the context of community and collective ownership.

IP Australia is working closely with First Nations people to better understand the diversity of issues facing Indigenous artists and creators, such as counterfeit art, appropriation, cultural stories, dance, and knowledge relating to plants and bush foods. The development of a consultation approach which elevates the voices of First Nations people is currently underway.

IP Australia also plans to draw upon international frameworks inform the development of Australian ICIP legislation.

Read the full transcript of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee dated 16 February 2023 [here](#) .

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