



## Land Act Amendment Receives Parliamentary Assent – An Improved Sublease Dispute Framework

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Further to our E-Alert in March 2019, the *Natural Resources and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* has received parliamentary assent, and the Land Act was amended on 26 May 2019 on the same terms as detailed in our prior alert.

Notably, the amendment provides a significantly better and more formalised dispute resolution process, including:

- a. the introduction of 'notices of dispute' – a pre-mediation means of identifying, clarifying and potentially narrowing the issues in dispute between the parties; and
- b. the introduction of arbitration as an avenue of dispute resolution following unsuccessful mediation.

Going forward, the improved framework for resolving sublease disputes will be a welcome addition for both lessees and sub-lessees alike.

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