

Official Notice

The Hon Ian Macfarlane, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources has appointed Mr John Collyer to the Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee.

Mr Collyer was founding chairman of the Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-op and currently holds the position of Executive Chairman. Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-op is a member of Indigenous Australian Foods Limited (IAF) which provides a commercial entry point into the bush foods industry for a number of indigenous-owned corporations.

Mr Collyer has extensive experience in business and government and brings to the committee a practical understanding of indigenous issues including the commercialisation and exploitation of Australian plants, He is focused on creating business and employment opportunities for aboriginal people.

The Plant Breeder's Rights Advisory Committee (the PBRAC) is established by section 63 of the Plant Breeder's Rights Act 1994 (the PBR Act). It advises the Hon Ian Macfarlane, Minister for Industry, Tourism and Resources on several issues that may arise under the PBR Act. The PBRAC also advises the Registrar of Plant Breeder's Rights on technical and administrative matters.