

9 ESQ protocols for access to protected areas

Any interaction with Aboriginal groups on any protected area should follow the 9 ESQ protocols listed below. You are required to sign an agreement with these 9 protocols to be endorsed on the ESQ PTUKI.

1. **Be respectful and negotiate** through discussion
 - i. **Acknowledge** the Traditional owners of the lands where we live and work, and recognize their continuing connection to land, water and community
 - ii. **Pay respect** to Elders — past, present and emerging
 - iii. Acknowledge the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people continue to play within the community
2. **Explain you are a member of ESQ and hold a valid PTUKI** to access and collect invertebrates
 - i. You are completing self-funded field work, volunteering your time and efforts to collect, identify, and provide data about invertebrates.
 - ii. You have been given maps of RAA (Restricted Access Areas) for many parks that you are not allowed to access. Ask are you within a RAA? If so, leave.
 - iii. Ask are you in a sensitive area or area closed for cultural reasons? If so, leave.
3. **Suggest that interested Aboriginal groups accompany you** in their vehicles
4. **Suggest that you are prepared to train interested Aboriginal groups** that accompany you about World's best scientific practice
 - i. provide training through demonstration and explanation of methods (what you do, why you do it, demonstrate best scientific practice, data collection and data management i.e. knowledge transfer)
5. **Record** names and contact details, check spelling.
6. Record agreements (verbal and written)
7. Record exactly where you are (GPS, park name).
8. **Provide interested Aboriginal groups and Chris Lambkin with a 100 word plain language summary report within 12 weeks of access, which should include:**
 - i. outlining invertebrate groups collected, numbers of specimens and species, any significant findings – range extensions, potential new species, unusual taxa
 - ii. acknowledging by name the Corporation, Traditional Owners, Rangers, individuals, and clans that accompanied and helped
 - iii. direct to each of the Aboriginal groups concerned with a request to check acknowledgements and spelling
9. **Report to Chris Lambkin** outlining names, clans, time, exact place (GPS) and any issues as soon as possible.

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