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4/02/2010	NT	Ilpeye Ilpeye Housing	<p>Ilpeye Ilpeye is the only town camp in Alice Springs to end their 40-year sub-lease arrangements and choose to have their land acquired by the Commonwealth. This means underlying title has changed from community lease to freehold held by the Commonwealth who will, in three years' time, proceed to subdivide it into individual housing. The blocks can then be bought by residents.</p> <p>The government has been able to acquire the land under the <i>Northern Territory National Emergency Response Act 2007</i> (Cth). Native title is not affected by the acquisition.</p>	<p><i>Alice Springs News</i> (Alice Springs NT, 4 February 2010), 5. <i>The Australian</i> (National AU, 24 February 2010), 7.</p>
10/02/2010	WA	\$42m go-ahead for Newman tourism site	<p>A 10-hectare Newman site will be developed as residential and short-term tourism accommodation following the signing of an agreement between the Western Australian government and Grandtown Pty Ltd. This agreement will enable a \$42 million development for the Newman community.</p> <p>The developer is a consortium comprising the Karlka Nyiyaparli Aboriginal Corporation (representing native title claimants for the Newman town site) and Grandtown Sun Village Pty Ltd. This signing will reportedly bring significant benefits to native title claimants in the area. Indigenous contractors will be employed on the construction of the development.</p>	<p><i>North West Telegraph</i> (South Hedland WA, 10 February 2010), 39.</p>
10/02/2010	SA	Public concern over Cultana Training Area expansion	<p>The Cultana Training Area expansion project, located between Port Augusta and Whyalla, was first proposed five years ago. Residents, business owners and pastoral lease holders have voiced concern regarding time delays.</p> <p>The Department of Defence said a time frame for the expansion could not yet be determined as this is dependent on the finalisation of ongoing Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). The Department of Defence informed the public that 'the process is well underway'.</p>	<p>Port Augusta Transcontinental (Port Augusta SA, 10 February 2010), 3.</p>
11/02/2010	WA	Perdaman urea plant will need 1500-man construction camp	<p>After positive negotiations with the Gnaala Karla Booja native title claimant group, a formal announcement is expected to be made in March 2010 regarding the building of a 1500-man construction camp for people working on Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers' planned urea plant.</p>	<p><i>Collie Mail</i> (Collie WA, 11 February 2010), 2.</p>

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12/02/2010	QLD	Darumbal man appeals \$2000 fine for fishing	<p>A Darumbal man, Elwyn James Mann, is appealing the \$2000 fishing fine he received last month, claiming the state law is inconsistent with the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth) (NTA) and the <i>Racial Discrimination Act 1975</i> (Cth). Mann said section 14 of the <i>Fisheries Act 1994</i> (QLD) is inconsistent with section 211 of the NTA and is therefore invalid.</p> <p>Magistrate John McGrath fined Mann \$2000 after he was found guilty of illegally fishing with an 80 metre commercial fishing net in the Fitzroy River.</p>	<p><i>Morning Bulletin</i> (Rockhampton QLD, 12 February 2010), 3.</p>
16/02/2010	NSW	Dunghutti people acknowledged	<p>On 1 July 1994 an application was lodged with the National Native Title Tribunal for a section of land at Crescent Head, NSW. Two years later, an agreement between the Dunghutti people and the NSW Minister for Lands acknowledged the native title claim.</p> <p>Due to the land undergoing subdivision and redevelopment, an agreement was sought to compensate the Dunghutti people as a means of final settlement of the native title claim. However, this was held up due to an appeal in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. This appeal was dismissed in October 2009.</p> <p>The finalisation of the initial native title agreement and payment of \$6.1 million from the State Government to the Dunghutti people on 16 February 2010 has served as compensation for the extinguishment of native title rights in the area.</p>	<p><i>Macleay Argus</i> (Kempsey NSW, 16 February 2010), 1, 2. <i>Macleay Argus</i> (Kempsey NSW, 23 February 2010), 1, 2. <i>Port Macquarie News</i> (Port Macquarie NSW, 22 February 2010), 6. <i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> (Sydney NSW, 20 February 2010), 11. <i>The Advocate</i> (Coffs Harbour NSW, 20 February 2010), 21.</p>
18/02/2010	WA	Family's 'direct connection to country'	<p>At a family meeting chaired by the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Trevor Walley of Rockingham was nominated to represent his family on a Nyoongar governance working party. Council regional development leader, Gail Beck, said people selected for the working party had to prove their links to those in the metropolitan area who were there before sovereignty.</p> <p>Mr Walley will be joined by his sister Cheryl Martin on the Region 6 Metro Working Party, which will deal with issues such as future acts and key developments and heritage, with a view to allowing development while also conserving Aboriginal heritage.</p>	<p><i>Sound Telegraph</i> (Rockingham WA, 17 February 2010), 4.</p>

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17/02/2010	National	Native title fight blow	<p>The federal government has restricted legal aid to many NSW and Victorian farmers who are facing native title claims. Canberra law firm Williams Love & Nicol has informed farmers who hold licences and leases on Crown land that it can no longer represent them in native title claims due to the federal funding cuts. A Department spokeswoman said funding had not been cut, but simply restricted.</p> <p>The Australian Government no longer considers it reasonable to provide assistance to low impact interests such as beekeepers and fossickers, who hold minor licences and permits and have their interests protected under the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth).</p>	<i>Weekly Times</i> (Rural VIC, 17 February 2010), 22.
18/02/2010	WA	Mine Plan on Agenda	Subject to native title and environmental approvals, iron-ore carriers will start loading out of Wyndham Port in April 2011. A new iron-ore mine is being planned at a site 170km south of Wyndham.	<i>Kimberley Echo</i> (Kununarra WA, 18 February 2010), 1.
18/02/2010	WA	Indigenous Affairs Minister hands land titles to Yawoorroong Miriwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang people	The assets of Yawoorroong Miriwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang Aboriginal Corporation (MG Corporation) last week received a significant boost with Western Australian Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames transferring freehold land titles for two Kununurra residential blocks to the corporation. The blocks were transferred from the Aboriginal Lands Trust. The transfer recognises the Yawoorroong Miriwung Gajerrong Yirrgeb Noong Dawang people as the native title holders of the area.	<i>Kimberley Echo</i> (Kununurra WA, 18 February 2010), 8.
18/02/2010	WA	Countdown on for proposed Kimberley developments	<p>The Woodside-led Browse LNG joint venture has endorsed James Price Point as the preferred location for its \$30 billion mining project. The decision was welcomed by state and federal governments and the Kimberley Land Council (KLC). The federal government had threatened to revoke the Browse gas permits if the partners did not agree to use the proposed LNG hub by April.</p> <p>However, the decision has drawn condemnation from conservation groups and some local Indigenous people. Mr Murray Wilcox QC has flagged a probable legal challenge concerning the validity of a compensation deal reached with Traditional Owners.</p>	<i>Business News</i> (Perth WA, 18 February 2010), 8. <i>Blue Mountains Gazette</i> (Blue Mountains NSW, 17 February 2010), 22. <i>Broome Advertiser</i> (Broome WA, 18 February 2010), 3. <i>The Australian</i>

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19/02/2010	QLD	Mount Coolon land agreement for the Jangga people	An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) centred on the township of Mount Coolon has been finalised. The agreement, between the Jangga people and the Whitsunday, Charters Towers and Isaac Councils covers infrastructure development, terms of access and consultation protocols over 20,700 sq km. The National Native Title Tribunal registered the legally binding agreement on February 11. The ILUA establishes how the Jangga people will work with the three local councils in the future.	<i>Bowen Independent</i> (Bowen QLD, 19 February 2010), 8.
24/02/2010	WA	Native title groups help manage land	Pilbara's Nyangumarta Traditional Owners and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) have started to plan for and conserve the marine environment at Eighty Mile Beach. The consultation process, between the Nyangumarta people, Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation and the Marine Policy and Planning Branch of the DEC has taken over eighteen months. In addition, the DEC had been working with six other native title groups along the Pilbara coast to investigate the prospect of developing further marine parks and reserves.	<i>North West Telegraph</i> (South Hedland WA, 24 February 2010), 21.
26/02/2010	WA	\$196m Broome native title deal	<p>The State Government and Yawuru traditional owners signed off on two Indigenous Land Use Agreements resolving native title and compensation issues over 5300 sq km of land in and around Broome. It has been reported as Australia's largest ever native title agreement.</p> <p>The agreement gives the Yawuru people a package of almost \$200 million including land worth \$140 million for development and cultural and social welfare purposes. Under the deal, almost 2000 ha will be made available in Broome for housing, tourism development, industrial use and a new Broome airport.</p>	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> (Broome WA, 25 February 2010), 1, 2. <i>The Australian</i> (National AU, 25 February 2010), 6. <i>The West Australian</i> (Perth WA, 25 February 2010), 3. <i>The West Australian</i> (Perth WA, 26

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