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## NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

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### New South Wales (NSW)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
19/07/2016	NSW	Gomeroi Nation to meet in Tamworth	The Gomeroi Nation will meet in Tamworth on Wednesday 20 July 2016 to discuss the group's leadership and legal representation.	<a href="#">The Northern Daily Leader</a> Australia, 19 July 2016

### Northern Territory (NT)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
13/07/2016	NT	Federal Court recognises native title commercial trading rights in the NT	<p>A historic native title decision for the Northern Territory was handed down to Rumburriya Borroloola people by Mansfield J on the 30 June 2016, which notably included the commercial right to trade.</p> <p>The decision was based on evidence that the wider Yanyuwa group were trading with Macassan people from Sulawesi prior to British invasion.</p> <p>The Northern Territory and Federal Governments opposed the claim.</p>	<p>Koori Mail, pg 7, Australia, 13 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">ABC News</a> Australia, 6 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">Northern Land Council</a> Australia, 1 July 2016</p>
13/07/2016	NT	Fracking concerns in NT	Plans for gas exploration in the Roper River region of the NT continue amid concerns from some traditional owners about the number of gas wells. The Northern Land Council responded by stating the consultation process was conducted properly during 2010-13.	Koori Mail, pg 19, Australia, 13 July 2016

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13/07/2016	NT	Groote Eylandt agreements expand mine	Groote Eylandt traditional owners and GEMCO have signed two agreements to expand the GEMCO manganese mine on the island.	Koori Mail, pg 29, Australia, 13 July 2016

## Queensland (QLD)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
27/07/2016	QLD	Kokatha building community relationships	Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation's board of management is seeking to strengthen relationships with Roxby Down's residents in the coming months, through a proposed community forum and the employment of a local pastoral properties manager from the area.	<a href="#">The Monitor</a> Australia, 27 July 2016
27/07/2016	QLD	Lismore City Council faced with cultural heritage legal challenge	Lismore City Council is responding to a legal challenge over cultural heritage assessment breaches for the North Lismore Plateau development. The Council faced claims that they did not consult with the native title holders – the Bandjalung people, about their heritage concerns.	<a href="#">The Northern Star</a> Australia, 27 July 2016
20/07/2016	QLD	QLD Government releases first mining exploration plan	The QLD government has released its first mining exploration plan setting out 826 square kilometres in Cloncurry through the Bowen and Surat Basins to be made available for mineral, coal, petroleum and gas exploration over the next 12 months.  The successful tenderers will need to negotiate with local native title holders.	<a href="#">The North West Star</a> Australia, 20 July 2016

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
18/07/2016	QLD	Negotiations between north Queensland Aboriginal corporation and hut owners cease	Negotiations between north Queensland Prescribed Body Corporate – Kyburra Munda Yalga Aboriginal Corporation and the Elliot River fishing hut owners have ceased after the QLD Government-appointed facilitator withdrew their services.	<a href="#">Townsville Bulletin</a> Australia, 18 July 2016
18/07/2016	QLD	Waanyi joint venture for Century mine maintenance contract	A joint venture between the Waanyi Prescribed Body Corporate and ReGen has secured a contract for maintenance at MMG's Century mine.  The three-year contract will cover land and water management, and erosion prevention.	<a href="#">Australian Mining</a> Australia, 18 July 2016
11/07/2016	QLD	Greenstone to invest in Bauxite Hills project	Greenstone Resources have agreed to invest \$8.9 million in Metro Mining's Bauxite Hills Project, near Weipa.  Metro have native title and land access agreements with Ankamuthi People and the Old Mapoon Aboriginal Corporation (OMAC) that include the provision of employment and training opportunities and business development.	<a href="#">ABN Newswire</a> Australia, 11 July 2016

## South Australia (SA)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
24/07/2016	SA	Rockleigh Station project delayed	The Country Fire Service (CFS) did not obtain a native title clearance for their proposed Rockleigh Station site, which has now delayed the project.	<a href="#">The Advertiser</a> Australia, 24 July 2016  <a href="#">The Murray Valley Standard</a> Australia, 8 July 2016

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
05/07/2016	SA	ATLA recognised as Aboriginal Regional Authority	The Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (ATLA) is one of three Aboriginal organisations recognised as South Australia's first Aboriginal Regional Authorities, under the state's landmark Aboriginal Regional Authority policy. The ATLA represents the Adnyamathanha communities of the Flinders Ranges.	<a href="#">The Transcontinental</a> Australia, 5 July 2016

## Victoria (VIC)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
27/07/2016	VIC	Indigenous intangible heritage protected under new law	The <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006</i> (VIC) has been amended to include protection for intangible heritage, such as stories, songs and dance. Under the new legislation, which came into force on the 1 August 2016, a group of traditional owners or native title holders can apply to have 'any knowledge of or expression of Aboriginal tradition, other than Aboriginal cultural heritage' included on the Aboriginal heritage register in Victoria.	Koori Mail, pg 16, Australia, 27 July 2016 <a href="#">The Guardian</a> Australia, 19 July 2016

## Western Australia (WA)

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
29/07/2016	WA	Eastern Guruma appeal dismissed	<p>Wintawari Guruma Aboriginal Corporation, which represents Eastern Guruma people, had their appeal against the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation's native title application dismissed by Gilmore J in the Federal Court on Monday 25 July 2016.</p> <p>The Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation's native title application is for exclusive possession over a large tract of land in the Pilbara.</p>	<p><a href="#">ABC News</a> Australia, 29 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">The Australian</a> Australia, 29 July 2016</p>
22/07/2016	WA	Song lines and native title connection exhibition	As part of the NAIDOC week celebrations, the City of Joondalup is showing a song lines exhibition at Joondalup Art Gallery by Julie Dowling. The exhibition explores how song lines have been used in connection evidence for determining native title.	<a href="#">The West Australian</a> Australia, 22 July 2016
22/07/2016	WA	Heirisson campaigner challenges camp closure in court	Aboriginal campaigner Bella Broph is using native title law in a Federal Court hearing to try to remove the City of Perth by-law, which effectively bans camping on contentious land, including Heirisson Island, without a permit.	<a href="#">The West Australian</a> Australia, 22 July 2016
19/07/2016	WA	SWALSC press ahead with south west settlement	<p>The South-West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) are continuing with preparations to enact the biggest native title settlement in Australian history.</p> <p>Six regional corporations and one central trust – Noongar Boodja Trust – could be running as early as next year provided that all legal obstacles are cleared. SWALSC recently appointed a trustee for the future trust.</p>	<p><a href="#">National Indigenous Times</a> Australia, 19 July 2016</p> <p>Koori Mail, pg 11, Australia, 13 July 2016</p>



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15/07/2016	WA	Extension of Wiluna Uranium Project	<p>Toro Energy Ltd is moving forward with its plan to extend existing environmental approvals for the Wiluna Uranium Project in central Western Australia to include the Lake Maitland and Millipede uranium deposits.</p> <p>In early July, Toro signed a mining agreement with Tarlka Matuwa Piarku Aboriginal Corporation (TMPAC), the native title body acting on behalf of Wiluna people. According to TMPAC, the agreement was signed to increase business development and employment opportunities for Wiluna people.</p> <p>There is currently no native title claim over Lake Maitland but Toro have been engaging with Barwidgee people who claim an interest in that area.</p>	<p><a href="#">Proactive Investors Australia</a> Australia, 15 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">The West Australian</a> Australia, 7 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">Proactive Investors Australia</a> Australia, 7 July 2016</p>
13/07/2016	WA	Yindjibarndi and Fortescue digital technologies project	<p>Wirru-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation, with support from Fortescue Metals Group, has been working on a film project that records community stories and is accompanied by film training.</p>	<p>Koori Mail, pg 28, Australia, 13 July 2016</p>
07/07/2016	WA	Altura Mining and Njamal people sign agreement	<p>Altura Mining has agreed to the terms and signed a native title agreement with Njamal people for two mining leases as part of the Pilgangoora lithium project in the Pilbara.</p> <p>The agreement covers a range of commercial and non-commercial terms which remain confidential at this point in time.</p>	<p><a href="#">Mining Weekly</a> Australia, 7 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">Altura Mining</a> Australia, 7 July 2016</p> <p><a href="#">ABN Newswire</a> Australia, 7 July 2016</p>

## Australia

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
13/07/2016	Australia	Post-determination problems for PBCs	National Native Title Tribunal president Raelene Webb has warned that the native title system risks failing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities due to a lack of resourcing and support for Prescribed Bodies Corporate in the post-determination period.	<a href="#">Financial Review</a> Australia, 13 July 2016
06/07/2016	Australia	Native title conference speakers deliver similar message	The Guardian – The Workers Weekly reported on two of the key note speakers at the 2016 National Native Title Conference in Darwin, 2016 – Professor Gerald Taiaiake Alfred and Northern Land Council CEO Joe Morrison.	<a href="#">The Guardian – The Workers Weekly</a> Australia, 6 July 2016

## International

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
28/07/2016	International	Indigenous Alaskans granted land title	In the United States, the federal government officially signed the title for Saint Lawrence Island, Alaska, over to its Indigenous population under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA).	<a href="#">2KTUU</a> United States, 28 July 2016

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