

## Native Title in the News June 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
1/06/2009	WA	<b>Headline: Native title halts mining lease</b>	The National Native Title Tribunal has rejected a mining lease application from Reward Minerals for access to the West Australian Lake Disappointment area. The National Native Title Tribunal cited interference of cultural rights on behalf of the native title holders, the Martu People.	<i>Summaries - Australian Financial Review</i> , (Australia AU, 1 June 2009), 7.
6/06/2009	AU	<b>Native Title claimants die before justice is done</b>	The native title system has been a disappointment to Indigenous people's, many of whom have died before the courts could deal with their claims, said Tom Calma, Race Discrimination Commissioner. The Commissioner also said Indigenous people often came away from a native title claim with "begrudging respect" but no practical change in their situation	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , (Sydney NSW, 6 June 2009), 12. <i>Australian</i> , (Australia AU, 5 June 2009), 2.
6/06/2009	WA	<b>Bid for native title rights</b>	The Mantjintjarra Ngalia people have applied to the Federal Court of Australia to have their native title rights recognised over two areas of land near Wiluna. The new application area by the Mantjintjarra Ngalia People is at junction of the Goldfields and Central Desert regions and covers mixed tenures, including vacant Crown land, pastoral leases and mining tenements.	<i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i> , (Kalgoorlie WA, 6 June 2009), 5.

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10/06/2009	VIC	<b>Framework will speed up native title claims</b>	Damein Bell, Chairman of the Portland region's native title holders group has welcomed Cabinet's support for the new native title agreement process. Gunditjmara people's have a new found faith in the Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework supporting the new process. Victoria is the first Australian state to allow native title claims to be settled outside the court system.	<i>Portland Observer</i> , (Portland VIC, 10 June 2009), 5. <i>Hamilton Spectator</i> , (Hamilton VIC, 6 June 2009), 4. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 11 June 2009), 5. <i>Daily Liberal</i> , (Dubbo NSW, 5 June 2009), 54. <i>Warrnambool Standard</i> , (Warrnambool VIC, 4 June 2009), 10.
13/06/2009	NT	<b>Alice Springs parks given to Aboriginal peoples</b>	A large section of land has been handed back to Aboriginal people in central Australia, ending a struggle for recognition by traditional land owners. The land is home to many culturally significant sites. The hand back is subject to 99-year leases to the NT government, allowing the land to continue being used as national parks.	<i>Burnie Advocate</i> , (Burnie TAS, 13 June 2009), 23.
18/06/2009	WA	<b>Epic native title fight</b>	Nyangumarta elder Nyapuru Rose celebrated her people's native title win over almost 40,000sqkm of land stretching from 80 mile beach to the Great Sandy Desert.	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 18 June 2009), 1. <i>Sydney Morning</i> , (Sydney NSW, 12 June 2009), 5. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 25 June 2009). 7. <i>Farm Weekly</i> , (Western Australia, (18 June 2009), 146.

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25/06/2009	NT	<b>Parks and reserves win for Top End traditional owners</b>	A large chunk of land has been handed back to traditional owners in Central Australia, ending an endearing struggle for recognition by traditional land owners. Nine parks and reserves to the east and south of the desert town of Alice Springs were returned to traditional owners earlier this month, including Trepina Gorge, Chambers Pillar and Ndhala Gorge.	<i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 25 June 2009), 7.
26/06/2009	QLD	<b>Historic land rights victory</b>	A 14 year battle over ancient land and sea rights in far north Queensland has been won by the traditional owners of the land. The Federal Court of Australia on Cape York, in a historic sitting, recognised the Kuuku Ya'u people's claim for a remote beach and sea at Portland Roads, 850km north Cairns.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , (Townsville QLD, 26 June 2009), 8. <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , (Sydney NSW, 26 June 2009), 6. <i>Courier Mail</i> , (Brisbane QLD, 26 June 2009), 13. <i>Australian</i> , (Australia, 26 June 2009), 7. <i>Cairns Post</i> , (Cairns QLD, 26 June 2009), 7. <i>Newcastle Herald</i> , (Newcastle NSW, 26 June 2009), 25.
26/06/2009	QLD	<b>Native title agreement one step closer</b>	A ceremony in Bouia was performed to mark the first step towards a native title agreement in the North West. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by a representative from the Pitta Pitta People native title claimant group, Boulia Shire Council, Cloncurry Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council on 24 June 2009. Objectives of future talks were outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding.	<i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 26 June 2009), 7.

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<b>29/06/2009</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>Agreement on land rights</b>	Continuing talks between five North West Queensland councils and the Kalkadoon people continue to pave the way towards a native title agreement in the North West. A Memorandum of Understanding was endorsed, committing parties to further negotiations to develop an Indigenous land use agreement.	<i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 29 June 2009), 9. <i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 19 June2009), 3.
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