

## Native Title in the News 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
<b>2/04/2009</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Native title claim registered</b>	The Mantijintarra Ngalia No.2 native title claim, in the North-Eastern Goldfields, has been registered by National Native Title Tribunal after passing the registration test required for new claims under the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth).	<i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i> , (Kalgoorlie WA, 2 April 2009), 5.
<b>6/04/2009</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>Native title awarded over Flinders Ranges</b>	South Australia has recently experienced its largest native title determination in its history. Adnyamathanha people, traditional owners of the Flinders ranges and Gammon Ranges have been awarded rights to 41, 085 square kilometres of land. The returned land includes the Flinders Ranges National Park and Beverley uranium mine near Lake Frome. The determination was awarded by Justice Mansfield.	<i>Whyalla News</i> , (Whyalla SA, 6 April 2009), 10. <i>Roxby Downs Sun</i> , (Port August SA, 2 April 2009), 4. <i>Port Pirie Recorder</i> , (Port Pirie SA, 2 April 2009), 3. <i>Monitor Roxby Downs</i> , (SA, 8 April 2009), 4.
<b>9/04/2009</b>	<b>QLD</b>	<b>200th ILUA is now registered</b>	Queensland has registered its 200th Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the National Native Title Tribunal.	<i>North Queensland Registrar</i> , (Qld, 9 April 2009), 14.

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11/04/2009	AUS	Title proof plan	The Federal Government is considering a proposed change to the native title claim system. The change would shift the burden of proof for connection from Aboriginal applicants to States, Territories etc.	<p><i>Burnie Advocate</i>, (Burnie TAS, 11 April 2009), 24.  <i>Bendigo Advertiser</i>, (Bendigo VIC, 11 April 2009), 14. <i>Northern Daily Leader</i>, (Tamworth NSW, 11 April 2009), 11.  <i>Sunraysia Daily</i>, (Mildura VIC, 10 April 2009), 13.  <i>Ballarat Courier</i>, (Ballarat VIC, 10 April 2009), 13.  <i>Kimberley Echo</i>, (Kununarra WA, 23 April 2009), 7.</p>
15/04/2009	WA	Broome native title row resolved	A 15 year native title dispute in Broome has finally been resolved. An agreement to provide compensation, between the WA Government and the Yawuru people has paved the way for future housing and commercial and industrial development in Broome. The agreement will provide compensation to the Yawuru people in return for surrender of native title rights on land covering about 1000 hectares in the Broome region.	<p><i>Australian</i>, (Australian, 15 April 2009), 7. <i>West Australian</i>, (Perth, 15 April 2009), 11. <i>Broome Advertiser</i>, (Broome WA, 923April 2009), 5. <i>West Australian</i>, (Perth, 15 April 2009), 19.</p>
20/04/2009	VIC	Council plans for Murray Downs land	It has been suggested by the Wakool Shire Council that land at Murray Downs will be compulsorily acquired for the purposes of subdivision and resale. The planned acquisition will involve the Council calling forth anyone who believes the acquisition would affect their native title rights.	<p><i>Swan Hill Guardian</i>, (Swan Hill VIC, 20 April 2009), 3.</p>

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22/04/2009	WA	<b>Agreement finalised</b>	The Kuruma Marthudunera native title group has announced after 12 months of negotiations that it has finalised its financial agreement with CITIC Pacific Mining.	<i>Pilbara News</i> , (Pilbara WA, 22 April 2009), 8.
23/04/2009	WA	<b>LNG deal reached</b>	Traditional owners have signed a landmark agreement with the State Government, bringing the LNG processing hub at James Price Point one step closer. Negotiations have been finalised bringing a historic agreement between State Government and Woodside miner worth up to \$2 billion.	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 23 April 2009), 1. <i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 23 April 2009), 1. <i>West Australian</i> , (Perth, 16 April 2009), 1. <i>Age</i> , (Melbourne, 16 April 2009), 3. <i>Australian</i> , (Australian, 16 April 2009), 5. <i>Summaries - Australian Financial Review</i> , (Australia, 16 April 2009), 5. <i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 30 April 2009), 2.
24/04/2009	VIC	<b>Lara expansion faces native title 'interests'</b>	A claimant could possibly seek compensation in the region's first native title bid. Indigenous groups have expressed "interest" in exercising native title rights on land earmarked for expansion of Lara's town centre, according to City Hall.	<i>Geelong Independent</i> , (Geelong VIC, 42 April 2009), 5. <i>Bellarine Independent</i> , (Victoria, 24 April 2009), 5. <i>Torquay Independent</i> , (Melbourne, 24 April 2009), 5.

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<b>30/04/2009</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Aurox row brews</b>	Ngaluma Aboriginal Corporation has called for Aurox Resources' Balla Balla project to be halted, until an agreement with native title holders is reached. A day after the State Government signed off on the project, Ngarluma claimed there had been a lack of effort to engage with the land's traditional owners. An Aurox spokesman claimed that the negotiations were in compliance with all its native title requirements.	<i>West Australian</i> , (Perth, 30 April 2009), 43.
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