



NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

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DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
01/07/2012	WA	Anketell Port	The Western Australia Government has begun the compulsory acquisition process for Anketell Port. Pilbara's next major deep-water port and industrial precinct is 30km east of Karratha and 10km from Cape Lambert. The Ngarluma people are the native title holders over a large area of the land proposed for the development. Premier Colin Barnett said the Government had issued notices under the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> (Cth) and will ensure all landholders affected by the notices are informed and that their rights are recognised and, where required, they will be appropriately compensated.	<i>Prospect</i> (National, 1 July 2012), 20.
03/07/2012	QLD	Native title determination for Gunggarri people	Gunggarri traditional owners have had their native title rights recognised over more than 100,000 ha of southern Queensland. The Gunggarri were awarded non-exclusive rights to 38 parcels of land including pastoral leases, term leases, reserves, state forest and unallocated state land.	<i>The Sydney Morning Herald</i> (22 June 2012). <i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 27 June 2012), 10. <i>Western Star</i> (Roma QLD, 29 June 2012), 5. <i>Western Star</i> (Roma QLD, 3 July 2012), 3. <i>Queensland Country</i> (Brisbane QLD, 5 July 2012), 42.
04/07/2012	NT	Native tile determination in Katherine region	Non-exclusive native title rights were recognised over the township of Daly Waters and 10 surrounding pastoral stations. The application was brought on behalf of the members of the land holding group associated with the Badpa estate group. The determination area is almost 30,000km ² and includes the following pastoral stations: Amungee Mungee, Betaloo, Mungabroom, Vermelha, Maryfield, Forrest Hill, Kalala, Hayfield, Shenandoah and Ucharonidge.	<i>Katherine Times</i> (Katherine NT, 4 July 2012), 2. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Malua Bay NSW, 4 July 2012) 10. <i>Katherine Times</i> (4 July 2012). <i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 11 July 2012), 16.
02/08/2012	QLD	Native title determination for	The Wulgurukaba people had native title rights recognised over a 6 ha parcel on Magnetic Island. The Wulgurukaba Yunbenun Aboriginal Corporation will also be granted trusteeship of a	<i>The Australian</i> (7 July 2012). <i>Brisbane Times</i> (7 July 2012).

		Wulgurukaba people	further 55ha under the Deed of Grant in Trust.	
11/07/2012	WA	WA heritage laws	Advocates against the Woodside gas hub have raised concerns that the proposed changes to the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act (WA)</i> by the Western Australian Government will provide even less protection for sacred Aboriginal sites. Goolarabooloo traditional owner, Rodney 'Wocky' Augustine, believes the changes to the Act are intended to make it easier to hand over his homeland to the Woodside-led joint venture.	<i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Malua Bay NSW, 11 July 2012), 4.
14/07/2012	AU	Matrimonial dispute presents native title conundrum	A case arising from a matrimonial dispute between a couple who resided in a house on the Torres Strait island of Mabuig has revealed new complexities about native title. In a typical matrimonial case the house would be freehold and its value would be part of the division of matrimonial property. This house, however, was on land held under native title. The Federal Court recognised in 2000 that the land on the island belonged to the Mabuig people. The Family Court held the wife had a right to occupy the house under native title and ordered that the husband leave. But in assessing the value of the pool of matrimonial property the house was treated as worthless.	<i>Canberra Times</i> (14 July 2012).
19/07/2012	AU	Respected elder	The Broome, Kimberley and wider Australian community have paid their respects to the late Mr Frank (Gudjai) Sebastian, who passed away on 24 June 2012. Gudjai was an Aboriginal rights advocate and a highly respected elder and community leader.	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> (Broome WA, 19 July 2012), 3.
24/07/2012	QLD	Gugu Badhun traditional owners	Metallica Minerals a moving closer to the development of a nickel, cobalt and scandium mine at Greenvale after securing an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) with the Gugu Badhun traditional owners of the Greenvale area. The ILUA grants the company exploration and production rights within the ILUA area.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> (Townsville QLD, 24 July 2012), 16.
24/07/2012	VIC	Native title claim dropped	The Robinvale Aboriginal Community has formally withdrawn its native title application in the Federal Court saying the claim was complex and difficult to process. The group argued it had historical ties to the area, but did not have a single tribe at its base.	<i>ABC News</i> (24 July 2012).
25/07/2012	QLD	Mamu native title claim group description	The Ah-kee family from Innisfail is seeking to have the name of one of their ancestors removed from the Mamu native title claim. The decision by the Ah-kee family could significantly impact other claimants and the claim, which is expected to be determined in September.	<i>Innisfail Advocate</i> (Innisfail QLD, 25 July 2012), 5.
26/07/2012	NSW	Native title interests in	NTSCORP Ltd will be holding two meetings in August for any Indigenous people who have native title interests in Boyd's Bay,	<i>Tweed Sun</i> (Tweed Head QLD, 26 July 2012), 3.

		Boyd's Bay	Tweed Heads. The meeting was called following a decision by the NSW government to extinguish native title rights on a 4.37ha lot.	
27/07/2012	NSW	Gomeroi people's native title claim	Local councils in the northern region of NSW have met with the National Native Title Tribunal and a lawyer from the NSW Department of Trade and Investment to discuss the possible implications of the Gomeroi people's application for a native title determination for an area bounded by the NSW and QLD border. If the native title claim was successful, local councils and the NSW Government would need to consult the native title holders when Crown land was proposed for infrastructure developments.	<i>The Northern Daily Leader</i> (27 July 2012).
30/07/2012	QLD	NQLC Chief Executive	The Cairns-based CEO of the Northern Queensland Land Council (NQLC) has been suspended amid an investigation in to his conduct. NQLC has not made the reasoning behind the decision public.	<i>Cairns Post</i> (Cairns QLD, 30 July 2012), 4.