

Subject	Summary	Source	Date	State	Outcome	NNTT
Negotiations lead to 5 year exploration license in the Cooper Basin	Extensive negotiations for land access between the SA Government, native title claimants and Eagle Bay Resources have led to a new 5 year \$21.55m oil and gas exploration license being granted to Eagle Bay resources in the Cooper Basin.	Mining Chronicle, pg 24	October	SA	Mineral exploration to proceed in Cooper Basin	
Minerals Council of Australia & Federal Govt sign MOU re. Indigenous communities	A memorandum of understanding has been reached between the Minerals Council of Australia and three Federal Government departments based on the industry's commitment to work co-operatively with, and "support the needs and aspirations of Indigenous communities". Results are intended to include improved employment opportunities and enterprise facilitation and will in the first instance be targeted at five pilot locations across the country.	Mining Chronicle, pg 47	October	Federal	MCA & Fed Govt sign MOU re. Indigenous community development	
Native title linked to Indigenous employment	Employment and training opportunities have emerged as important objectives in future act negotiations with traditional owners across Australia according to Yamatji Marlpa Bama Bama Maaja executive director Simon Hawkins. The organisation has taken part in discussions with mining companies to adopt collaborative and mutually-beneficial outcomes, including employment and training initiatives, however "Many concerns held by traditional owners about the impact of industrial development in the region-such as its effect on existing education, transport, housing and health services-are the responsibility of government...Government investment in supportive infrastructure can significantly increase the benefits that employment initiatives bring to Indigenous communities".	Mining Chronicle, pg 48	October	WA	Employment initiatives must be linked to good infrastructure: Yamatji	
Ord development delayed pending NT/WA negotiations	Now that the WA State Governemnt have entered into a development agreement with Miriwung-Gajerrong claimants for the Ord River they must present an analysis of the development before the NT government can commit to the scheme said NT Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister Kon Vatskalis. If they do support the scheme it is likely that a new town will need to be built, capital investment must be sought and a compensation package would need to be negotiated to extinguish any claims for native title.	Northern Territory News, pg 2	31-Oct-05	NT	NT to begin negotiations re. Ord river scheme.	Miriwung Gajerrong WC94/2 WAD6001/96 CM: Sandra Barkla

ANTaR, Australian Peace Committee and Human Rights Coalition deplore APY amendment process	"We deplore the way in which the amendments to the Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Bill were passed" say senior figures in Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation, the Australian Peace Commission and the South Australian Peace Coalition in a letter to the Editor. "The State Government has been intent on barrelling through with this legislation, despite widespread opposition from the majority of the traditional owners, who are concerned over the loss of their rights".	Independent Weekly, pg 6; Sunday Mail, pg 95 (30 Oct 05)	30-Oct-05	SA	SA amends APY Act	
Pearson: Land profits a solution to black poverty	Noel Pearson has called for a "reconciliation" between Indigenous communal land and an "urgent need" for private home ownership in a speech to the Centre for Independent Studies, 25 Oct 05. "There is no question that communal title is integral to Indigenous culture" said Pearson "It is equally true that transferable property rights are integral to development". Prof Mick Dodson, however, said that "The suggestion that Indigenous people need to abandon their traditions (of communal ownership) in order to engage with the modern world is nothing more than assimilation".	Australian, pg 6 & pg 16 & pg 17	26-Oct-05	Federal	Pearson supports Land Rights reform	
Claim over Bunbury land, WA	The Single Noongar claim has had a hearing in Ellensbrook with evidence taken in relation to the Bunbury area. The claim covers most of the south-west area of WA and if it is successful, traditional owners are likely to seek millions of dollars in compensation. Single Noongar claim solicitor Christine Cooper said "It is one of the largest claims in the country and it's also a claim that includes a capital city...We're very confident of a successful outcome".	Bunbury Mail, pg 22	26-Oct-05	WA	Noongar claimants give Bunbury evidence	Associated NTDA's WC03/6 WAD6006/03 Single Noongar Claim WC96/18 WAD137/98 Corrie Bodney WC95/46 WAD6010/98 Swanbourne WC95/86 WAD149/98 Ballaruke People WC96/46 WAD139/98 Burswood Island WC96/45 WAD138/98 Waneroo Road CM: Steve Edwards & Kristina Nilsson
Indigenous housing-One size does not fit all	"Practical reconciliation" policies have failed to deliver the most basic of human needs-adequate housing, says Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Sen Chris Evans. "Rather than focus on private land ownership on remote Aboriginal communal land the Howard Government must address the need for basic public housing" said Evans.	Media Release, Labor Party, pg 59	25-Oct-05	Federal	Labor criticises emphasis on privatising Indigenous land	

<p>Pitjantjatjara amendment bill passed</p>	<p>In a marathon sitting the Pitjantjatjara Land Rights Bill, which affects governance of the communities in the State's far north was passed by the SA Parliament at 4.15am on the 20th Oct 05. Greens MP Kris Hanna debated every clause and so, as the Government demanded that the Bill be passed overnight, it took all night.</p>	<p>Independent Weekly, pg 2; Adelaide Advertiser, pg 4 (21 Oct 05)</p>	<p>23-Oct-05</p>	<p>SA</p>	<p>APY lands bill passed</p>	
<p>New sewerage system as part of ILUA in Cape York</p>	<p>A modern sewerage system is to be installed in remote Pormpuraaw on the west coast of Cape York to replace septic tanks which flood in the wet season as part of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement negotiated by the Mihn Boro people, the Pormpuraaw Shire Council and the State Government. The ILUA also includes job opportunities and protection of cultural heritage sites.</p>	<p>Cairns Post, pg 11; Koori Mail, pg 11 (19 Oct 05)</p>	<p>22-Oct-05</p>	<p>QLD</p>	<p>Cape York ILUA negotiated</p>	<p>QI2002/48 Minh Way Warr Sewerage Works ILUA</p>
<p>Gascoyne native title claim seeking respondents</p>	<p>People with an interest in an area of land in the upper Gascoyne region are being urged to respond to a native title application lodged for registration by the Budina people. The land is 150km south east of Exmouth, between the North West Coastal Highway and the Mullewa Stock Route. National Native Title Tribunal case manager Chris Scroggin said becoming a party to a native title claim meant everyone with an interest in the claim area could put forward their views about how native title might affect them. Closing date for respondents is the 1st Feb 2006. Further information is available from the Tribunal on 1800 640 501.</p>	<p>Geraldton Guardian, pg 5</p>	<p>21-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Gascoyne claim in notification</p>	<p>WC04/5 WAD131/04 CM: Paul Willaway</p>

<p>Pandanus Park arguments continue</p>	<p>Plans to hand back part of the Pandanus Park pastoral lease, currently occupied by Vietnam Veterans, to traditional owners as part of a native title agreement have been described by Opposition Leader Lawrence Springborg as "the dirtiest, dodgiest deal Beattie has done yet". Vietnam Veterans spokesman Les Hiddins ("the bush tucker man") said the Government "had best remind the Aboriginal people who are receiving the land that it comes complete with a couple of hundred war veterans". Kalpowar Station Elder Gerhardt Powar said that the Indigneous owners had agreed to give up half their claim to the Kalpowar aggregate so a national park could be developed for conservation, in exchange for a granting of freehold land on other parts. "We have got no intentions whatsoever of trying to lock the veterans out of this arrangement" he said. However, Les Hiddins said the veterans did not want to negotiate and sought a state government commitment that they will not be kicked off the land.</p>	<p>Cairns Post, pg 9; Courier Mail, pg 4; Sunday Mail, pg 30 (23 Oct 05); Cairns Post, pg 29 (29 Oct 05)</p>	<p>20-Oct-05</p>	<p>QLD</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Kalpowar Holdings QC97/48 QUD6155/98 CM: Karrell Ross</p>
<p>Dja Dja Wurrung and Diamond Hill Mining reach agreement</p>	<p>Dja Dja Wurrung native title claimants and Diamond Hill Mining have reached an agreement for the use of Crown land in central Victoria to explore for gold.</p>	<p>Bendigo Advertiser, pg 2</p>	<p>20-Oct-05</p>	<p>VIC</p>	<p>Mining agreement reached</p>	<p>VI2005/003 CM: Hamish McLeod</p>
<p>Sacred sites laws to toughen</p>	<p>All developments will be checked for sensitive Aboriginal links before approval under Victoria's new proposed planning laws. Victoria's peak funding body said that the checks will add \$2000 on average to the cost of building a new home.</p>	<p>Herald Sun, pg 2; Herald Sun pg 13 (20 Oct 05); sPress pg 9 (25 Oct 05)</p>	<p>19-Oct-05</p>	<p>VIC</p>	<p>New planning laws proposed</p>	
<p>Traditional owners blast N-dump plan</p>	<p>Traditional owners and environmentalists have hit out at Federal legislation intended to force a nuclear waste dump on the Northern Territory. Science minister Brendan Nelson has introduced a bill intended to overturn a Northern Territory law specifically designed to prevent the dump from going ahead. The legislation will also bar any challenges under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act and the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and includes a section to allow the acquisition or over-riding of remaining interests in the chosen site and another section to overcome state or territory objections to the transportation of waste to the site. The Central Land Council has said of the Bill that it "shows an outrageous disregard for the views of Territorians".</p>	<p>Koori Mail, pg 7 & pg 20</p>	<p>19-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT/Federal</p>	<p>Legislation designed to force nuclear waste dump on the Northern Territory</p>	

<p>KLC say WA State cannot be trusted to deliver on native title</p>	<p>The Kimberley Land Council has said that the WA State government's withdrawal from the Rubibi negotiations is proof that they cannot be relied upon to deliver on native title rights and interests. "This is a sad outcome" said KLC executive director Wayne Bergman "...Under the current system the State and Rubibi were within sight of settling the long-running Rubibi case by consent. The good faith delivered by the Rubibi people during mediation has been completely dishonoured by the State. How can we rely on them to act in our interests? We are worried about the State's intention in supporting changes to the Native Title Act. Will it really mean a weakening of Aboriginal people's position, and an easier ride for everyone else?"</p>	<p>Koori Mail, pg 8</p>	<p>19-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>KLC question State</p>	<p>WC99/23 WAD6006/98 Rubibi WC04/6 WAD223/04 Rubibi #17 CM: Sandra Barkla</p>
<p>Noongar claim could expose WA govt to massive compensation claim</p>	<p>The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council led Noongar Native Title Claim could open the way for a multimillion dollar compensation bill.</p>	<p>Koori Mail, pg 11</p>	<p>19-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Noongar hearing begins</p>	<p>Please refer to Row 8</p>
<p>Review of native title process</p>	<p>Senior lawyers, Graham Hiley, QC and Ken Levy have been appointed to review the process for resolving native title claims and will report to the Federal Government by April 2006. "The review will consider how the (Federal) Court and the (National Native Title) Tribunal can work more effectively in managing and resolving native title claims", said Attorney-General Phillip Ruddock.</p>	<p>Northern Star, pg 9; Daily Examiner, pg 10; Cairns Post, pg 11; Cairns Post, pg 11; Daily News, pg 7; Launceston Examiner, pg 28; Morning Bulletin, pg 14; Queensland Times, pg 12; Media Release, Liberal Party, pg 15 (17 Oct 05); Maitland Mercury, pg 7; Daily Advertiser, pg 9; Queensland Country Life, pg 7 (20 Oct 05)</p>	<p>18-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>On-going</p>	

Vanstone responds to Woodward	Changes to the Northern Territory Land Rights Act will apply only to townships on Aboriginal land and not to the vast bulk of the land that makes up almost half of the Northern Territory, said Indigenous Affairs Minister Amanda Vanstone. "The reforms will provide the opportunity for secure tenure for those people who have lived their whole lives without the legal security that the rest of Australians take for granted, while respecting the rights of Traditional Owners" said Minister Vanstone.	Northern Territory News, pg 12	18-Oct-05	NT	Changes to Land Rights Act	
Fears for ochre site	Wajarri Elders are negotiating with fledgling iron ore producers Midwest Corporation over the resources company's plans to mine in the Weld Ranges, which contain numerous culturally significant sites, including the ancient ochre mine, Wilgie Mia. A heritage agreement must be reached to allow the granting of previously ungranted tenements before exploration work can proceed.	Geraldton Guardian, pg 5	17-Oct-05	WA	Negotiations move slowly in Weld Ranges	WC01/3 WAD6042/99 CM: Trish Sinclair-Jones
Shadow ministers express concern about native title process review	Shadow Attorney-General Nicola Roxon and Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Chris Evans have expressed concern that no Indigenous representatives have been appointed to consult on or oversee the review of the native title system. Goldfields Land & Sea Council executive director Brian Wyatt has also claimed that the Review process is fundamentally compromised by the absence of any Aboriginal representation on the steering committee. "Without a representative the review is unlikely to be fair and balanced but will merely be an erosion of the hard-fought gains of Aboriginal people" said Mr Wyatt. "It's time for Aboriginal people to be given a real say on where Native Title is to go to from here by including them on the steering committee of this important review".	Media Release, Labor Party, pg 11; Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 4 (21 Oct 05)	17-Oct-05	Federal	Changes to Land Rights Act	
Cowarra dam opening acknowledges native title	The Cowarra Dam has opened in the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council area. At the opening ceremony recognition was given to the Bunyah Land Council of the native title rights of it's members on the land. A number of land council members were employed on construction contracts associated with the dam.	Port Macquarie News, pg 5	17-Oct-05	NSW	Bunyah Land Council members acknowledged at dam opening	

State move to have extinguishment proceedings dismissed: Lake Victoria	The NSW Crown Solicitor has placed an Order of Motion before the Supreme Court seeking a dismissal of proceedings taken by Ms Dorothy Lawson, who has claimed loss of rights over the extinguishment of native title rights at Lake Victoria, on the grounds that the matter is already before the Federal Court. Advancement of Ms Lawson's claim has occurred at the same time that the native title claim for south western NSW.	Mildura Independent Star, pg 3	16-Oct-05	NSW	On-going	NPA97/2 NSD6165 Barkandji (Paakantyi) People # 9 CM: Frank Russo
Doctor urges caution before accepting NT Land Rights Act amendments	Ex-public health and flying doctor Colin Hughes warns that the privatisation of Indigenous lands will lead to patterns seen elsewhere in the world: create debt, ignore negative determinants (such as poor infrastructure), raise industry rates, make service delivery dependant on interest debt repayments, impose economic management and introduce fees for basic services, repatriate any valuable property and sell to multinationals, and force families to leave their land. "I warn (Indigenous communities) to consider very carefully before accepting dreams of "wealth creation" from private ownership" said Dr Hughes.	Echo, pg 4	15-Oct-05	NT	Changes to Land Rights Act	
Swanbourne native title hearing begins	Corrie Bodney, on behalf of the Ballaruk and Didjerak people, lodged a claim over an area stretching from Swanbourne to City Beach, north of Fremantle ten years ago. Mr Bodney is representing himself and said that people of the Ballaruk community were donating their time and money "They give a couple of dollars here, a couple of dollars there" he said. The Bodney claim is separate from the Noongar claim which is also being heard in Perth.	Subiaco Post, pg 5	15-Oct-05	WA	Bodney claim in court	Please refer to Row 8
ALP rift over land rights	NSW State Labor MP and senior left-wing Indigenous figure Linda Burney is outraged by her party's support for the privatisation of Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory and believes that Indigenous people will lose their land if they sign 99-year leases. The Federal government wants to see these changes adopted nationally and will begin negotiations with state governments to encourage them to change their laws. "The agenda is not about providing more houses, it's about making sure that Aboriginal people don't have different land tenure. That's what this is all about" said Ms Burney "...I am perturbed that there seems to have been a n embracing of the approach without discussion with Indigenous Labor members".	Weekend Australian, pg 15; Northern Territory News, pg 2 (24 Oct 05)	15-Oct-05	Federal	On-going	

<p>Vanstone responds to Oxfam</p>	<p>Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs Minister Amanda Vanstone wrote in response to Andrew Hewitt (Oxfam Australia) that she does not see amendments to the Land Rights Act as the solution to severe economic disadvantage in remote Australian Indigenous communities. "The Government remains committed to tackling the issues identified by Mr Hewitt, namely investing in education, health, housing and infrastructure. But this does not mean that we cannot move on land tenure issues at the same time" said Vanstone.</p>	<p>North West Star, pg 6</p>	<p>14-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>On-going</p>	
<p>Argyle Diamonds make deal with traditional owners</p>	<p>Traditional owners, the Mirriwung, Gidja, Wularr and Malignin peoples have entered into a binding agreement with owners of Argyle Diamond, Rio Tinto. The Indigenous Land Use Agreement guarantees development approval for the extension of the underground mine in exchange for: a framework of mutual respect between TOs and miners; defining cultural heritage management issues; activating provisions of the Native Title Act to restore native title rights that have been lost through mining and pastoral tenures; substantial investment in training, employment and financial investments to benefit future generations; and encourages business development. The Argyle Participation Agreement is the third ILUA to be registered in WA</p>	<p>Golden Mail, pg 7</p>	<p>14-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>ILUA signed</p>	<p>WI2003/003 Argyle Diamond Mines CM: Christine Scoggin</p>
<p>CLC slam land rights amendments</p>	<p>The CLC has labelled amendments to the NT Land Rights Act expensive and unnecessary. "Aboriginal people are being forced to pay for these new arrangements from the Aboriginal Benefits Account which is for community development purposes. Furthermore they are being asked to forfeit any benefits from commercial development on their communities in future...It is a waste to introduce a whole new land tenure system merely because successive NT governments have refused to acknowledge or use the Act" said CLC director David Ross.</p>	<p>Tennant & District Times, pg 8</p>	<p>14-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>CLC oppose land rights changes</p>	<p>Blue Mud Bay #2</p>

Yolngu get land and sea rights	<p>A native title determination at Yirrkala has recognised Yolngu land and sea rights and exclusive rights over areas of Aboriginal Land Trust land within the claim area. The non-exclusive nature of the sea rights recognised by Justice Mansfield represents a further clarification of the nature of these rights according to Native Title Tribunal president Graeme Neate. Rights of the 501km area of sea include the rights to hunt, fish, gather and use resources, including the right to take turtle and dugong for personal, domestic or non-commercial exchange or communal consumption.</p>	<p>Territory News, pg 3; Koori Mail, pg 11 (19 Oct 05)</p>	<p>14-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>Yolngu claim determined</p>	<p>Blue Mud Bay #2 DC02/34 NTD6035/02 CM: Tony Shelley</p>
Fortescue reach agreement with claimants	<p>After months of stormy negotiations with three claimant groups Fortescue Metals have signed access agreements for its \$2.3b iron ore project in the Pilbara. "Making sure our culture and heritage is looked after is very important to us as traditional owners" Raymond Drage of the Nyaiyaparli people said. "This deal includes a number of provisions that should help us protect our country and our culture now and for coming generations".</p>	<p>Border Mail, pg 21; Business News pg 5; Morning Bulletin, pg34; Australian, pg 24; Daily Telegraph, pg 45; Sydney Morning Herald, pg 24; Australian Financial Review, pg 20; Warrnambool Standard, pg 15; West Australian, pg 43; North West Telegraph, pg 3 (19 Oct 05); Pilbara News, pg 2 (19 Oct 05); Business News, pg 32 (20 Oct 05)</p>	<p>13-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Fortescue deal signed</p>	
200th ILUA signed	<p>The National Native Title Tribunal has registered the 200th Indigenous Land Use Agreement. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said that these ILUAs have allowed (various stakeholders) to proceed with developments while at the same time ensuring the rights and interests of traditional owners were recognised.</p>	<p>Broome Advertiser, pg 3; Koori Mail, pg 8 (5 Oct 05)</p>	<p>13-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>200th ILUA signed</p>	<p>http://www.nntt.gov.au/ilua/1128065466_2148.html</p>
Point Nepean native title claim prepared for filing	<p>A claim by the Bunurong Land Council to Point Nepean is being finalised in preparation for filing with the Federal Court. The claimed land includes areas of Port Phillip, including Mud Island. Stephen Compton, Land Council spokesman said "We think we can succeed, even though essentially the Native Title Act was created by the government to bypass our rights".</p>	<p>Mornington-Southern Peninsula Mail, pg 5; Frankston Hastings Independent, pg 23 (18 Oct 05)</p>	<p>13-Oct-05</p>	<p>VIC</p>	<p>Bunurong native title claim prepared</p>	

Yolngu native title rights to Blue Mud Bay recognised by Federal Court	The Federal Court has recognised native title rights over parts of East Arnhem Land in the Blue Mud Bay region, including the sea. Sea rights were found to co-exist with the rights of commercial and recreational fishers and exclusive possession was recognised over the Aboriginal Land Trust land within the claim area	Ballarat Courier, Australian, pg 6 (12 Oct 05); Northern Territory News pg 3 (12 Oct 05); sPress, pg 9 (18 Oct 05)	12-Oct-05	NT	Blue Mud Bay determination handed down	
Whites could own Aboriginal land	Sir Edward Woodward, who headed a royal commission into Aboriginal land rights in the 1970s does not see how 99 year leases and communal ownership can be intermingled and has warned that Aboriginal land could end up being owned by non-Aborigines. "I am...worried that it might be a backdoor method of getting a lot of Aboriginal land into a situation where it can be purchased by non-Aborigines". Woodward is also concerned that the opportunities to exploit those who are not adept at managing negotiations may see those people "left behind. So that you'll find a big gap opening up between the very rich and the very poor, such as we have in our own society".	Northern Territory News, pg 5	12-Oct-05	NT	Sir Woodward concerned about changes to land rights	
Mildura marina to go ahead after negotiation of ILUA with 2 groups	The Latji Latji and Wergaia native title groups have reached an agreement with Mildura Rural City Council over the use of a Murray River site for a marina. As part of the deal the council agreed to offer employment and training opportunities to claimants during development.	Australian Financial Review, pg 55; Sunraysia Daily, pg 21 (15 Oct 05); Mildura Independent Star, pg 3 (16 Oct 05)	12-Oct-05	NSW	Murray River ILUA signed	
Land at Peranga, Qld may be affected by native title	Rosalie Shire Council have offered support to the Peranga Community Association for the leasing of vacant Crown land by the Department of Natural Resources as a park and recreation area. However, DNR has told Council that it has not been able to determine that native title has been extinguished on Lots 604-618 on Plan P6122 and therefore any issue of native title would need to be addressed by Council.	Oakey Champion, pg 5	12-Oct-05	QLD	On-going	QC99/4 QUD6004/99 Western Wakka Wakka People QC99/33 QUD6032/99 Wakka Wakka People 2

<p>Noongar native title claim begins hearing in Federal Court</p>	<p>A claim prepared by the South West Land and Sea Council, representing 27,000 Noongar claimants began in the Federal Court on 11 Oct 2005 after the parties were unable to reach a mediated outcome. If the claim is upheld SWALSC will seek compensation for it's members for all unallocated crown land sold as freehold by the Government since the introduction of the Anti-discrimination Act of 1975. "It's a shame after 200 year we have nothing and are still not recognised" said Mogumber local member William Warrell "We don't want to take anything away from white people, we don't want to take anyone's backyard. All we want is a fair go".</p>	<p>West Australian, pg 6; and pg 16 (12 Oct 05); Central Midlands & Coastal Advocate, pg 7 (27 Oct 05)</p>	<p>11-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Noongar native title hearing begins</p>	
<p>Proposal to tap Fitzroy aquifer needs support from native title holders</p>	<p>After the Kimberley Land Council has prevented drilling into the Fitzroy River aquifer the WA state appointed panel intend to appoint a consultant who will attempt to negotiate a native title agreement with traditional owners that would allow the transport of Kimberley water to Perth. Two engineering firms have been appointed to assess cost, reliability and feasibility of sending the water 2300kms.</p>	<p>Australian, pg 6, Australian, pg 5 (7 Oct 05)</p>	<p>10-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Proposal to send Kimberley water to Perth requires native title agreement</p>	<p>Likely to cover a number of NTDA's - please refer to Geospatial Map on Tribunal Website</p>
<p>GLSC secure guarantee that WA will not grant individual titles without consultation</p>	<p>The Goldfields Land and Sea Council have received a guarantee from the WA State Premier that the State Government will consult will Aboriginal Land Councils before considering granting individual land titles on communal lands. "Used in conjunction with its Shared Responsibility Agreements policy its easy to see how the Federal Government might force the hand of the State governments or individual Aboriginal communities to adopt the individual ownership doctrine regardless" said GLSC CEO Brian Wyatt. "An irreversible decline in the area of land in possession of Aboriginal people is a real possibility. This was certainly the experience of Indian Americans when their land estates were transferred to fee simple freehold in the early part of last century".</p>	<p>Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 14; Goldfields Express, pg 23 7 Oct 05</p>	<p>10-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>WA State agrees to consult before granting private leases on communal land.</p>	
<p>Land at Boyne Island and Tannum Sands under claim</p>	<p>The release of unallocated lands at Boyne Island and Tannum Sands cannot take place until the Qld State Government negotiates native title agreements.</p>	<p>Gladstone Observer, pg 3</p>	<p>08-Oct-05</p>	<p>QLD</p>	<p>Land release delayed pending native title agreements</p>	<p>QC97/21 QUD6131/98 Darumbal People QC00/7 QUD6006/00 Wulli Wulli People CM: Clare Stehbens</p>

<p>Goldfields claim overlaps to be negotiated by claimants</p>	<p>Native title claims in the Goldfields may have to be re-drawn and re-lodged to resolve overlaps. Claimants met on 7 Oct to discuss the issues and the Native Title Tribunal will meet on 12 & 13 Oct with claimants from seven groups to explain the ramifications of overlaps and other issues that may delay the native title process.</p>	<p>Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 1</p>	<p>08-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Claim overlap meetings in Goldfields.</p>	<p>WC99/10 WAD6064/98 Wutha WC995/ WAD6008/98 Koara People WC95/58 WAD6050/98 Sir Samuel WC95/82 WAD6059/98 Sir Samuel #2 WC95/47 WAD6040/98 Tjupan WC03/1 WAD6001/03 Tjupan #2 WC00/14 WAD6011/00 Ngalia Kutjungkatja WC02/2 WAD6001/02 Ngalia KutjungKatja #2 Snr CM: Kristina Nilsson</p>
<p>John Reeves QC believes that individual leasing of communal land is not enough</p>	<p>Darwin QC and author of the 1998 Reeve Review into the NT Land Rights Act believes that the administration of 99 year leases over lands currently communal held should be undertaken by a new authority and taken out of the hands of lands councils. "If (the Federal government) continue to allow land councils to issue permits to control access to Aboriginal communities...they won't address the sorts of problems we are talking about" said Reeves. Central Land Council director David Ross however said that Aboriginal people support the permit system as a way of "controlling people who come and go on their land".</p>	<p>Weekend Australian, pg 8; Sunday Territorian, pg 20 (23 Oct 05)</p>	<p>08-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>Reeves calls for abolition of permit system and introduction of new agency to administer Aboriginal lands</p>	
<p>Indigenous groups cautiously welcome land reform</p>	<p>Indigenous groups have cautiously welcomed reform to allow individual leases on communal lands but say it should not lead to a cut in spending. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioner Tom Calma says that the new access to equity must not be seen by governments as a way to substitute investment and service provision in remote areas.</p>	<p>Cairns Post, pg 14; Daily Liberal pg 6</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Human Rights Commissioner urges government to maintain service provision to Indigenous communities</p>	

<p>Palm Island Community Council breaks ranks over individual leasing of communal land</p>	<p>Palm Island Community Councillor Magdalena Blackley has backed plans for private land ownership on the island, breaking ranks with Council leader Erykah Kyle. "Many of us realise the potential for leasing land but it has to be dealt with in a clear and transparent way" said Cr Blackley, while Cr Kyle believes the plans are "ridiculous". Federal Liberal MP Peter Lindsay spoke at Palm Island saying "Palm Island is a hopeless community and it's got to change and the community leaders on Palm Island have to be the agents of that change, not me". Lindsay has written to Sen Amanda Vanstone to ask that she do everything in her power to extend the Northern Territory initiatives to communities such as Palm Island.</p>	<p>Townsville Bulletin, pg 6; see also Australian, pg 2, 7 Oct 05</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>QLD</p>	<p>Differences of opinion re. private leases on Palm Island</p>	
<p>Indigenous housing loans 'unaffordable'</p>	<p>NT Labor MP Warren Snowden says home ownership alone would not address Indigenous poverty. "Even under the most generous concessional rates available from Indigenous Business Australia I can't see many people getting their own houses through this scheme". IBA chairman Joseph Elu said that a family with a combined income of \$30000/year would "struggle" to finance a loan.</p>	<p>Australian, pg 2</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Home ownership alone not the answer</p>	
<p>Oxfam criticise Indigenous land reform</p>	<p>Plans to allow traditional owners to lease out entire towns on Aboriginal land have been criticised by major aid organisation Oxfam. "(T)hese new changes will only benefit the few and not the many, which makes one wonder why they are looking at the issue as a priority. The real issues that need to be tackled to boost economic and social development and address housing needs include greater investment in education, health, housing and infrastructure and developing innovative public-private partnerships" said executive director Andrew Hewett.</p>	<p>North West Star, pg 8</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Changes to Land Rights Act will benefit the few</p>	
<p>Native title issues affecting the Trekelano deposit resolved</p>	<p>Osbourne Mine general manager Noel Foley said that native title issues affecting the Trekelano copper ore deposit near Duchess in NW Queensland have been resolved.</p>	<p>North West Star, pg 1</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>Qld</p>	<p>Trekelano deposit native title issues resolved</p>	
<p>Yeperenye shopping centre transferred to Aboriginal trusts</p>	<p>Native title body Lhere Artepe and Aboriginal investment company Centrecorp now hold all shares in the Yeperenye shopping centre, in Alice Springs. The shopping centre had previously been owned by ATSIC</p>	<p>Centralian Advocate</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>Alice Springs shopping centre ownership transferred to trusts.</p>	

Maiawali Karuwali people and Zinaback mining enter into ILUA	An agreement negotiated between Maiawali and Karuwali native title claimants and gypsum mining company Zinaback allows mining to proceed in a 104h area SW of Winton in central-west Queensland and provides compensation to claimants.	Longreach Leader, pg 3; Gold and Minerals Gazette, pg 2 (October 2005)	07-Oct-05	QLD	Winton ILUA negotiated	
Gary Hamley WA ONT, wins State West Achievement Award	Gary Hamley has introduced a raft of changes, including increasing staff and resources and ensuring WA Office of Native Title representation at all Native Title mediation meetings, regional case management conferences and Federal Court direction hearings.	Business News, pg 14	06-Oct-05	WA	ONT CEO receives award for improved management and services	
Traditional owners to lease towns	Traditional owners would be able to lease whole towns under changes to the Land Rights Act. Indigenous Affairs Minister Amanda Vanstone said that the move would encourage more private sector investment, while traditional owners would retain communal title. A fund of \$7.3 has been established for low-interest home loans to potential Indigenous home-owners.	Canberra Times, pg 5; Cairns Post pg 18; Geelong Advertiser, pg 9; Herald Sun, pg 34; News Mail, pg 11; Sunshine Coast Daily, pg 14; Bendigo Advertiser, pg 14; Queensland Times, pg 12; Australian Financial Review, pg 5; Daily Times pg 7; Frazer Coast Chronicle, pg 11; Launceston Examiner pg 63; North West Star pg 5; Shepparton News pg 19; Warrnambool Standard, pg 5; Joint Media Release-Amanda Vanstone, Kay Patterson & Kevin Andrews, (5 Oct 05); Media Release-Amanda Vanstone (5 Oct 05); Daily Advertiser, pg 20 (6 Oct 05); Barrier Daily Truth, pg 8 (6 Oct 05); Katherine Times, pg 5 (12 Oct 05); Koori Mail, pg 8 (19 Oct 05)	06-Oct-05	Federal	Federal government to alter Land Rights legislation	
Film of historic land deal	A video documenting a native title agreement between the Narungga people; SA State Government; and the Yorke Peninsula, Burunga West, Copper Coast and Wakefield Regional Councils has been launched. The video follows the Narungga Indigenous Land Use Agreement from its preliminary stages through to its signing in Dec 2004.	Adelaide Advertiser, pg 31; Yorke Peninsula Country Times-Kadina, pg 14 (5 Oct 05)	06-Oct-05	SA	ILUA video launched	SI2003/004 CM: Greg Jervis

Reform bill 'too complex, unworkable'	Proposed legislation aimed at improving corporate governance of Indigenous bodies is too complex and unworkable a parliamentary enquiry has heard. If passed, the legislation will take effect from July 2006 and replace the Councils and Associations Act 1976. North Queensland Land Council PLO Martin Dore said "We seem to have gone from a piece of legislation which is quite simple to something which is in excess of 500 pages and quite complex" and pointed out that the bill lacks transitional provisions for moving to a new corporate government structure" while Central Land Council senior lawyer Michael Prowse said that "Many Aboriginal corporations that operate in Central Australia will be unable to comply with the provisions of the bill...it's quite possible that things will be more problematic than they were under the previous act".	Age, pg 9	06-Oct-05	Federal	New corporations bill before Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee	
Palm say no to land sales	Palm Island Council chairwoman Erykah Kyle said that new policies allowing the sale of communally owned Indigenous land sounded ridiculous and amounted to the Government wanting to steal their birthrights. "Aboriginal people don't sell land...stop stealing Aboriginal land" she said.	Townsville Bulletin, pg 2	06-Oct-05	Federal	Federal government to alter Land Rights legislation	
ALRM hold meeting to discuss Ngarrindjeri & other native title claims	The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement have called a meeting to discuss Ngarrindjeri and other native title claims 8-9 Oct 05. The subject of the claim is land from Cape Jervis to just north of Cape Jaffa and includes the entire Coorong, inland to Tintinara and Murray Bridge. All people with native title interests in this area are invited to attend, authorisation matters and the state-wide ILUA strategy will be discussed and representatives chosen to negotiate an ILUA.	Times, pg 9	06-Oct-05	SA	Ngarrindjeri claimant meeting held	SC98/4 SAD6027/98 Ngarrindjeri and Others Native Title Claim CM: Monica Khouri
PM will honour assurances on land rights: Reconciliation Australia co-chairs	Co-chairs of Reconciliation Australia Jackie Huggins and Mark Leibler say that, while the proof of proposed amendments to land rights legislation will be in their implementation, an announcement made by the Prime Minister at the National Reconciliation Planning Workshop appears to honour the guarantee that land rights would not be undermined. Mr Leibler cautioned that "Changes can and only will work if they are made in genuine partnership with Indigenous communities and if Indigenous people are given real decision-making power".	Reconciliation Australia Media Release, pg 7	06-Oct-05	Federal	PM assures Reconciliation Australia that he will not undermine land rights	

<p>Indigenous land-owners shut out of 'secret land talks'</p>	<p>The Federal Opposition says that Indigenous land-owners are being shut out of secret talks about plans to give new local councils the power to sell Indigenous land through 99-year leases. It is believed that Indigeneity may not be a prerequisite for eligibility to sit on the councils which will either be developed from existing land councils or created. Opposition Indigenous spokesperson Chris Evans attacked the Government saying it is leaving Indigenous people out of discussions. Changes include: removing the right of traditional owners to veto development projects on their land and giving territory and federal governments the right to compulsorily acquire land if traditional owners unreasonably refuse an application for a private lease.</p>	<p>Adelaide Advertiser, pg 35; Senator Chris Evans (Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs) Media Release 4 Oct 05</p>	<p>05-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Federal government to alter Land Rights legislation</p>	
<p>Changes to Land Rights Act will 'encourage' Indigenous home ownership</p>	<p>Under sweeping changes to communal land ownership the Land Rights Act will be changes to encourage private ownership in Indigenous communities and allow businesses and non-Indigenous interests to lease land belonging to traditional owners.</p>	<p>Age, pg 9; Northern Territory News, pg 3; Northern Star, pg 16 (6 Oct 05); Daily Examiner pg 12 (6 Oct 05); Morning Bulletin, pg 20; Australian pg 1; pg 2; pg 13; Burnie Advocate pg 13 (6 Oct 05); Toowoomba Chronicle pg 18 (6 Oct 05); Courier Mail pg 11 (6 Oct 05); Daily Telegraph pg 23 (6 Oct 05); Gympie Times pg 6 (6 Oct 05); Canberra Times pg 16 (editorial 6 Oct 05);</p>	<p>05-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Federal government to alter Land Rights legislation</p>	
<p>O'Shane slams land plan</p>	<p>Opportunistic real estate agents will be lining up to sell Aboriginal land to whites if the Howard government legislates to allow communally held land to be sold. North Queensland Land Council chairman, Terry O'Shane said that the Federal Government would start with the Northern Territory and then 'attack' the rest of the nation. Land will be bought by developers and then 'people will move out into the cities and be hanging around and living in abject squalor' said O'Shane.</p>	<p>Australian, pg 3</p>	<p>05-Oct-05</p>	<p>Federal</p>	<p>Federal government to alter Land Rights legislation</p>	

Custodians seek right to negotiate over cycleway	The Anderson family of Cabbage Tree island have defended their right to be involved in negotiations over the delayed cycleway in the Ballina Shire. "We have no objection to the cycleway as such-only put it on the Western side of the Coast Rd as our ancestors are buried in dunes on the Eastern side" say Susan and Douglas Anderson.	Northern Star, pg 10	05-Oct-05	NSW	Cycleway proposal to be considered by NSW Land and Environment Court	
Wiradjuri people make native title claim	The Native Title Tribunal has received an application for 2860h of land 13km SE of Ulan northwest of Mudgee. The primary purpose of the application is to establish negotiation rights in relation to the Ulan coal mine owned by Enx Resources Ltd and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd.	Wellington Times	05-Oct-05	NSW	Wiradjuri native title application received by Tribunal	NC02/3 NSD6002/02 CM: Nicole Maher
APY want SA Govt to withdraw legislation	A group of traditional owners from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands have vowed to maintain their pressure on the SA government who they believe want to water down their rights on APY lands. They believe that the proposed legislation will threaten governance and control of their lands, places considerable new power in the hands of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and will undermine the influence and decision-making power of traditional owners.	Koori Mail, pg 15	05-Oct-05	SA	On-going	SC95/7 SAD6007/98 Antakirinja Matu- Yankunytjatjara SC97/9 SAD6022/98 Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja Native Title Claim CM: Monica Khouri
Canberra to allow Indigenous land sale	Canberra's Indigenous community will be able to sell their land to individuals and businesses as part of a transformation of land rights to be unveiled, as early as next week, by the Howard Government. Under the latest reforms the 1976 Land Rights Act will be changed to allow Indigenous communities to exploit their traditional lands for financial purposes. The plans back a proposal made by ALP President and Howard appointee Warren Mundine who has mooted private ownership through an expanded lease system. Northern Land Council CEO Norman Fry and Indigenous leader Mick Dodson have pointed out that the current laws already allow for land to be leased for a wide range of purposes.	Australian, pg 1; Age pg 9 (6 Oct 05)	04-Oct-05	Federal	Changes to Land Rights Act begin in Canberra	
Council oppose Fiveborough swamp land claim	Leeton Shire will respond to a NSW Land Rights claim over the Fiveborough Swamp area "because it is used substantially, you have the management trust, council using it for sewerage and stormwater and you have leases in there". This is the first time that the Council has opposed a claim in its boundaries.	Irrigator, pg 1; Daily Advertiser pg 6 (7 Oct 05)	04-Oct-05	NSW	Council oppose land claim.	

<p>Miriuwung-Gajerrong strike \$50m native title deal</p>	<p>Australia's longest running native title claim will end this week with the go-ahead for Australia's biggest single irrigation scheme delivering benefits of over \$50m to claimants. In exchange for development approval over 65000 ha of farmland and national parks north and east of Kununurra and large scale cropping of about 33000ha of irrigated land claimants will receive a complex package of community benefits including funds for joint management of national parks, Indigenous input into future development and the hand back of culturally significant areas under freehold title.</p>	<p>Australian, pg 5; Broome Advertiser pg 1 (6 Oct 05); Australian Financial Review, pg 69 (6 Oct 05); Kalgoorlie Miner pg 9 (6 Oct 05); Sunday Times pg 52 (9 Oct 05); Daily Liberal pg 6 (7 Oct 05); Northern Territory News, pg 14 (7 Oct 05); Courier Mail pg 13 (7 Oct 05); Herald Sun pg 73 (7 Oct 05); West Australian pg 35 (7 Oct 05); Centralian Advocate pg 20 (7 Oct 05); Kimberley Echo pg 1 & 4(6 Oct 05); Business News pg 3 (13 Oct 05); Broome Advertiser, pg 5 (13 Oct 05); Farm Weekly pg 236 (13 Oct 05); Kimberley Times, pg 4 (13 Oct 05); Kimberley Echo, pg 3 (13 Oct 05)</p>	<p>03-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Miriuwung-Gajerrong claimants reach agreement with developers</p>	
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<p>Claim on Wanaruah pond, Mussellbrook</p>	<p>Muswellbrook based Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council have claimed Wollobi millpond under the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Act. The 2.85ha site is a water reserve under the Rural Lands Protection Board. The claim will be assessed by the NSW Lands Department.</p>	<p>Newcastle Herald, pg 26</p>	<p>01-Oct-05</p>	<p>NSW</p>	<p>Land claim mounted in Mussellbrook</p>	
<p>Negotiations over future development in Broome collapse</p>	<p>In an effective veto against expansion Broome's native title claimants have walked out of negotiations over future development, claiming that the State government has reneged on the centrepiece of the proposed agreement: exclusive possession of two pastoral leases north and south of Broome. Indigenous Labour MP Carol Martin has spoken out against her own government and accused them of betrayal.</p>	<p>Weekend Australian, pgs 6 & 31</p>	<p>01-Oct-05</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Talks collapse over Broome's future development</p>	

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Currently not the subject of a ILUA, Future Act - agreement may have ben negotiatied outside Tribuanl framework				
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N/A Native Title Rep body comment				
ILUA not lodged - in negotiation stage Fully approved determination that NT exists				

N/A Land Rights				
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Matter in trial				
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National Native Title Tribunal: Media Release: Native title agreement delivers community sewerage system	http://www.nntt.gov.au/ilua/11284802473452.html			

Not related to Tribunal activity				
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Review of Native Title process - please refer to Sept spreadsheet				

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Unable to find agreement in Tribunal framework - suggest contacting NSW-ACT Registry directly (Freecall 1800 640 501)				

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National Native Title Tribunal: : Argyle Diamonds -	http://www.nntt.gov.au/media/118191285_2280.html			
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ILUA not lodged - in negotiation stage				
Basic Geospatial analysis - results are for Rosalie Shire Council				

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National Native Title Tribunal: Information and Publications: Western Australian Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body (RATSIB) area A1 maps				
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