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Recent Cases (Australia)

Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council v New South Wales Native Title Services Limited
([unreported, FCA, 13 December 2006, Jacobson J](#))

Recent Cases (International)

Botswana High Court ruling in favour of the Kalahari Bushmen

A summary of the case is [available online](#).

An online press file about the court case, including summaries, biographies, legal precedents, photos and video clips, is available at [online](#).

(Sourced from NNTT Judgements and Information email alert service and the Federal Court's Native Title Bulletin)

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Legislation

[Native Title Amendment Bill 2006](#)

The full text of the *Native Title Amendment Bill 2006* is now available online. For full details see the [explanatory memorandum](#) and [second reading](#) speech presented to parliament.

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Books, Journals, Issues Papers and Discussion Papers

Books

O'Faircheallaigh, Ciaran.

Environmental agreements in Canada: Aboriginal participation, EIA follow-up and environmental management of major projects

Calgary, Alta. : Canadian Institute of Resources Law = Institut canadien du droit des ressources, 2006.

1: Introduction.-- 2: Framework for analysis.--3: The Ekati Agreements.--4: The Diavik Environmental Agreement.--5: The Snap Lake Environmental Agreement.--The Voisey's Bay Environmental Agreement.—The ACFN/CNRL Horizon Environment Agreement.--Analysis and Conclusion.

Western Australia. Natural Resource Management Office.; Hicks, Stuart.

The delivery of natural resources management in Western Australia : a review

South Perth, Western Australia : Natural Resource Management Office, 2006.

Natural resources - Management - Western Australia.; Natural resources - Government policy - Western Australia.; Natural resources - Law and legislation - Western Australia.;

Scholtz, Christa Sieglinde, 1970-;

Negotiating claims : the emergence of indigenous land claim negotiation policies in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United States

New York ; London : Routledge, 2006.

Introduction -- Negotiation : of recognition and delegation -- Indigenous land rights and cabinet decision-making in Canada (1945-1973) -- Cabinet decision-making and Maori land rights in New Zealand (1944-1989) -- Cabinet decision-making and indigenous land rights in Australia (1945-1998) -- Litigation, not negotiation : the American land claims experience in comparative perspective -- Beyond negotiation.

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Journals

Corbett, Tony

The National Native Title Tribunal's facade of indigenous advocacy

(2006) 25 Social Alternatives 2.

This article argues that the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) presents a facade of Indigenous advocacy via its 'outcome and output framework', which it uses to report and measure its performance in accordance with Commonwealth requirements. The framework implies that all of the Tribunal's 'outputs' contribute to its sole stated 'outcome': 'the recognition and protection of native title'. One of four key outputs, arbitration, is described and analysed. It is shown that the NNTT tends to rule in favour of non Indigenous interests when making arbitration decisions. The facade conceals

the reality that when arbitrating between Indigenous and non Indigenous parties competing for valuable resources, the Tribunal tends to rule in favour of the latter party.

Patrick Sullivan:

“Introduction: Culture Without Cultures: The Culture Effect”

The Australian Journal of Anthropology

Volume 17, No. 3, December 2006

Special Issue 18. Delimiting Indigenous Cultures: Conceptual and Spatial Boundaries

Anthropology has often been handmaiden to administrative and political activity that requires bounded social groups mapped onto territories and possessing defining characteristics such as language, values and behaviours. This introductory essay sets the scene for the papers in this Issue which show that actual sets of social relations in their particular places cannot easily be made to conform with this hermetic construct. Acknowledging this, post-colonial theory has been driven to theorise borderlands, hybridisation and metissage, liminal and interstitial social spaces. Yet these necessarily reinforce and privilege primary concepts of the pure and the central, the bounded and situated. This paper places the hermetic view of culture in its formative period, which also saw the emergence of nationalism and scientific atomism. The paper proposes that positing pure and bounded cultures, even as an idealised abstraction, is an error of theory which is influenced by an attachment to metaphors of the material world, usually ‘Euclidean’. Finally, the paper explores ways that analyses of cultural interrelation, such as those in this Special Issue, can proceed without imagining a resulting ‘culture’, and what this may do for the political landscape of localised cultural rights.

Correy, Simon

The reconstitution of Aboriginal sociality through the identification of traditional owners in New South Wales

(2006) 17 *Australian Journal of Anthropology* 3.

This paper argues that native title determination applications, facilitated by the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993, constitute a modern social phenomenon. A characteristic of these applications is that they contain processes associated with demonstrating traditional modes of land ownership, which compel claimants to engage in critically reflexive projects that contain the potential to problematise fundamental dimensions of their intersubjective-accord, including the very concept of indigenous relatedness. With particular reference to situations in New South Wales, this paper suggests that the identification of traditional owners and the definition of claimant groups actively contribute to the reconstitution of contemporary Aboriginal sociality. In this process, ideas of relatedness are converted into ideas of descent and concomitantly notions of kinship, personhood and identity are reconstructed. Early anthropological research regarding descent, kinship and the relevance of groups to descriptions of society has alerted us to some of the problems highlighted in this paper, but they appear to have been largely forgotten in native title processes.

Benjamin Richard Smith

‘More than Love’: Locality and Affects of Indigeneity in Northern Queensland

The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology

Volume 7, No. 3, December 2006

Tina Jowett

Native Title over Perth

(2006) 7 *Native Title News* 196.

This article provides a summary of the recent Noongar decision focusing on how evidence of the traditional laws and customs of the Noongar society was treated by Justice Wilcox.

Joanne Norris

The Perth Metro Native Title Decision – What happens now?

(2006) 7 *Native Title News* 200.

This article focuses on how Justice Wilcox applied the principles of *Yorta Yorta* in the Noongar decision.

Anne de Soyza

The implications of *Bennell v Western Australia* for the High Court decision in *Yorta Yorta v Victoria*

(2006) 7 *Native Title News* 202.

This article discusses the implications of the Noongar decision and the legal issues that remain to be resolved.

Wendy Treasure

What happened to the long-standing principle that the Crown sets an example to others by behaving as a model litigant

(2006) 7 *Native Title News* 205.

This article discusses how the legal questions of the Noongar decision were addressed.

McIntyre, Greg

Noongar native title case

(2006) 33 *Brief / Law Society of Western Australia* 10.

Noongar decision (Federal Court); Native title - Determination – Western Australia - South West Region.

Porter, Libby

Rights or containment? the politics of Aboriginal cultural heritage in Victoria

(2006) 37 *Australian Geographer* 355.

Aboriginal cultural heritage protection, and the legislative regimes that underpin it, constitute important mechanisms for Aboriginal people to assert their rights and responsibilities. This is especially so in Victoria, where legislation vests wide-ranging powers and control of cultural heritage with Aboriginal communities. However, the politics of cultural heritage, including its institutionalisation as a scientific body of knowledge within the state, can also result in a powerful limiting of Aboriginal rights and responsibilities. This paper examines the politics of cultural heritage through a case study of a small forest in north-west Victoria. Here, a dispute about logging has pivoted around differing conceptualisations of Aboriginal cultural heritage values and their management. Cultural heritage, in this case, is both a powerful tool for the assertion of Aboriginal rights and interests, but simultaneously a set of boundaries within which the state operates to limit and manage the challenge those assertions pose. The paper will argue that Aboriginal cultural heritage is a politically contested and shifting domain structured around Aboriginal law and politics, Australian statute and the legacy of colonial history.

Reports

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[Indigenous governance at the crossroads: The way forward](#)

John Cleary

Current governance structures in remote Aboriginal communities are in urgent need of reform. In this paper, John Cleary argues that the Northern Territory Government's plan for Regional Shires is a step in the right direction, but we must be very clear about what is not working and how the new Shires will work. He supports the establishment of a simplified, amalgamated system of local governance and a clarification of the responsibilities of existing organisations.

Discussion Papers

W. Sanders

[285/2006 Local governments and Indigenous interests in Australia's Northern Territory](#)

Australia's Northern Territory has three categories of local government referred to as municipal, community government and association councils. This paper explores the historical development of these three categories of local governing body since Northern Territory self-government in 1978. Through more contemporary demographic analysis, and some minor spatial analysis, the paper also explores the different relationships of these three types of local governments to Indigenous interests. Two important pieces of background information are that roughly one-quarter of the Northern Territory's population of 200,000 is Aboriginal and that outside the major urban areas this proportion is much higher still. A later section of the paper looks at the contrasting financial positions of these three types of local government in the Northern Territory and relates this to the very different service roles they play for Indigenous people in remote areas and others (Abstract).

W. Sanders

[280/2006 Being a good senior manager in Indigenous community governance: Working with public purpose and private benefit](#)

This paper seeks to understand the role of being a senior manager in Indigenous community governance, particularly though not exclusively in remote Aboriginal communities. It argues against the tendency of analysts and would-be reformers of Indigenous community governance to focus on the competence and ethical qualities of those who, from time to time occupy these roles, and asks instead how can isolated managerialism in Indigenous community governance be overcome?

The paper begins with Ralph Folds' analysis of relations between Pintupi settlements and the larger Australian polity. While taking much from Folds' analysis, the paper argues that he relies on too idealist a view of the Australian state and on a problematic distinction between the official and private uses of publicly allocated resources. The paper argues that the state's allocation of resources also inevitably involves a flow of private benefits and that public purposes and private benefits are not different phenomena, but rather different perspectives on state action. In light of this, the paper outlines a more thoroughly realist analysis of what it is to be a good senior manager in Indigenous community governance and then, in its concluding section, makes some suggestions for overcoming isolated managerialism (Abstract).

J. Hunt & D.E. Smith

[WP 31 Building Indigenous community governance in Australia: Preliminary research](#)

This is a preliminary research report from the first year of fieldwork conducted by the Indigenous Community Governance Project (ICGP). The Project is exploring the nature of Indigenous community governance in diverse contexts and locations across Australia through a series of diverse case studies—to understand what works, what doesn't work, and why. A comparative analysis of the Project's case studies is revealing that governance and decision-making in Indigenous community governance is shaped by multiple historical, cultural and political relationships. Family and governance histories associated with particular communities and sets of regionally-linked communities are central features in community governance dynamics and arrangements. Strengthening Indigenous community governance requires negotiating appropriate contemporary relationships among the different Indigenous people within a region or community, and adapting or

creating structures and processes to reflect important relationships. Several dimensions are being identified as being fundamental to building stronger, sustainable governance at the community and regional levels. These are the impact of the wider 'governance environment', cultural match and cultural geography, modes of leadership and representation, institutional capacity, organisational design and relationships, representation, decision-making processes, and human resource issues. Capacity development for governance needs to be considered within a systems framework and should be a process that actively strengthens Indigenous decision-making and control over their core institutions, goals and identity, and that enhances cultural match and legitimacy. The report concludes with some emerging issues and implications for policy makers and for Indigenous organisations and their leaders (Abstract).

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On-line Publications

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National Native Title Tribunal (Australia) Research Unit

[Guide to Australian Government funding sources](#)

Government Publications

Australia.

[Bilateral agreement on indigenous affairs between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia](#)

This Agreement provides a framework and establishes priorities for the Governments to work together to streamline service delivery to Indigenous Australians in Western Australia.

ORAC Transition Constitution [available online](#).

This is an example model constitution for corporations under the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* (the ACA Act). By using this constitution groups will also be largely consistent with the rules under the new *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* which will begin on 1 July 2007.

Other

Issue 21 of Talking Native Title is now available:

- Desert knowledge, the key for future generations
- Native title claims over Australian capital cities
- The Wik decision changes life on the land
- Native title on appeal in the Northern Territory
- Native title holders caring for country in western Victoria

Issue 22 of Native Title Hot Spots is now available and includes summaries of cases about:

- A challenge to a representative body's discharge of its statutory duties
- What it means to hold a hearing 'in private'
- The scope of the Tribunal's powers in future act matters.

The South Australian edition of talking native title is also available:

- Current claims in mediation - find out the status of the native title claims currently in mediation facilitated by the National Native Title Tribunal.
- Indigenous land use agreement negotiations - find out what negotiations for indigenous land use agreements are being facilitated by the Tribunal.
- Federal court activities - directions hearings held on 27 and 30 November considered the progress of a number of South Australian claims, here you will find information on what orders the Federal court handed down.

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Upcoming Events

Conferences

[In the Pipeline: new Directions in Cultural Research on Water Symposium](#)

When: 19- 20 July 2007

(abstracts due 28 February 2007)

Where: University of Western Sydney, Parramatta Campus.

With drought and climate instability putting pressure on current and future water supplies, there have been many calls for change in **water use cultures**. Yet almost all Australian research on water users has investigated the attitudes and socio-demographic characteristics of **individuals**, not cultures, usually with a view to changing or predicting individual behaviour.

Meanwhile, unknown numbers of researchers in Australia and overseas are working on projects investigating water use and water-related issues from cultural or sociotechnical perspectives, and/or with strong concerns for cultural dimensions of water practices, ownership, technologies, uses and values.

These researchers can be found in government and non-government organisations, and across a variety of academic centres and departments, ranging from media, communication and cultural studies; history, anthropology and sociology; through to departments of rural studies and geography or geo-spatial studies, as well as engineering and earth sciences. Some of them are postgraduates and early career researchers keen to make contact with others to discuss methodologies.

The Symposium aims to explore such questions as:

- Who's doing what in cultural research on water in Australia?
- What is convergent and divergent in approach, theory, method, research design?
- What kinds of networks and partnerships are being developed?
- What can be done to promote more cultural research on water?
- How might cultural research and culturally-oriented strategies

effectively contribute to water sustainability?

This **CALL FOR PAPERS** invites abstracts of 100-200 words for 10-minute panel presentations or 20-minute papers outlining recent or current projects, and/or identifying methodological, theoretical or practical issues. **Deadline for submission of Abstracts (plus 150 words on you and your research) is WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY.** Abstracts and inquiries welcomed ahead of time. Please send via email to Dr Zoë Sofoulis, z.sofoulis@uws.edu.au and cc: to conference assistant, Justine Humphry, Justine@scholar.uws.edu.au. To assist with timetabling, organisers reserve the right to offer proposers either a 20 minute paper or a 10 minute panel spot.

Recent Events

[World Archaeological Congress symposium on Cultural Heritage and](#)

[Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights](#)

Where: Burra, South Australia

When: December 3rd to 5th, 2006.

The symposium will have very strong Indigenous participation, from communities in the NT, WA, SA, and NSW, as well as from overseas. Key speakers included George Nicholas and Julie Hollowell, leaders in a major international IPR project, Sven Ouzman, from South Africa and Daryle Rigney and Steve Hemming, representing Ngarrindjeri people.

There were also speakers from a range of non-heritage disciplines, including filmmakers Curtis Levy (Sons of Nammitjira) and Christine Olsen (Rabbit Proof Fence), an arts exhibition and a culture workshop series.

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Opportunities

NTRU Call for Publications

The Native Title Research Unit is calling for papers to be published as a part of its Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title series. Papers should be approximately 3000 – 3500 words. The Issues Papers series is a multi-disciplinary series of short research papers. Issues Papers allow the NTRU to target a number of emerging issues in native title research, reflecting on 'bigger picture' issues in a form that is of high academic quality but in a size and format that is useful to practitioners and researchers.

Papers can be submitted to the editor for consideration, the editor can also invite papers from certain people or on certain topics. Papers are peer reviewed by two independent experts in the area the paper covers.

Contact: 02 6246 1161 or ntru@aiatsis.gov.au.

[Forging Partnerships](#)

When: 15 January 2007.

Forging Partnerships is a joint initiative of the Natural Resources Advisory Council (NRAC) and the NSW Government established to promote partnerships for the sustainable management of natural resources – the water, the trees and vegetation, the soil and lands – in NSW.

NRAC developed the *Forging Partnerships* program, with the support of the Minister for Natural Resources, Ian Macdonald MLC, to provide a real and practical opportunity for individuals and groups to work together to improve the ways we manage our valuable natural assets.

This year there are three types of *Forging Partnership* grants:

- Sponsorships for smaller projects such as events or workshops
- Grants for medium to large projects - up to \$60,000
- Two flagship projects that address high profile natural resource management issues - each with funding up to \$200,000.

The types of projects being sought could include development of joint partnerships, educational activities, hands-on learning and capacity building in natural resource management. State government agencies are able to partner with community groups.

The fact sheet is [available online](#).

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[The University of Western Australia Native Title Courses](#)

Applications should be lodged by the 9th February 2007. Early applications are encouraged.

Anthropology at UWA offers two online courses.

Both the Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Applied Anthropology (Native Title & Cultural Heritage) are taught online and have attracted students from across Australia.

The courses focus on professional research issues relating to native title and Aboriginal cultural heritage. The aim is to equip graduates with theoretical, analytical and practical skills in applied native title and cultural heritage anthropology.

To enrol, you need to already have a degree in any Humanities or Social Science discipline, although people with degrees in other areas can apply for consideration.

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Employment

Role and closing date	Location	Description	Contact
Central Land Council 22 Dec 2006	Northern Territory Alice Springs, Australia	<p>The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Commonwealth statutory authority established under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976 to represent Aboriginal people in the southern region of the Northern Territory in the acquisition and management of their traditional lands. Across this region the CLC also performs related functions as the Native Title Representative Body under the Native Title Act 1993.</p> <p>This is a unique opportunity to work as part of small team to develop and implement an innovative new community development program focused on remote Aboriginal communities.</p>	Danielle Campbell Ph: (08) 8951 6206 Fax: (08) 8953 8037 jobs@clc.org.au
Manager, Social and Economic Information (Science Technology and Information Group) 15 January 2007	Townsville, Queensland - Australia	<p>The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is seeking a person who is innovative, seeks a challenge and who has the ability to lead a team.</p> <p>The successful applicant will apply social and economic information in the field of natural resource management, deliver client focused services and build partnerships with a range of people and organisations to deliver outcomes.</p> <p>Requires tertiary qualifications in economics or social sciences.</p> <p>EL1 Salary range \$77,330-\$83,198 pa plus super and benefits.</p>	Diane Grainger (07) 4750 0740 Human Resources Management Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority PO Box 1379 TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810 recruitment@gbmpa.gov.au
Knowledge and Adoption Manager 22 January 2007	<i>Knowledge and Adoption Manager Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge - Darwin</i>	<p>The Tropical Rivers and Coastal Knowledge (TRACK) research hub is a major new research initiative that brings together a multidisciplinary consortium to focus on the rivers and coasts between the tip of Cape York Peninsula and Broome. The TRACK research program has been developed through close collaboration of researchers and key stakeholders and aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase understanding of natural & cultural assets and ecosystem services 2. Develop tools for assessing the implications of potential developments 	Vacancy number: 6365 / 389 www.cdu.edu.au/jobs ph: (08) 8946 6284

3. Identify opportunities to develop genuinely sustainable enterprises
4. Build capacity of researchers and stakeholders in the region

An attractive remuneration package will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

<p>Expression of Interest Senior Legal Officers/Legal Officers</p> <p>5 January 2007.</p>	<p>Pilbara, Geraldton and Perth offices</p>	<p>Yamatji is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified lawyers to fill native title and future act positions in the Pilbara, Geraldton and Perth offices. Successful candidates will be motivated team players with excellent negotiating skills and the ability to communicate at all levels of the organisation.</p> <p>All applications must include a covering letter, completed application form, resume, and a statement addressing the selection criteria.</p> <p>Job descriptions can be obtained from Human Resources.</p>	<p>Human Resources</p> <p>Ph: (08) 9268 7000. Fx: (08) 9268 7054</p> <p>PO Box Y3072, East St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6832</p> <p>jobs@yamatji.org.au</p>
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Notifications

Native title applications by current notification of applications

NOTIFICATION CLOSING DATE	APPLICATION NAME	APPLICATION TYPE	DATE FILED	STATE/ TERRITORY	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	FEDERAL COURT FILE NO.
27/12/2006	Yuibera People	COMPENSATION	8/07/1998	QLD	QPA98/1	QUD6228 /98
27/12/2006	Barada Barna Kabalbara & Yetimarla People #3	CLAIMANT	21/03/2001	QLD	QC01/13	QUD6011 /01
27/12/2006	Yuibera People	CLAIMANT	8/07/1998	QLD	QC98/37	QUD6223 /98

10/01/2007	Tennant Creek No.2	CLAIMANT	7/07/2006	NT	DC06/3	NTD8/06
10/01/2007	Gosford City Council	NON-CLAIMANT	4/08/2006	NSW	NN06/10	NSD1482/06
7/02/2007	NSW Minister for Lands #9	NON-CLAIMANT	6/09/2006	NSW	NN06/12	NSD1708/06
7/02/2007	Eraring Energy ABN 31 357 688 069	NON-CLAIMANT	4/09/2006	NSW	NN06/11	NSD1685/06
7/02/2007	Bond Springs	CLAIMANT	28/04/2006	NT	DC06/2	NTD4/06
21/02/2007	Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council	NON-CLAIMANT	29/09/2006	NSW	NN06/13	NSD1931/06
19/03/2007	South West Booijarah #2	CLAIMANT	5/09/2006	WA	WC06/4	WAD253/06

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Determinations

Native title determinations by determination date

SHORT NAME	CASE NAME	DATE	STATE/TERR.	OUTCOME	LEGAL PROCESS
Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council	Ulladulla Local Aboriginal Land Council v New South Wales Native Title Services Limited (unreported, FCA, 13	13/12/06	NSW	NATIVE TITLE DOES NOT EXIST	UNOPPOSED DETERMINATION

December 2006,
Jacobson J)

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Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) by date

TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	NAME (NNTT HYPERLINK)	TYPE	STATE/TERR.	REGISTRATION DATE	SUBJECT MATTER
SI2005/007	Ceduna Keys Marina ILUA	AREA AGREEMENT	SA	11/12/2006	DEVELOPMENT
QI2004/023	Telstra Mandingalbay Yidinji People ILUA	ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURES AGREEMENT	QLD	08/12/ 2006	ACCESS

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Future Act Determinations

Future Act consent determinations by determination date

DETERMINATION DATE	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	DECISION/ DETERMINATION	PARTIES
1/12/2006	WF06/80	Consent determination: future act can be done	Aubrey Lynch & Others on behalf of the Wongatha People (WC99/1) (applicant/native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Spinifex Gold Ltd (grantee party)

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Other Future Act determinations by determination date

DETERMINATION DATE	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	DECISION/ DETERMINATION	PARTIES
5/12/2006	WO06/383	Objection - Dismissed	Ronald Crowe and Others on behalf of Gnulli – (WC97/28) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - Helix Resources Ltd (grantee party)
5/12/2006	WO05/755	Objection - Dismissed	Maitland Parker and Others on behalf of Martu Idja Banyjima (WC98/62) (native title party) - and - The State of Western Australia (Government party) - and - D.F.D Rhodes Pty Ltd (grantee party)
5/12/2006	WO06/74; WO06/290; WO06/419; WO06/421; WO06/426; WO06/428; WO06/452	Objection - Dismissed	WO06/74 Ike Simpson & Others on behalf of the Wajarri Yamatji (WC04/10) (Native Title Party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government Party)-and- Peter Anthony Sutton(Grantee Party) WO06/290 Wilma Freddie & Others on behalf of the Wiluna Native Title Claimants (WC99/24)(Native Title Party)-and- The State of Western Australia (Government Party)-and- Falconbridge (Australia) Pty Ltd (Grantee Party) WO06/419 Ben Ward & Others on behalf of the Miriwung Gajerrong #4 Native Title Claimants (WC04/4)(Native Title Party)-and- The State of Western Australia (Government Party)-and- Thermal Energy Australia Pty Ltd (Grantee Party) WO06/421 Ben Ward & Others on behalf of the Miriwung Gajerrong #4 Native Title Claimants (WC04/4) (Native Title Party) -and- The State of Western Australia (Government Party) -and- Thermal Energy Australia Pty Ltd (Grantee Party) WO06/426 Ben Ward & Others on behalf of the

Miriuwung Gajerrong Native Title
Prescribed Body Corporation (WC94/2)
(Native Title Party) -and-
The State of Western Australia
(Government Party)-and-
Thermal Energy Australia Pty Ltd
(Grantee Party)

WO06/428
Ben Ward & Others on behalf of the
Miriuwung Gajerrong Native Title
Prescribed Body Corporation (WC94/2)
(Native Title Party) -and-
The State of Western Australia
(Government Party) -and-
Thermal Energy Australia Pty Ltd
(Grantee Party)

WO06/452
Evelyn Gilla & Others on behalf of the
Yugunga-Nya (WC99/46) (Native Title
Party) -and-
The State of Western Australia
(Government Party) -and-
Steven John McKrill (Grantee Party)

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