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## **COLLECTION SUMMARY**

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## **COLLECTION OVERVIEW**

### **Scope and content note**

Ed Wensing's commentary on his papers, written in 2014 when he donated them to AIATSIS, indicates their range and the context of their production:

It was undoubtedly an interesting time in local government. There was a lot going on within the sector with significant pressures for legislative and structural reforms aimed at improving the efficiency of the sector and resulting in overall reductions in the number of local councils around Australia, issues over funding with State Governments (that create local government through Local Government Acts in their respective jurisdictions) and the Federal Government. Indigenous issues were just another issue confronting the sector and while they had to take their place in the queue so to speak, there were some significant imperatives impacting on local government priorities in this area. For starters, the work of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation had adopted an approach to reconciliation aimed at lifting the community's understanding.

By late 1996/early 1997 the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and some State Associations realised that local Councils throughout Australia were in need of factual information and practical guidance on how to work with native title. In March 1997 the National Executive of ALGA resolved to undertake an information and training project comprising two elements: the conduct of information seminars; and the production of resource guides specifically for Local Government.

The approach that ALGA took was to ask:

- What does a local Council need to know about native title so that it can continue to carry out its responsibilities and continue making decisions about land use and management in accordance with the law?

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- What are the appropriate processes for recognising and accommodating everyone's legal rights and interests at least cost?

Of course, the 1998 amendments to the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cmth) made this much clearer with the insertion of new provisions relating to agreements.

With assistance provided by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), ALGA undertook over 70 information seminars throughout Australia aimed at providing Councils with an overview of their native title responsibilities and the need to manage the risks associated with it.

With further assistance provided by ATSIC and the addition of a new partner, the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT), ALGA undertook the production of two information resources:

- *Working with Native Title: A Practical Guide for Local Government* (1999); and
- *Working out Agreements: A Practical Guide to Agreements between Local Government and Indigenous Australians* (1998 & 1999).

The *Working with Native Title* Guide provides Councils with a six-step Action Plan for incorporating native title into Council's day-to-day operations, as well as background information necessary to have a better understanding of the facts relating to the common law recognition of native title.

The *Working out Agreements* Guide provides information about how to develop an agreement, how to develop the content of an agreement, what is involved in implementing the commitments entered into in an agreement, how to review an agreement, and case studies on recent agreements.

Later stages of the project comprised:

- the preparation of a training program, including the development of training materials including card games, board games and other small group activities to engage participants in the material;
- the conduct of over 85 one-day training workshops in all the mainland States to enable practitioners to understand the basic facts of native title, their responsibilities arising from the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and how to apply the six-step action plan in the *Working with Native Title Guide*;
- the provision of specialist assistance to remote Councils who would otherwise have difficulty accessing such assistance;
- the production of a further information kit comprising ten checklists for different positions/occupations in Local Government and a second edition of an earlier brochure as an aid to applying the six-step action plan in the *Working with Native Title Guide*;
- the preparation of a series of issues papers addressing specific aspects raised by Councils during the workshops or in response to inquiries on specific issues. These are not published in hard copy but are posted onto the ALGA's website for general access.

Over 800 people have participated in the workshops, including:

- elected representatives (Councillors) in Local Government;
- Chief Executive officers, senior managers and practitioners in Local Government;

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- solicitors and consultants;
- representatives of Native Title Representative Bodies and individual claimants;
- ATSIC Regional Councillors and staff;
- State Government officials from a range of State Government agencies;
- officials from Federal Government Departments or agencies;
- academics;
- infrastructure agencies;
- pastoralists; and
- other local community representatives.

The training workshops were made possible by a partnership between ALGA, ATSIC, the NNTT and the Legal Aid Branch of the Federal Attorney-General's Department.

The total cost of the project over the four years from 1997 to 2001 is approximately \$700,000. This includes grant funding, ALGA's own contributions, revenue from sale of the Guides and the conduct of training workshops on a cost recovery basis. The actual investment, including in-kind contributions of the partner agencies would be at least double this figure.

What this project demonstrates is:

- the high costs associated with conducting effective national information and training initiatives;
- the need for partnerships between key agencies to assist local communities to come to terms with new responsibilities; and
- the value of developing a range of resource materials in response to a newly developing body of law and statute.

The feedback from Councils that have benefited from the project has been very positive and there is little doubt this project has made a significant contribution to raising the level of understanding in local communities about native title and the need to find negotiated agreements rather than litigated outcomes.

Following the completion of the two principal Guides, ATSIC, the NNTT and the Legal Aid Branch of the Federal Attorney-General's Department agreed to fund the development and delivery of information seminars and training workshops for local government around the country. This was a Joint initiative of

- the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA),
- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC),
- the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT),
- the Legal Aid Branch of the Attorney-General's Department.

## **Provenance**

The collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library by Edward Wensing on 14 March 2014.

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### **Material separated from collection**

Item 8/1/1, *Learning about Native Title* CD ROM (2 copies), disposition not yet determined, 10 March 2015.

Series 15, Items 1-4, Posters, transferred to AIATSIS Library Print Collection. See item list for details.

Series 15, Items 5 & 6, Workshop posters (laminated), located in Map Cabinet 7 (top drawer).

### **Related Material**

Ed Wensing's papers on his work and interests relating to Canberra planning and development issues are at the National Library of Australia (MS 8028, MS Acc98/99, MS Acc98/138, MS Acc03/263):

[http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/358895?lookfor=author:\(e%20wensing\)%20%23\[format:Manuscript\]&offset=1&max=1](http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/358895?lookfor=author:(e%20wensing)%20%23[format:Manuscript]&offset=1&max=1)

For a complete list of works by Edward Wensing, held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura@](#), the AIATSIS catalogue.

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### **Archivists note**

The arrangement of Wensing's papers follows the series list which Edward Wensing compiled at the time he donated his papers to AIATSIS.

### **BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

Edward George Wensing is a Town Planner, a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Valuers and Land Economists, and a Member of the Royal Australian Planning Institute. He worked for the National Capital Development Commission from 1973-1985, including in its Planning Division from 1979-1985, and has a long standing interest in planning and leasehold issues relating to Canberra.

At the time he accumulated records of the Australian Local Government Association's Native Title Project, Ed Wensing was an independent planning and land management consultant operating under the name of Planning Integration Consultants Pty Ltd, based in Canberra: "Developing holistic and interdisciplinary approaches to local planning and governance in the interests of justice, peace and sustainability for present and future generations. Specialising in



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Native title processes, Land management, Integrated strategic planning, Statutory planning, and Infrastructure planning.” (Extract from Ed Wensing's business card, c.1999, MS 5008/1/2/2.)

Ed Wensing worked for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) on its Local Government Native Title Information and Training Project in various capacities from 1997 to 2003. During a significant part of that period he was employed by the ALGA as the Native Title Project Manager, and in that capacity was responsible for the production of a number of resource materials aimed at assisting local government to understand its obligations and responsibilities on native title matters.

He was co-author, with Lucy Macmillan, of *Working with native title: a practical guide for local government* (1999), and, with Auriel Bloomfield, of *Working out agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians* (1998 & 1999), both published by the Australian local Government Association.

Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan conducted information workshops and training seminars right around Australia on the implications of native title for local government. They developed training modules which were used to conduct their workshops.

Reference:

National Centre for Indigenous Studies, Australian National University, Biographical entry for Ed Wensing, <http://ncis.anu.edu.au/people/wensing.php> (March 2015).

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## SERIES DESCRIPTION

### **Series 1 Guides to working out agreements between Indigenous Australians and local governments**

Series overview. These publications were made publicly available at the time of their production, either in hard copy or electronically.

**Folder 1/1** *Working with Native Title*, Perth, Western Australian Municipal Association, n.d. (1997), 20pp., published with the support of Western Australian Municipal Association, Australian Local Government Association, Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and the National Native Title Tribunal.

This was the first attempt by local government organisations to develop a resource for assisting local government to understand the implications of native title on its

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activities. It was produced by the National Native Title Tribunal in consultation with Western Australian Municipal Association. - *Ed Wensing*.

This title is also held in AIATSIS Library: Call No. P WES.

**Folder 1/2 Item 1.** Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan (1999), *Working with Native Title: A practical guide for Local Government*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Copy No.0040, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association, Oct 1999, 344pp., loose leaf, removed from ring back binder, published with the support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT). Two other copies, Copy Nos.0351 & 0767, destroyed (Feb 2015).

A 344-page loose leaf folder comprising 6 steps, several appendices of resources and additional information together with a digital version of the documents on CD disk (MS5008/1/2/2, below). This guide was prepared by Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan and was funded by ATSIC and the NNTT. - *Ed Wensing*.

Title also held in AIATSIS Library: Call No.B A952.40/W1.

**Folder 1/2 Item 2.** Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan (1999), *Working with Native Title: A practical guide for Local Government*, CD, Quark Vers 3.3 software, Nov 1999 (not accessible, 23 Feb 2015), together with Ed Wensing's business card.

**Folder 1/3** Ed Wensing and Auriel Bloomfield, *Working out Agreements between Local Government & Indigenous Australians: A Practical Guide*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, May 1998, 134pp., loose leaf.

This guide was written by Ed Wensing, working closely with Auriel Bloomfield, the ALGA's Indigenous Liaison Officer. The 1<sup>st</sup> edition was written during the period when the Parliament was debating Prime Minister Howard's 'Ten Point Plan' to amend the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) following the High Court's Wik decision. - *Ed Wensing*.

This title is also held in the AIATSIS Library: Call No.B A927.11/W1.

**Folder 1/4** Ed Wensing and Auriel Bloomfield, *Working out Agreements between Local Government & Indigenous Australians: A Practical Guide*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Oct 1999, 124pp., loose leaf.

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**Series 2 Brochures**

Series overview: Publicity pamphlets promoting and advertising the availability of the Guides: *Working Out Agreements with Indigenous Australians* and *Working with Native Title*.

**Folder 2/1** *Working out Agreements with Indigenous Australians: A new direction for Local Councils*, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association, May 1998, 6pp., brochure prepared by ALGA in cooperation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (3 copies).

One copy of this title held in the AIATSIS Library: Call No.XX(379544.1).

**Folder 2/2** *Working with Native Title: linking native title and Council processes*, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), 1999, 8pp. brochure, published with the support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), Attorney-General's Department Legal Aid Branch and the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) (3 copies).

This brochure was produced following the completion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the 'Working with Native Title' Guide and was used to promote the Guide. - Ed Wensing.

No copy currently held in the AIATSIS Library.

**Folder 2/3** *Working with Native Title: linking native title and Council processes*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), April 2002, 22pp., brochure, published with the support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), Attorney-General's Department and the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT), held in a folder with 10 loose leaf information sheets for different positions/occupations in local government, including: Councillor, CEO/General Manager, Legal Officer/Advisor, Planner, Development Officer, Property Officer, Development Assessment Officer, Environmental Health Inspector, Engineer/Works Managers, Ranger and other Field Staff (3 copies).

This guide was developed and written by Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan in close cooperation of senior officers from both the NNTT, ATSIC and the Attorney-General's Department. It was ALGA's first attempt at producing a significant resource to address local government's concerns about the impact of native title on their statutory functions and responsibilities as a competent local government for their communities. This resource would not have been possible without the cooperation of those agencies, and the support and co-operation of the State and Territory local government associations. - *Ed Wensing*.

This title is also held in AIATSIS Library: Call No. P AUS 2002.

**Folder 2/4/1** *Working Out Agreements. A Practical Guide to Agreements between Local Government & Indigenous Australians*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Deakin, ACT, Australian Local

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Government Association October 1999, published with the support of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

This brochure was produced to promote the *Working Out Agreements* Guide. - *Ed Wensing*. Document not located, 23 Feb 2015.

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**Series 3 ALGA Information Paper series**

Series overview. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), *Information Paper*, Nos.1-5, 1997-1999. The series is subtitled, 'Working with Native Title in Local Government'.

**Folder 3/1 Information Paper Series**

Item 3/1/1 E. Wensing, *Is Native Title Rateable?* ALGA Information Paper No.1, Canberra, 1997, 3pp.

Item 3/1/2 E. Wensing, *Managing Native Title*, ALGA Information Paper No.2, Canberra, 1998, 12pp., and appendices.

Item 3/1/2a E. Wensing, *Managing Native Title*, ALGA Information Paper No.2, 1998, Canberra, 19pp.

Item 3/1/3 E. Wensing, *An overview of the amendments to the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, ALGA Information Paper No.3, 1998, Canberra, c.30pp.

Item 3/1/4 E. Wensing, *An Overview of the Agreements Provisions in the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, ALGA Information Paper No.4, Canberra, 1998, c.30pp.

Item 3/1/5 E. Wensing, *Financial Assistance by the Attorney-General in Native Title Cases*, ALGA Information Paper No. 5, Canberra, 1999, 7pp.

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**Series 4 ALGA Issues Paper series**

Series overview. Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), *Issues Paper* series, Nos.1-7, 2000-2002. The series is also titled, *Native Title - Issues Paper*.

**Folder 4/1 ALGA Issues Paper Series**

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Item 4/1/1 E. Wensing, *Native Title and Local Government: adopting a precautionary approach*, ALGA Issues Paper No.1, Canberra, 2000, 4pp.

Item 4/1/2 E. Wensing & Marisa Menin, *Future acts in areas where native title holders are unknown*, ALGA Issues Paper No.2, Canberra, 2000, 4pp. (also published as Issues Paper No.6). With Ed Wensing, *Financial assistance by the Attorney-General in native title cases*, Native Title - Issues Paper No.2, Nov 1999, 4pp.

Item 4/1/3 E. Wensing, *Following the Future Act processes under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, ALGA Issues Paper No.3, Canberra; 2000, 7pp. (also published as Issues Paper No.5.), together with an earlier draft, *An overview of the agreement provisions in the Native Title Act*, Native Title - Issues Paper No.3, Dec 1998, 8pp.

Item 4/1/4 E. Wensing, *Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) involving Local Government*, ALGA Issues Paper No.4, Canberra, May 2002, 17pp; together with update following changes in ILUA provisions, n.d., 13pp.

Item 4/1/5 E. Wensing, *Following the Future Act Processes under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*, ALGA Issues Paper No.5, Canberra, Aug 2000, 5pp.

Item 4/1/6 E. Wensing & Marisa Menin, *Future acts in areas where native title holders are unknown*, ALGA Issues Paper No.6, Canberra, Aug 2000, 3pp., annotated.

Item 4/1/7 E. Wensing, *Compulsory acquisition of native title and compensation: issues for local government*, ALGA Issues Paper No.7, Canberra, Mar 2003, 20pp., with drafts.

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**Series 5 Resources for Training Workshops – Workshop Overheads and Training Workbook**

Series overview: Following the completion of the two principal Guides, ATSIC, the NNTT and the Legal Aid Branch of the Federal Attorney-General's Department agreed to fund the development and delivery of information seminars and training workshops for local government around the country. This was a joint initiative of

- the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA),
- the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC),
- the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT),
- and the Legal Aid Branch of the Attorney-General's Department, in co-operation with State and Territory Local Government Associations.

Authors: Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan with assistance from JLS and Associates, Melbourne.

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Lucy Macmillan and I spent several weeks developing training modules based on the *Working with Native Title Guide* and in the period from 1999 to 2001 we developed five editions of Workshop Overheads and Workbooks. A copy of each edition is included in this collection. Participants of each training workshop received:

- a copy of each of the Guides;
- a copy of all the overheads;
- a workbook;
- a copy of each of the brochures.

Between 1999 and 2003 I conducted over 70 half-day information seminars and over 85 one-day training workshops in all states and territories (including Tasmania, which was the last one I conducted in response to a specific request from the Council in north-west Tasmania).- *Ed Wensing.*

**Subseries 5/1 Papers on how the Six-Step Action Plan was developed.**

**Folder 5/1/1** ALGA, Drafts of document refining steps to be followed when identifying native title, under the following titles:

*Native Title: An Action Plan for Good Governance, Ts., 14pp.;*

*Working with Native Title: An Action Plan for Good Governance, Ts., 4pp., annotated;*

*Working with Native Title: A Practical Guide for Local Government, Ts., 14pp., transparencies.*

**Folder 5/1/2** *Working with Native Title: A Practical Guide for Local Government*, pp.33-75, draft as at June 1999, but *not* final. Consists of check list for Actions 1-9, of Step 3, 'Identify'.

**Folder 5/1/3** Information File:

Pt.1, Native Title (ILUA) Registrations, 1999

Pt.2, 8 Steps to ILUA Registrations

Pt.3, Body Corporate Agreements

Pt.4, Area Agreements

Pt.5, Alternative Procedure Agreements.

Includes the following National Native Title Tribunal publications:

- *Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs): Short Guide to ILUA Registration*, Jul 1999, 4pp.
- *Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs): Body Corporate Agreements, Application Booklet*, Jul 1999, 24pp.
- *Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs): Alternative Procedure Agreements, Application Booklet*, Jul 1999, 24pp.

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- *Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs): Area Agreements, Application Booklet*, Jul 1999, 24pp.

**Subseries 5/2 Training materials, three modules.** ALGA, *Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government* and *Working out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians*, Training Workshop, July 2001, as follows:

**Folder 5/2/1** Module 1: *The Concepts and Basic Facts and an Action Plan*, printouts and transparencies (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/2/2** Module 2: *Future Acts*, printouts (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/2/3** Module 3: *Negotiate Agreements*: printouts (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Subseries 5/3 Training overheads arranged in Parts 1-4**, ALGA, *Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government, Training Workshop, Overheads*: overheads arranged in Parts 1-4, as follows:

**Folder 5/3/1** Module 1, Part 1: *The Concepts and Basic Facts*, printouts (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/3/2** Module 1, Part 2: *Explanation of the Resource Guides*, printouts and transparencies (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/3/3** Module 1, Part 3: *Adopting a Precautionary Approach and An Action Plan*, printouts and transparencies (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/3/4** Module 1, Part 4: *Does Native Title continue to exist or has it been extinguished?*

**Folder 5/3/5** Module 3, Part 1, *The Role for Agreements in Relation to Native Title*,  
Module 3, Part 2, *Unpacking the Guidelines*,  
Module 3, Part 3, *Exploring the Context*,  
Module 3, Part 4, *How to Develop an Agreement*,  
printouts and transparencies (removed from lever-arch binder).

**Folder 5/3/6** Additional overheads, as follows:

Item 5/3/6/1 Untitled series of overheads on negotiating agreements and types of agreements, c100pp., printouts and transparencies (removed from *lever-arch* binder).

Item 5/3/6/2 Sundry overheads, including: 'Native Title and Land Rights in NSW', *NSW Native Title News*, Mar 2000; 'Different ways Aboriginal people may access, protect and acquire land in NSW'; samples of: -- NNTT Notice of application for determination of native title, NNTT Notice of Claim Meeting, Notice of Native Title

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Authorisation Meeting; Notice of Shire Council Intention to acquire land, WA Dept of Land Administration Notice of Intention to Take interest in Land, and others.

**Subseries 5/4 Training Workshop Overheads and Workbooks, 5 editions, Nov 1999-Jul 2001**

**Folder 5/4/1** Ed Wensing & Lucy Macmillan, *'Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government' and 'Working Out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians' Training Workshop Overheads and Completed Exercises*, ALGA, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, November 1999, 118pp.

**Folder 5/4/2** Ed Wensing & Lucy Macmillan, *'Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government' and 'Working Out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians' Training Workshop Workbook*, ALGA, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, May 2000, 58pp.

**Folder 5/4/3** Ed Wensing & Lucy Macmillan, *'Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government' and 'Working Out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians' Training Workshop Overheads and Completed Exercises*, ALGA, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, May 2000, 117pp.

**Folder 5/4/4** Ed Wensing, *Information about Working with Native Title*, Planning Integration Consultants Pty Ltd, Aug 2000, Ts., p/c, 32pp.

**Folder 5/4/5** Ed Wensing & Lucy Macmillan, *'Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government' and 'Working Out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians', Training Workshop Overheads and Completed Exercises*, ALGA, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition August 2000, 162pp.

**Folder 5/4/5** Ed Wensing & Lucy Macmillan, *'Working with Native Title: a practical guide for local government' and 'Working Out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians', Training Workshop Overheads and Completed Exercises*, ALGA, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, August 2000, 162pp.

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5/4/6/5 *Training Workshop Workbook*, 15pp.



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### **Series 6 Training Kits**

Series overview.

The Training Kits were not published, but were used extensively in the information seminars and training workshops that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) conducted around Australia between 1997 and 2003.

The Training Workshops were kept to a maximum of 25 participants and then broken into five tables of five. Each table was given a training kit. The contents of the kit were designed to give the participants a learning exercise to help them grapple with the basic facts and concepts, the scenarios where native title may be an issue and the correct processes to follow to ensure that Council managed the risks accordingly.

**Folder 6/1** Training Kit, 1997-2003. [5 kits transferred. One only retained.] Each training kit, comprises the following cards:

- A set of 8 green and 8 yellow cards for matching dates and particular events relating to native title.
- A set of 5 pink and 5 blue cards for matching particular terms relating to past acts, future acts and intermediate period acts and their corresponding definitions.
- A set of 5 cream cards, one for each of five possible scenarios where native title may be a consideration and how native title can be incorporated into council's processes and 1 large plastic covered sheet showing the five scenarios.
- A set of 6 large plastic sheets with the title 'How are native title matters resolved?' with three columns: 'Resolution Option'; 'Key Features'; and 'Circumstances'. [Not located, 4 Feb 2015.]
- A set of 6 pink cards and 6 blue cards for matching with the columns on the above card under 'Key Features' and 'Circumstances'.

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- A set of 5 yellow cards, five pink cards and five blue cards for identifying the Who, How and When of procedural rights for Future Acts.
- Together with a set of the following A4 cards:
  - 'A Native Title Timeline' (page 15 of the Working with Native Title Guide);
  - 'The Six-Step Action Plan' (page 57 of the Working with Native Title Guide);
  - A pink sheet and a blue sheet 'Some Basic facts about Native Title';
  - Overview of the Claimant Process (page 270 of the Working with Native Title Guide);
  - 'Main steps in the native title application' (page 100 of the Working with Native Title Guide);
  - Conceptual diagram of the interface or comparison between Anglo-Australian and Indigenous Australian laws and customs.
  - 'When does the right to negotiate or the right to be consulted apply in relation to compulsory acquisition?'
  - One card each for Scenario 1, Scenario 2, Scenarios 3 and 4, and Scenario 5 for incorporating native title into Council processes and the relevant steps in the 6-Step Action Plan in the *Working with Native Title Guide*.
  - Five cards on Procedural Rights, one each for: 'Same as a Freeholder', 'Right to Negotiate', 'Right to be Consulted', 'Opportunity to Comment', and 'No Procedural Rights'.
  - One green card on 'Good Governance'.

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### **Series 7 Photo Albums**

Series overview. Photos of local government workshops and events. These photos were taken by Ed Wensing or by a professional photographer hired by the Australian Local Government Association. The copyright of these photos would most probably lie with the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).

**Folder 7/1** Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, Treaty Conference, "Walking Together", 1999. c.100 prints in sleeves in one album. No captions with prints. Photographs by Irene Lorbergs.

**Folder 7/2** Launch of the *Working with Native Title Guide* (Western Australian Municipal Association, 1998) at Parliament House, Canberra, 1998: 40 prints in sleeves in one album. No captions with prints, but many photographs feature David Curtis, ATSIIC Commissioner. Photographs by Irene Lorbergs.

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documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

**Folder 7/3** Launch of *Working with Native Title Guide* (ALGA, ATSIIC, and NNTT, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1999) at Parliament House, Canberra, 1999: c.100 prints in sleeves in one album. No captions with prints. Photographs by Irene Lorbergs.

**Folder 7/4** Photos of various Local Government native title information seminars or training workshops events around Australia, including : Mackay Reconciliation Conference, Aug 1998; Warringah Council, signing of tripartite agreement, September 1998; signing of The Redland/Quandamooka agreement August 1997; MSJ [?] and EW [Ed Wensing] at Karratha Airport WA October 1998; Native Title Seminar, Perth, Oct 1998; Native Title Seminar, Bunbury, Oct 1998; Native Title Seminar, Kalgoorlie, Oct 1998; NSW Local Government Reference Group, Bourke, Oct 1998; ALGA anniversary, n.d.; Point Pearce, SA, Apr 2000. c.66 prints. Photographs taken by Ed Wensing.

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### **Series 8 *Learning about Native Title***

Series overview: Equity Toolbox 2002: development of an on-line and CD ROM Training Resource.

**Subseries 8/1** *Learning about Native Title*. A red plastic folder of materials, including:

**Folder 8/1/1** *Learning about Native Title*: an online content development initiative within the Australian Flexible Learning Framework for the National VET System 2000-2004, © Australian National Training Authority, 2002: CD ROM (2 copies, one transferred to the AIATSIS Library Collection), developed by a project team consisting of Nick Crosling (Australian local Government Training Board), Ed Wensing (consultant to Australian Local Government Association on native title matters), Anne Walsh (Fraynetwork Multimedia), Tanya Tankard and Therese McAleese (Swinburne University of Technology), in consultation with an Indigenous Reference Group consisting of Mitch Dunnett (District Council of Ceduna, SA), Gail Beck (City of Melville, WA), Bronwyn Warner (Central Queensland Aboriginal Land Council), Daryl Pearce (SW Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, WA), Fred Tanner (Office of the Commission for Equal Opportunity, SA), Charlie Jia (Australian Indigenous Training Advisory Council) and Tony Johnson (ATSIIC), with information leaflet, 1p, and related publicity material, 2002, as follows:

- *Equity toolboxes: an online product development initiative within the Australian Flexible Learning Framework in VET 2000-2004*, August 2002, 8pp., bound.
- ‘Teaching tool box goes on line, makes details of native title easier to grasp’, *CT*, 26 May 2003.
- ‘Native Title toolbox wins national award’, *ALGT Newsletter*, No.12, Aug 2003.

**MS 5008, Edward Wensing, Australian Local Government Association papers, documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

- Ed Wensing, '*Learning about Native Title*': an online and CD Rom Learning Resource, 2002, Ts., 2pp.

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**Subseries 8/2** Development of *Learning about Native Title*. A box of loose papers spanning the period from the application for funding to produce the online training package in 2001 to the final report of the project in October 2002. (Personal records of Ed Wensing.)

**Folder 8/2/1** Australian Local Government Training and National Indigenous Training Advisory Council application for funding *Working with Native Title: Online Training Support Material*, Oct 1999-Jun 2001, including:

- Wensing (Consultant to ALGA on native title matters) to Nick Crosling (Executive Officer, Australian Local Government Training), 13 Oct 1999, re ALGA's Native Title Information and Training Project.
- Wensing to Larry Steel, re LG competency standards relevant to native title, 20 Jun 2000.
- Wensing to Klim Gollan (National Native Title Tribunal), re on-line products to support Indigenous learners – local government qualifications and native title, 29 Mar 2001.
- Wensing to Parry Agius (Manager, Native Title Unit, Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Adelaide), as above, 3 Apr 2001.
- Australian National Training Authority, National Strategy. Partners in a Learning Culture: Australia's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy for vocational education & training 2000-2005, extracts, c.10pp.
- Victorian Dept of Education, Employment and Training (ETTE), Call for Tenders: Online Products to Support Indigenous Learners, Apr 2001, c.20pp., annotated.
- Letters of support for the proposed online project from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, ALGA, National Native Title Tribunal, ATSIC, the Australian Indigenous Training Advisory Council (AITAC) and the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Apr 2001.
- Victorian ETTE to Nick Crosling, confirming that the online project has been recommended for funding and requesting further details, 22 May 2001.
- Wensing & Swinburne University, re production of the project, 25-30 May 2001.
- Christine Howes re KooriNet & Indigenous web use, 8 Jun 2001.
- Vivienne Blanksby (Vic ETTE) to Crosling, confirming funding and arranging for contract, 13 Jun 2001.
- Wensing to Crosling, re terms of reference for Indigenous Reference Group, 18 Jun 2001.

**Folder 8/2/2** Agreements.

**MS 5008, Edward Wensing, Australian Local Government Association papers, documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

- MoU between National Training Ltd and Planning Integration Consultants Pty Ltd, n.d.
- Draft MoU between Swinburne University of Technology TAFE Division and Fraynetwork Multimedia, 2 Jul 2001.

**Folder 8/2/3** Project Indigenous Reference Group – Terms of Reference and invitations to participate, Jul-Aug 2001, together with:

- Agenda and record of Indigenous Reference Group meeting, 9 Aug 2001;
- Agenda and record of Indigenous Reference Group meeting, 2 Nov 2001;
- Agenda for Indigenous Reference Group meeting, 5 Aug 2002.

**Folder 8/2/4** Correspondence and working papers re development of online product, including records of Project Steering Committee meetings, Jul-Oct 2001.

- Correspondents include: Terese McAleese (Swinburne), Mark McMahon (Edith Cowan University), Nick Crosling (Australian Local Government Training), Tanya Tankard (Swinburne), Vivienne Blanksby (Vic ETTE), Anne Walsh (Fraynetwork), Hugh Chevis (National Native Title Tribunal), Jocelyn Davies (Adelaide University).

**Folder 8/2/5** Correspondence and working papers re development of online product, Nov -Dec 2001.

- Correspondents include: Rodney Spark (Chair, National Online Product Steering Group, Vic ETEE), and those listed above.

**Folder 8/2/6** Correspondence and working papers re development of online product, Jan -Aug 2002.

- Correspondents include: Vince O'Rourke (AITAC), Anne Walsh, Mark McMahon, Tanya Tankard, Nick Crosling, Ian Chalmers (Chief Executive, ALGA), Nadja Mack (Western Yalangi), Hugh Soord (WestOne Services, WA), Anne Walsh.
- Also includes ALGA, *Glossary of Native Title Terms*, 1999.

**Folder 8/2/7** Correspondence and working papers re development of online product, Sep 2002-Apr 2003, and some undated documents.

**Folder 8/2/8** Toolboxes. National Online Products to Support Targeted Equity Groups – Induction Workshop, 21 Jun 2001. (Ed Wensing's folder, annotated.)

**Folder 8/2/9** Conservation and Land Management Training Package (DNR Group Pty Ltd, Glenelg South, SA): course and unit descriptions (draft document), c.Oct 2000.

**Folder 8/2/10** Sample National Native Title Tribunal press notices of native title claims, 2001-2002 (press cuttings from *Koori Mail* and photocopies of them).

**Folder 8/2/11** Online Equity Projects – Reports:

- Ed Wensing (Planning Integration Consultants Pty Ltd), *Online training support material for Indigenous learners Working with Native Title, Progress Report 16 August 2001*, Ts., 2pp.

**MS 5008, Edward Wensing, Australian Local Government Association papers, documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

- Ed Wensing (Planning Integration Consultants Pty Ltd), *Online training support material for Indigenous learners Working with Native Title, Progress Report June 2002*, Ts., 4pp.
- Nick Crosing, *Online Products for Equity Groups, Final Report: Learning about Native Title*, 23 October 2002, Ts., 12pp.

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**Series 9 Copies of local agreements**

Series overview: In the period leading up to the completion of the guide, I collected as many copies of agreements, memoranda of understanding, statements of acknowledgement and other similar statements from local government that I could find. I travelled the country delivering information seminars and training workshops for local government and I travelled with this folder of agreements. This was before the day of the web and message sticks! All of these agreements were shared with Marcia Langton's Agreements, Treaties, and Negotiated Settlements data base for inclusion in the data base, <http://www.atns.net.au/>. – Ed Wensing.

*Re copyright, Ed Wensing stated that: "All of the following documents were made publicly available by the local Council that prepared the documents. I only collected what was available and on the public record."*

**Folder 9/1** Copies of various local government agreements on native title and related matters:

Item 9/1/1 National Native Title Tribunal, *Indigenous land Use Agreements*, 1 sheet, July 2001; together with ALGA, *Working out Agreements with Indigenous Australians: a new direction for local councils*, May 1998, 6pp.

Item 9/1/2 ALGA, ATSIC, AIATSIS, CAR, Media Release, *Local and Regional Agreements – A Practical Path to Reconciliation*, 3 Jun 1998, 2pp.; with ALGA, 1997 National General Assembly of Local Government, Media Release, *Local Government passes unanimous decisions for Indigenous rights at Assembly*, with a copy of the resolution and minute, 3pp.; 1996 National General Assembly of Local Government, *National Statement of Community Tolerance*, 1p., with a Municipal Association of Victoria leaflet, *National Local Government Policy Positions* [on aboriginal matters], for endorsement by the 1996 ALGA National Assembly, 1p.

Item 9/1/3 Quandamooka Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Redland Shire Council Native Title Process Agreement, 14 August 1997. *cf.* Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements (ATNS) database at <http://www.atns.net.au/>

Item 9/1/4 Broome Shire Council Interim Agreement 1996.

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Item 9/1/5 City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Reconciliation Committee, leaflet, 2005.

Item 9/1/6 Ipswich City Council, Community and Cultural Services Department, *Indigenous Australian Accord*, June 1998, 20pp.; with Sharon Parsons, *Ipswich City Council Indigenous Australian Accord Development Process (as at 13/12/96)*, 9pp., and attachments.

Item 9/1/7 Agreement between the ACT Government and ACT Native Title Claim Groups 2001

Item 9/1/8 City of Port Phillip, *Memorandum of Understanding with our Indigenous Community*, 11 March 1999, 35pp. (2 copies)

Item 9/1/9 Shire of Carpentaria, PJC Public Hearing 3/7/00 – Mediation Model #1, draft Protocol concerning a consultation process about the use of land and waters within the Shire of Carpentaria, 10 March 2000, 4pp.

**Folder 9/2** Copies of various local government agreements on native title and related matters:

Item 9/2/10 Summary of the in-principle agreement between the Wotjobaluk and the State Government of Victoria, n.d., 3pp.

Item 9/2/11 Native Title Process Agreement between the Municipals Association of Victoria and Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation 1998, Jun 1998, 8pp., and draft, 15 May 1998, 8pp.

Item 9/2/12 *Protocol for the Negotiation of a Native Title Framework Agreement for Victoria, State of Victoria*, ATSIC and Mirimbiak Nations Aboriginal Corporation, n.d., 7pp.

Item 9/2/13 *Justice and Equity for All: Case Studies: 'Working out the Redland/Quandamooka Native Title Process Agreement'*, pp.37-38, '*Bibaal Billa ATSIC Regional Council and 53 Local Authorities (NSW) Productive Partnerships*', pp.39-40; '*Eurobodalla Shire Council (NSW) Promoting Education and Quiet Reason*', pp.41-42; '*Ipswich City Council Indigenous Australian Accord*', pp.43-44.

Item 9/2/14 Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW, *A guide for developing a Statement of Commitment between Local Government and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Communities*, Mar 1997, 8pp.

Item 9/2/15 *Memorandum of Understanding between Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council and Bega Valley Shire Council*, 8 Mar 2001, 2pp.

Item 9/2/16 Warringah Council. *How to develop, implement and review agreements between Local Government and Indigenous Australian, Part 7, Case Studies Proforma* using Warringah Council and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land

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Council as examples, 7pp.; together with Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council – Warringah Council – Brookvale Valley Community Group, Agreement for Land Management, 1999, 5pp.; and *Justice and Equity for All, Case Study: 'Warringah Council (NSW) Consultation. Documents and Agreements'*, pp.45-46; with *Working out the tripartite agreement the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, Warringah Council and the Brookvale Valley Community Group*, 15 Jun 1999, 2pp.

Item 9/2/17 Mackay City Council. *Land Use Agreement between the State of Queensland, Birri Gubba People, Wiri/Yuwiburra People, Yuibera People and the Wirri/Yuwiburra People*, 1999, 3pp.

Item 9/2/18 Central Queensland Aboriginal Land Council, *Planning Scheme Submissions Kit*, Dec 1997, 59pp.

Item 9/2/19 *Cape York Heads of Agreement ... between the Cape York Land Council and the Peninsula Regional Council of ATSIC, representing the traditional owners on Cape York Peninsula, and the Cattlemen's Union of Australia Inc, representing the pastoralists on Cape York Peninsula, and the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Wilderness Society, representing environmental interests in land use on Cape York Peninsula*, 5 Feb 1996, pp.404-406.

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**Folder 9/3** Copies of various local government agreements on native title and related matters:

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Item 9/3/23 *Council of the Shire of Cardwell Local Planning Policy (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Land Interests)*, n.d., 15pp.

Item 9/3/24 City of Bunbury, *A Commitment to Nyungar People*, 6 Sep 1994, 1p.

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Item 9/3/27 Council of the City of Greater Dandenong, *Commitment to Indigenous Australians*, 7 Jul 1997, 1p.

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Item 9/3/32 Port Stephens Council and Worimi Traditional Owners, *Hunter commitment to Indigenous Australians*, Dec 1993, 1p.

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Item 9/4/35 Lismore City Council, *Building Bundjalong Cultural Bridges: Strategic Plan 1996/97*, prepared by the Project Steering Committee for the Local Government Development Programme, May 1996, 5pp.

Item 9/4/36 Maribyrnong City Council, *Towards Reconciliation: Acknowledgement Ceremony National Aboriginal Reconciliation Week*, 29 May 1998, with *Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation with Indigenous Australians and Towards Reconciliation Action Plan 1998-2001*, May 1998, 8pp.

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Item 9/4/39 Moreland Council, Multicultural Development Policy, *Moreland Council's Commitment*, n.d., 2pp.

Item 9/4/40 Newcastle City Council, *A Commitment by Newcastle City Council To Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of the City of Newcastle*, n.d., 1p.; *Newcastle City Council Commitment to Indigenous Australians*, 23 Nov 1993, 2pp.; Lord Mayoral Minute, re Draft Revised Commitment by the Newcastle City Council to Indigenous Australians of the City of Newcastle, 20 May 1997; Draft Terms of Reference, Newcastle City Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Panel, 1998, 5pp.

Item 9/4/41 Nillumbik Shire Council, *Apology and Commitment to Aboriginal Reconciliation*, 1998, 8pp.; *A Treaty between Nillumbik Shire Council and Wurundjeri Elders*, 20 Mar 2001, pp.364-367 of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Item 9/4/42 The Wellington Common Agreement between the Wiradjuri Wellington Town Common Committee (Aboriginal Corporation), who applied for determination of native title on the Wellington Town Common, and others, 8 Feb 1995, 3pp.

Item 9/4/43 Parkes Shire Council, *Commitment to Indigenous Australians*, n.d., 1p.

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Item 9/4/49 Bayside City Council, *Statement of Commitment to Indigenous Australians*, 17 Jun 2002, 1p., with *Indigenous issues and Reconciliation Strategy, Draft 2*, 30 Jun 2002, 5pp.

Item 9/4/50 Shire of Derby West Kimberley, *Agreement – An Aboriginal – Local Government Councils Alliance, between Shire of Derby/West Kimberley and Looma Community Incorporated, for the provision of delivery of Local Government services to the Looma Aboriginal Community*, Jul 2000, 18pp., with *Native Title Process Agreement between the Nyikina Mangala People and the Shire of Derby West Kimberley*, Mar 2004, 12pp.

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**Series 10 ALGA, National Local Government Native Title Information and Training Project files**

Series overview:

Files on native land title matters, mainly documenting ALGA training workshops, submissions, advice or assistance on native title matters, and drafts of conference papers by Wensing. All of the following files were generated by Ed Wensing as the ALGA's Native Title Project Manager or as a Consultant to ALGA. Some of the contents of the files includes publicly available documents. In the main, they contain correspondence with external parties seeking advice or assistance from ALGA.

**Folder 10/1/1** ALGA File 600-1-42, Native Title Project Management Group, Part 1, Mar-Jun 2000, includes:

- Statements of income and expenditure;
- Notes on Project management Group meetings;
- ALGA, National Local Government Native Title Information and Training Project, *Submission for Joint Funding to the Federal Attorney-General's Department, National Native Title Tribunal and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, Apr 2000, 6pp.*

**Folder 10/1/2** ALGA File 600-1-42, Native Title Project Management Group, Part 2, May 2000-Sep 2002, includes:

- Local Government Native Title Information and Training Project, Annual Report 1999-2000, Oct 2000, 3pp, and attachments.
- A report on training workshops held in NSW October 2000, 17pp.
- A report on training workshops in Queensland and WA in Nov/Dec 1999 and Victoria February 2000, 4pp.
- A report on training workshops in SA from 31 May to 7 June 2000, 5pp.
- A report on five training workshops held in NSW October 2000, 23 Oct 2000, 9pp., & attachments.
- A report on a second round of training workshops in Western Australia, June/September 2000, 3pp.
- Notes on Project Management Group meetings
- Ed Wensing, memo to Cr Ross, ALGA President, re emerging issues in relation to procedural rights under the native Title Act 1993 (Cth), 19 Apr 2001, 7pp.
- ALGA, National Native Title Information and Training Project, Application for assistance with the delivery of training in Queensland, n.d., 6pp.

**MS 5008, Edward Wensing, Australian Local Government Association papers, documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

- Ed Wensing, *Native title: local government's national response*, 2002, 4pp., and attachments.

**Folder 10/2** ALGA, Working Out Agreements – early drafts, 1997-1998.

**Folder 10/3** Miscellaneous Presentations, 1998-2002, includes:

- Ed Wensing, Text of address delivered to 'Working with Native Title' for the Women's Planning Network Victoria Inc, Melbourne, 22 May 1998, Ts., annotated, 22pp.
- Ed Wensing, Text of address delivered to The Environment Institute Darwin 15 June 1998, Ts., annotated, 22pp.
- Ed Wensing, *The Ten Point Plan – The Dispossession Continues*, a paper for an Occasional Seminar of the National Environmental Law Association, ACT Division, Canberra, 24 July 1997, Ts., annotated, 9pp.
- Ed Wensing, *Native Title: Can it be regulated? (The implications of native title for land management)*, Royal Australian Planning Institute, Queensland Division Inaugural Keeble Lecture, Brisbane, 12 Aug 1997, Ts., 32pp., and attachments.
- Ed Wensing, *Native Title: new challenges for planners*, delivered at the Annual Conference of the NSW Division of the Royal Australian Planning Institute, 25 Sep 1998, Ts., 26pp.
- Ed Wensing, Address delivered on behalf of Cr John Ross, ALGA President, at ATSI National Treaty Conference, Canberra, 28 Aug 2002, Ts., 8pp.

**Folder 10/4** Articles for various Local Government Journals, 1997-2006, includes:

- Lucy Macmillan and Ed Wensing, 'Local Government – working with native title', *Local Government Law Journal*, 4:3, Feb 1999.
- Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan, 'Working with Native Title: linking native title and council processes', *Australian Construction Law Newsletter*, No.68, Oct/Nov 1999, pp.25-29.
- Ed Wensing and Lucy Macmillan, 'Working with Native Title: Linking native title with council processes', *Local Government Law Journal*, 5:2, Dec 1999.
- Marisa Menin and Ed Wensing, *Future acts in areas where native title holders are unknown*, 28 Jun 2000, Ts., draft.
- Ed Wensing, *Native title and local government: adopting a precautionary approach*, n.d., Ts., 4pp.
- Ed Wensing, *What do environmental health officers need to know about native title? Adopting a precautionary approach*, Nov 2000, Ts., 5pp.
- Mary Rose Liverani, 'Local government moves to normalise native title' [re launch of Working with Native Title Guide], *Law Society Journal (NSW)*, 38:7, Aug 2000, pp.64-67, with Phillip Mansfield, 'ALGA guides vital aids to councils on native title issues (review of the Guides)', pp.66-67.

**MS 5008, Edward Wensing, Australian Local Government Association papers, documents and publications on Indigenous issues, 1997-2007.**

- Ed Wensing, *Linking native title and council processes*, initially presented at “Cutting Edge of Change Shaping Local Government for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”, Armidale, Feb 2002, Ts., 12pp.

**Folder 10/5** South Australia District Councils of Yorke Peninsula, Barunga West, Copper Coast and Wakefield Regional Council, re Yorke Peninsula Indigenous Land Use Agreement, 2000-2004.

**Folder 10/6** South Australian Local Government Association, re Community Land – Discussion Paper and Classification and Management Plans, 2000-2002.

**Folder 10/7** South Australia, 2000 to 2001.

**Folder 10/8** City of Port Phillip, Vic, 2000.

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- Local Service Agreement Project, *Workshop Outcomes – Developing the Strategy*, November 2003, Ts., 13pp., appendices.
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- Tourism Council of Australia, *Native Title Fact Sheet – TCA Policy on Tourism and Native Title*, Apr 1997, Ts., draft, 5pp.
- Northwest Renewable Resources Center, Seattle, *Working Effectively at the Local Level: Tribal/County Cooperation and Coordination. Proceedings from a gathering held in Seattle, Washington, June 16 and 17, 1993*, Ts., p/c, 74pp.
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- John Ross, Address at the launch of, *Working out Agreements: a practical guide to agreements between local government and Indigenous Australians*, Canberra 3 Jun 1998, Ts.
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- John Campbell, *Journey of Healing: Recognition, Commitment, Unity*, 26 May 1999, Ts., 2pp., with *National Reconciliation Week 27 May-3 June 1999*, Ts., 2pp.
- ALGA, Local Government Native Title Information Project, *Report to National Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Reference Group*, July 1999, Ts., 6pp.
- Dept of the Parliamentary Library, transcript of interview with Fr Frank Brennan, Tim Fischer, and John Howard, on ABC Radio, 'PM': 'Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister hope to convince pastoralists that 10-point plan on native title will provide certainty; Fr Brennan says he is confident that the Senate will stand firm on the principle of non-discrimination', Ts., 6pp.
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- ALGA, *Submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, Inquiry into Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)*, October 2000, Ts., 9pp.
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- ALGA, *Western Australia v Ward: the High Court of Australia's recent decision and implications for local government*, 26 Aug 2002, Ts., 6pp.
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- *The COAG Reconciliation Commitment and the MDBMC Action Plan to Advance Indigenous Engagement* [Project brief], 11 Aug 2003, Ts., 15pp.
- Leon Broster, *How to engage local government in National Action Plan and Natural Heritage Trust II: Proposal to Hon David Kemp MP, Minister for the Environment and Heritage*, Murray Darling Association Inc for Conservation and Sustainable Development, Dec 2002, Ts., 8pp., annotated. Includes marked section, 'Background of local government involvement in natural resource management'.
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