

Queensland Premier Rob Borbidge stated that the Queensland election would be a test for the Federal Government's 10-point plan. Referring to a native title application lodged by the Turrbal people over all unallocated State land, national parks and council land in Brisbane, the Premier pointed out that native title is not just a problem for those in the bush, but for all Queenslanders. (*Aus, 22 May, p6*)\*

### **Western Australia**

National Native Title Tribunal member Tony Lee stated that twenty overlapping native title applications in the Goldfields would be reduced to ten after an agreement between applicant groups. Executive Director of Goldfields Land Council, Yvonne Brownley, said that the fall in overlapping applications proved that the right to negotiate worked. (*WA, 3 Apr, p34*)

### **South Australia**

The NNTT, pastoralists and miners acknowledged that around 30 native title applications on land north of Burra and Port Broughton and all of Eyre Peninsula, would take 20 years to resolve. The native title spokesperson for the SA Farmers Federation, Mr Peter Day, stated that legal fees for all these applications could reach \$1 billion. The SA Chamber of Mines and Energy chief executive, Mr Goreing, pointed out improvements were needed in the *Native Title Act* to resolve the problem of overlapping applications. (*Ad, 11 Apr, p2*)

The Howard Government signed a multi-million dollar deal with Kistler Aerospace Company in US. The agreement ensures launching of space rockets from Woomera by the end of this year. Kistler Aerospace representatives had talked with local Aboriginal groups who have native title claim over the site. The Kuyani, Barngalla, Kokatha and Nukunu people are negotiating for the protection of sacred sites and creation of employment opportunities. (*Aus, 28 Apr, p3*)\*

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