

The Federal Government will be ready to introduce legislation to allow the Northern Territory Government to acquire land in September. Federal Transport Minister Mark Vaile, announced the legislation, saying he is confident that it would be passed in September or October. The Northern Territory Government have given the land councils until August 27 to agree to their compensation package. These talks are continuing. (NT, 8 Aug, p 6)*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (Not AIATSIS Publications)

Brennan, F. 1998 *The Wik Debate*

Father Frank Brennan's book, *The Wik Debate*, was launched Monday 14 September by ATSIC Chairperson, Gatjil Djerrkurra. (Aus, 14 Sept, p11)

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For further information contact: Subscriptions Department, RMIT Publishing, PO Box 12477, Melbourne, VIC, 8006. Ph: 03 – 9349 4994. (*ATSIC, RMIT Publishing, Joint Media Release, 13 Aug, p2*)

Langton, M. 1998 *Burning Questions: emerging environmental issues for Indigenous peoples in northern Australia*. Centre for Indigenous Natural and Cultural Resource Management, Northern Territory University, Darwin, Australia.

Native Title Research Unit Publications

The following NTRU publications are available from Aboriginal Studies Press, ph.: (02) 6246 1191.

Working with the Native Title Act: alternatives to the adversarial method. Edited by Lisa Strelein, 1998. (Proceedings from a native title legal practitioners' workshop held 4-5 June 1997, Native Title Research Unit, AIATSIS – cost \$9.95 including postage)

Regional Agreements: Key issues in Australia, volume 1. Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1998. (\$16.95 including postage)