

the list of tenures confirming extinguishment in the Bill. The Labor Party would then accept the schedule. (*Aus, 26 Feb, p6*)

GENERAL NATIVE TITLE ISSUES

National

The Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, has proposed a question on a new preamble for Australia's constitution to be put at the referendum planned for November. Mr Howard said that the preamble should be narrow in its wording. He said it should recognise the prior occupation of Australia by the Indigenous people but warns against getting into 'judgmental' areas such as dispossession. (*SMH, 5 Feb, p2*)*

ATSIC Chairperson, Mr Gatjil Djerrkura, and the Chairperson of the Council for Reconciliation, Ms Evelyn Scott, support a question on a preamble that includes recognition of Indigenous peoples' prior ownership of Australia. (*FinR, 8 Feb, p6*)*

The Prime Minister, Mr John Howard, has confirmed that acknowledging more than Aboriginal prior occupation in the proposed new preamble would be unacceptable. This would include any mention of 'custodianship'. (*Age, 10 Feb, pA6*)*

The Opposition Leader, Mr Kim Beazley, supports the recognition of prior occupancy and ownership by Aboriginal people as part of the proposed preamble. (*WA, 10 Feb, p4*)*

Queensland

Queensland Premier, Mr Peter Beattie, has asked the Prime Minister to allow small miners collective access to Commonwealth funds set aside to help landholders with native title processes. (*CM, 8 Feb, p4*)

Western Australia

Western Australia's assistant Director General of the Ministry of the Premier and Cabinet's Native Title and Strategic Issues Division, Mrs Vera Novak, is a major shareholder in mining companies. This raises questions regarding conflict of interest. Mrs Novak is responsible for native title policy coordination and development and is involved in policy setting and the drafting of legislation in native title. Premier Richard Court denies a conflict of interest, saying that Mrs Novak has previously declared her share interest to the Ministry and that she did not work on claims where there would be such a conflict. Mrs Novak said that she did not believe there was a conflict of interest in holding shares in a mining company that had tenements in an area under native title claim. (*WA, 18 Feb, p1*), (*WA, 19 Feb, p4*)

Native Title Research Unit Publications

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A Guide to Overseas Precedents of Relevance to Native Title Prepared for the NTRU by Shaunnagh Dorsett and Lee Godden. AIATSIS, Canberra. (cost \$18.95 including postage)
Working with the Native Title Act: alternatives to the adversarial method. Edited by Lisa Strelein, 1998. (\$9.95 including postage)
Regional Agreements: Key issues in Australia, volume 1. Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1998. (\$16.95 including postage)
A Sea Change in Land Rights Law: The Extension of Native Title to Australia's Offshore Areas by Gary D. Meyers, Malcolm O'Dell, Guy Wright and Simone C. Muller, 1996. (\$12.95 including postage)

Heritage and Native Title: Anthropological and Legal Perspectives

(Proceedings of a workshop conducted by The Australian Anthropological Society and AIATSIS at the ANU, Canberra, 14-15 February 1996 ~ cost \$20 including postage)

The Skills of Native Title Practice

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(Summary of proceedings of a conference session on native title at the annual conference of the Australian Anthropological Society, 28-30 September 1994 - out of print)

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