

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (Not AIATSIS Publications)

Governance Structures for Indigenous Australians on and off Native Title Lands

An ARC collaborative research project is underway to develop recommendations for a more adequate fit between traditional forms of land ‘ownership’ and control under the laws of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, and non-Indigenous forms of law and government.

The Project builds on provisions in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) concerning prescribed bodies corporate and representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies. It extends to a consideration of mechanisms for asserting Indigenous peoples’ interests in lands and waters that are not subject to native title, in matters such as environmental protection and cultural heritage.

The Project is being funded by an Australian Research Council Collaborative Research Grant to Emeritus Professor Garth Nettheim (University of NSW), Ms Donna Craig (Macquarie University) and Associate Professor Gary Meyers (Murdoch University). The industry partner is the National Native Title Tribunal.

The following discussion papers were released at the end of 1998:

- Discussion Paper 1 Introduction: Overview of the Project
- Discussion Paper 2 Introduction: International Law Standards
- Discussion Paper 3 Environmental and Natural Resources Management by Indigenous Peoples in North America: Inherent Rights to Self-Government Part 1 The US Experience

It is anticipated that 10 more discussion papers will be published in 1999. The papers can be accessed through the web at:

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/arccrp/index.html>.

Guide to Connection Reports

The Queensland State Department of the Premier and Cabinet are producing a guide to compiling connection reports, which clearly sets out the State’s requirements. The guide will also list sources of relevant material and provide some guidance on researching oral histories. For further information contact Val Donovan on phone (07) 3227 7994 or Colin Sheehan on phone (07) 3227 7964.

Yarning About Native Title: a guide to native title law

The National Native Title Tribunal has launched a special radio feature called *Yarning About Native Title*, explaining key aspects of native title law. The 30 minute program, which features seven of the Tribunal’s Indigenous staff, will be sent on tape to 150 community radio stations and Indigenous resource centres around Australia.

Tribunal President Mr Graeme Neate said the program steers people through recent changes to the NTA using a series of conversations between Tribunal staff. He said *Yarning About Native Title* is jam-packed with information for Indigenous people about native title law and how it affects them.

The program deals with the new registration test, the right to negotiate, and the Tribunal's mediation process. *Yarning About Native Title* also explains how people can negotiate agreements to ensure that everyone's rights are respected and operate side by side.

The *Yarning About Native Title* audio tape is also an educational tool for individuals, organisations and community groups who want to learn more about native title law. The tape can also be used in community meetings or to assist applicants discuss native title with their legal representatives. *Yarning About Native Title* was produced by the Tribunal's Narelda Jacobs and Radio 1170/6AR, as a special feature of the regular bulletin Native Title News. The tape is free and will be circulated through Indigenous resource centres, media outlets, and native title representative bodies. It is available from Tribunal registries in all capital cities. To order a copy, phone 1800 640 501. (NNTT Media Release, 20 Apr)*

Finlayson, J. D., Rigsby, B. and Bek, H. J. 1999 *Connections in Native Title: Genealogies, Kinship and Groups*, Research Monograph No. 13, Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research, Australian National University, Canberra.

Summary: *Connections in Native Title* is a collection of papers presented to the Anthropological Research Issues and Perspectives workshop held at the Australian National University in February 1998. The papers focus on issues of 'Genealogies, kinship, descent and groups: issues and problems in the native title era'. While these papers focus on issues for anthropological research, they also speak to a wider readership interested in native title claim preparation and mediation. Contributions focus on anthropological issues of kinship and social organisation in particular where these matters are increasingly sites of political and academic debate in native title claim research, preparation and presentation. This volume includes papers by Peter Sutton, Fiona Powell, Rod Hagen, Julie Finlayson, Ian Keen, Bruce Rigsby, Nancy M. Williams and Geoff Clark. Each author draws on their significant practical experience in both land rights and native title issues to discuss these matters. (CAEPR flyer)

National Native Title Tribunal 1999 *Making Native Title Agreements*

Summary: *Making Native Title Agreements* is a pamphlet produced by the NNTT on Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs). It briefly explains what ILUAs are as well as explaining the steps involved in making an ILUA. For more information about native title and ILUAs you can contact the NNTT on Freecall 1800 640 501.

Native Title Research Unit Publications

The following NTRU publications are available from AIATSIS. Please phone (02) 6246 1161, fax (02) 6249 1046 or email: ntru@aiatsis.gov.au

Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia – Volume 2, Case Studies. Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1999. This publication will be available shortly. (cost \$19.95 including postage)

A Guide to Overseas Precedents of Relevance to Native Title Prepared for the NTRU by Shaunnagh Dorsett and Lee Godden, 1998. (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, Summaries. 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)