

Membership is open to Indigenous peoples organisations from within the Commonwealth whose objectives and functions are consistent with the objectives of CAIP. (LRQ, Dec 99)

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Recent publications

The publications reviewed here are not available from AIATSIS. Please refer to individual reviews for information on obtaining copies of these publications.

Guide to the design of native title corporations. Christos Mantziaris and David Martin. 1999. National Native Title Tribunal.

Native title corporations, or prescribed bodies corporate (PBCs), are the Federal Parliament's answer to the legal and organisational question of how native title is to be held and managed. PBCs are required by the *Native Title Act 1993* and by the Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations to be the trustees or agents of native title holders - once their native title rights have been recognised. This guide sets out to identify the difficulties for native title claimants of these legislative requirements, and to promote awareness of the options available to claimant groups. The authors have looked at the range of purposes for which PBCs may be established and the various circumstances that may provide the impetus for the creation of such a body. The legal framework for the holding and management of native title is covered in the guide and draws on concepts from the law of trust, agency and corporations. The intricacies of the current legislative scheme and its implications are explained and critiqued. The guide is intended for Indigenous communities and their representatives, administrators and other non-legally trained parties who have an interest in the design of PBCs. It is the shortened 'plain English' version of a book entitled *The design of native title corporations: a legal and anthropological analysis* which is also published by the NNTT. The guide is available from the National Native Title Tribunal, Freecall 1800 640 501, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6001.

Environmental and Natural Resources Management by the Maori in New Zealand. Discussion Paper 6 by Gary D. Meyers and Catherine M. Cowan. 1999.

University of New South Wales and Murdoch University

The University of NSW and Murdoch University are currently producing a series of papers addressing the question of 'fit' between traditional forms of Indigenous land 'ownership' and control, and the non-Indigenous legal system.

Environmental and Natural Resources Management by the Maori in New Zealand is part of this series. This paper provides an overview of the history of Maori settlement in New Zealand, their traditional systems of customary law and land ownership, and the dispossession which occurred with the arrival of the British colonists.

The paper explains the significance of the Waitangi Treaty (signed in 1840 by the Maori Chiefs and representatives of the British Crown) and how it was used by the New Zealand Government in the 19th and 20th centuries. In 1975 the Waitangi Tribunal was established to hear and inquire into Maori claims arising from the Treaty. The paper discusses the recent work of the Tribunal with land/fishery claims, as well as Maori interests in the mining industries.

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. Prices listed include postage.

Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia - Volume 2, Case Studies
Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1999. (\$19.95)

A Guide to Overseas Precedents of Relevance to Native Title Prepared for the NTRU by Shaunnagh Dorsett and Lee Godden, 1998. (\$18.95)

Working with the Native Title Act: Alternatives to the Adversarial Method
Edited by Lisa Strelein, 1998. (\$9.95)

Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia - Volume 1, Summaries.
Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1998. (\$16.95)

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)

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 (\$20)

The Skills of Native Title Practice Proceedings of a workshop conducted by the NTRU, the Native Title Section of ATSIC and the Representative Bodies, 13-15 September 1995 (\$15)