

covered in one day. Several participants said that the course should be offered over two days and that there is a need for follow-up training. Many participants also expressed concern about how they would be able to canvas these issues with their own Councils and communities. They said they may need some assistance as some Councillors are still in a state of denial and are not fully conversant with the facts.

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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.

Yarning About Indigenous Land Use Agreements. National Native Title Tribunal. 2000.

The National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) has issued a free audio tape explaining Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs). The tape is being distributed to Indigenous organisations, native title claimants and Indigenous radio stations. There are currently 6 Indigenous Land Use Agreements registered in Australia and five more have been lodged with the NNTT for registration. The tape runs for 37 minutes and is broken into four segments. The new provisions for ILUA's are explained and 3 case studies of registered ILUA's are discussed. The tape is presented in plain language and conversational style. NNTT President Graeme Neate said the audio program aimed to provide insights about the issues involved in negotiating agreements through the experiences of Indigenous people who had successfully negotiated agreements in the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales.

Copies of the tape are available from the NNTT registries in all states on 1800 640 501. (*NNTT Media Release, 4 Feb*)*

Strategic Resources Agreements Victoria, Discussion Paper, Livesey, N. National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne, 2000.

The National Native Title Tribunal has published a Discussion Paper on options for Agreements in Victoria which examines 16 separate pieces of Victorian legislation. The paper analyses Commonwealth and State legislative frameworks which regulate the acquisition, protection, use and management of land and resources of the respective resources and how these laws may allow for the

involvement of Aboriginal people in land and resource management. The purpose of the paper is to be a *toolkit* for parties engaged in native title negotiations in Victoria in respect of four categories of land and resource assets, national parks and nature conservation reserve system, State forests, inland waters, coastal and offshore waters. The sections titled "Scope for Resources Agreements" clearly outline the opportunities under the various acts. In many cases these laws allow for the recognition and involvement of various interests in the management of land and resources as a matter of process. There are no real impediments for Aboriginal people to seek greater involvement under these laws regardless of native title outcomes.

The report makes three key recommendations regarding the NNTT's role

- It should facilitate a Victorian Native Title Agreements Seminar/Forum with all relevant parties to discuss Native Title Agreements using this report as a discussion point.
- It should carry out regional and/or claim based studies to develop specific agreements models (SRA Victoria Part 2). The study would involve close consultation with Native Title Claimants, Native Title Representative Bodies, State Government Departments and Regional Statutory Bodies.
- It should examine the effectiveness of pre-existing Indigenous and non-Indigenous planning and implementation techniques including committees of management to determine their effectiveness as a possible agreement tool in Victoria.

We can all look forward to the NNTT organising a Victorian Native Title Agreement seminar/forum to take this matter further in that State.

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.

Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title, Volume 1, Issues Papers Numbers 1 through 30, Regional Agreements Papers Numbers 1 through 7 1994- 1999 with contents and index. (\$19.95)

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