

List of abbreviations

Note: Where an item also appears in other newspapers, etc, an asterisk () will be used. People are invited to contact the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS if they want the additional references. The NTRU will try to provide people with copies of recent newspaper articles upon request.*

Ad = Advertiser (SA)	LRQ = Land Rights Queensland
Age = The Age	Mer = Hobart Mercury
Aus = Australian	NNTT = National Native Title
CM = Courier Mail (QLD)	Tribunal
CP = Cairns Post	NTA = <i>Native Title Act 1993</i>
CT = Canberra Times	NTRB = Native Title Representative
DT = Daily Telegraph	Body
FinR = Financial Review	NTN = Native Title News (State
HS = Herald Sun (VIC)	editions)
KM = Kalgoorlie Miner	SC = Sunshine Coast Daily
ILUA = Indigenous Land Use	SMH = Sydney Morning Herald
Agreement	TelM = Telegraph Mirror (NSW)
IM = Illawarra Mercury	WA = West Australian
LE = Launceston Examiner	WAus = Weekend Australian
LR News = Land Rights News	

NEWS FROM THE NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT

AIATSIS has moved into new purpose built premises on Acton Peninsula in Canberra. The new building provides state of the art accommodation for our unique collections and will be a wonderful place to come and visit to conduct research on native title, family history and other research interests in Indigenous studies. Services for native title clients will begin to get back to normal with full service reinstated by the official reopening in March. For information see David Leigh's report on page 11.

The Manager's position at the Unit has been advertised recently with Lisa Strelein having filled the role since Kado's departure last year. We look forward to a new addition to our team in a short while. (Applications close 9 February. For details see our website at www.aiatis.gov.au/jobs/index.htm)

We are also very sad to announce the departure of David Leigh, our Native Title Research and Access Officer, who has decided to go back to full time study this year. We wish him well and will miss him greatly. Keep an eye out on the website for information about this position. The Research and Access Officer is a vital role within the Institute, providing a unique research service to native title clients across our collections.

We are busily completing the final production of the proceedings from last year's Native Title Representative Bodies Legal Conference, held in Melbourne in April 2000. Bryan Keon-Cohen QC has been working furiously to edit the papers, a selection of which will be published in the book with a great deal of additional material to be included on an accompanying CD. The result will be an exciting and very important publication. So, look out for *Native Title in the New Millennium*.

Hot on the heels of the proceedings we are working on the next NTRB Legal Conference which will be a celebration of the 20 year Anniversary of the Townsville conference that initiated the *Mabo* litigation. The conference will be held in Townsville on the 28-30 August 2001. We will keep you posted on developments with the organisation of the event.

NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2000

New South Wales

Land holders and other interest holders affected by the Muthi Muthi native title application over 23,829 square kilometres in south western New South Wales have been invited by the National Native Title Tribunal to register for mediation talks. The application covers land in Balranald Shire bounded by Euston, the Murray and Edward Rivers to Moolpa, Maude, Booligal, Willandra Creek and Mungo National Park and excludes private freehold land. (*NNTT Media Release, 13 Dec*)

The National Native Title Tribunal has advertised five native title applications in western New South Wales inviting interest holders to register as parties to the mediation proceedings. The applications in the Balranald, Bourke, Broken Hill, Central Darling, Cobar, Wentworth and Unincorporated Area do not cover any private freehold land. New South Wales State Manager Mr Andrew Solomon said that the Tribunal had sent about 3,000 letters to people with grazing leases and other interests in the area of the claims. 'We are advertising these applications so that anyone with an interest in the land or waters subject to the application can be involved in discussions about whether native title exists in the area and, if so, how it might be recognised and respected in a way that preserves everyone's interests.' (*NNTT, Media Release, 29 Nov 2000*)

The advertised applications are:

- The 'Pooncarie' Barkandji (Paakantyi) People's #8 application in the western region of NSW, adjacent to the South Australian and Victorian borders. The