

The Indigenous Timeline

One of the objectives of the reconciliation and social justice project on AustLII was to develop an on-line timeline of legal developments affecting Indigenous People in Australia. This has been developed over the course of the project. A draft was made available in March 2000 and a second draft has been developed since then and is available at www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/IndigLRes/timeline/. The timeline provides access to legislation, case law, treaties and other documents where those documents are available on the Internet or on AustLII. As well as the source documents, links are provided to related or explanatory resources. The timeline is fully searchable and has been incorporated into AustLII's index so that, as well as being listed by year, the documents are accessible by subject heading.

The timeline is available from the front page of the Indigenous Law Resources database at www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/IndigLRes/

AustLII's Indigenous index

In addition to the timeline resources, AustLII has built a substantial catalogue of links to Indigenous resources elsewhere in Australia as well as overseas. This catalogue is searchable and is found at <http://www.austlii.edu.au/links/101.html> (Australian links) or <http://www.austlii.edu.au/links/312.html> (World links)

Over the course of the project this catalogue has been increased substantially with specific areas dealing with current issues such as land rights and mandatory sentencing. Also included in the index are sets of embedded searches inserted by AustLII's indexers to assist users who have limited experience or knowledge in searching to find information relating to Indigenous issues

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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.

The ninth annual report on the operations of the Queensland Land Tribunal has been released. For further information contact the Land Tribunal on 07 3247 9273 or PO Box 127, Brisbane Roma Street, Queensland 4003.

Building Relationships: Working with the Indigenous People of Victoria, a guide for explorers and miners, Victorian Chamber of Mines, November 2000.

This 38 page booklet outlines the requirements of Commonwealth and State legislation affecting native title and cultural heritage and aims to facilitate better communications and consultation by the minerals exploration and mining industry and Victoria's Indigenous people. It provides information on future acts, the importance of land to Indigenous people, who to talk to, negotiating, and Indigenous employment and recruitment strategies. There is also a useful contacts list covering organisations and Government departments, Indigenous education, training and employment agencies and cultural heritage organisations. Copies of the booklet are available from the Victorian Chamber of Mines, phone 03 9629 1851 or email at vcm@vicmins.com.au

Native Title Research Unit publications

The following NTRU publications are available from AIATSIS. Please phone (02) 6246 1186, fax (02) 6246 1143 or email: sales@aiatsis.gov.au. Prices listed include postage.

A Guide to Australian Legislation Relevant to Native Title 2 volume set, Native Title Research Unit, AIATSIS, 2000.

Native Title in Perspective: Selected Papers from the Native Title Research Unit 1998- 2000 Edited by Lisa Strelein and Kado Muir, 2000.

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.

Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia - Volume 2, Case Studies Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1999.

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

Working with the Native Title Act: Alternatives to the Adversarial Method Edited by Lisa Strelein, 1998.

Regional Agreements: Key Issues in Australia - Volume 1, Summaries. Edited by Mary Edmunds, 1998.