

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

## NEWS FROM THE NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT

### Contributions

This issue of the Newsletter contains contributions on the Parliamentary Joint Inquiry on ILUAs from Senator Jeannie Ferrison, discussing the function of the Inquiry and from Lisa Strelein, discussing some of the points made before the Inquiry. Jessica Weir provides a description of the terms of the Namadji National Park Agreement in the ACT.

### Treaty Seminar Papers Available On-line

Papers from the first semester of the Research Section's Seminar Series *The Limits and Possibilities of a Treaty Process in Australia* have been posted on the Institute's website. These include discussions of the central issues by Mick Dodson and Geoff Clark and historical and comparative papers by Tim Rowse, Judith Brett and Carol Johnson. Presentations by Larissa Behrendt, Jeremy Webber and Paul Patton will be posted there shortly.

The second semester begins 16 July. For a schedule and links to the papers, consult <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/seminars.htm>

For more information on the treaty process and an opportunity to be part of the discussions on line, a related website can be found at <http://www.treatynow.org/>

### Rep Body Conference

Preparations for this year's Native Title Representative Bodies Legal Conference are nearly complete. Timed to celebrate the 20th anniversary of

the *Land Rights and the Future of Australian Race Relations* conference out of which the *Mabo* case evolved, the first day's schedule features a commemorative program focused on the recognition and development of native title, a national treaty and reconciliation, with speakers Justice French, David Bennett, Noel Pearson, Noel Loos, Mick Dodson, Jenny Pryor, Jackie Huggins and Fred Chaney. Graeme Neate will be presenting the *Justice Toohey Chambers Paper* on reflections on land rights law. The second day examines developments in native title, including running and settling trials, framework agreements, compensation and consent determinations. A panel will address issues arising out of recent High Court and Federal Court cases. Parry Agius, Jocelyn Davies, and Richard Howitt will be speaking about the South Australian state wide agreement. Pip Hetherington and Margaret Donaldson will report on State and Territory compliance with future act processes, and corporate responsibility in native title agreements. Krysti Guest and Julie Melbourne will present 'Are Native Title Applicants 'Exceptional Litigants?' Sir Anthony Mason will be the after dinner speaker. The third day is a joint session with the National Environmental Law Association on Indigenous heritage and the environment, heritage and planning, sea rights and land management. Papers include Gary Meyers 'Native Title Rights in Natural Resources: A Comparative Perspective' and Lee Godden 'Legal Categories Are Only One Way of Imagining the Real'. A registration form follows at the end of the Newsletter. Both the registration form and conference brochure can be found on the Native Title Research Unit page of the AIATSIS website <[www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)> or contact <[ntru@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ntru@aiatsis.gov.au)>.

### **Call for Issues Papers**

The NTRU is looking forward to reinvigorating the Issues Papers series this year. We are actively seeking Issues Papers from our readers. They are usually 3,500 to 4,500 words long on a topic of interest to Rep Bodies, consultants or claimants. If you have a suggestion for a topic or, better yet, have a paper you would like us to consider for publication please contact the Unit.

## **NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS - MAY & JUNE 2001**

### **National**

It has been nine years since the Meriam People were awarded native title over Mer Island in the *Mabo* decision. Now they have won a second victory following Federal Court Chief Justice Michael Black's consent determination which declared that the two neighboring islands excluded from the original *Mabo* decision were theirs. Clan owner of Dauar and Waier Islands, Father Dave Passi, said of the judgement, 'It's a completion of our land and heritage and now we will go on to the sea which will complete our whole.' The islands had been excluded from the original claim due to, in part, a pre-war lease for a sardine factory. (*Age 15 June 2001*)