

Victoria

Closing date	Application no	Application name
30 January 2002	VC00/2	Latji Latji and Wergaia Peoples
	VC00/3	Latji Latji Peoples
11 March 2002	VC00/1	Dja Dja Wurrung Peoples
	VC98/21	Dja Dja Wurung
	VC99/2	Dja Dja Wurrung People
	VC99/6	Dja Dja Wurrung

Western Australia

Closing date	Application no	Application name
27 February 2002	WC01/3	The Wajarri Elders
	WC97/100	Kalamaia Kabu(d)n People
	WC97/3	Ngalia
11 March 2002	WC00/14	Ngalia Kutjungkatja
	WC01/1	WA Mirning People

Queensland

Closing date	Application no	Application name
30 January 2002	QC98/25	Kangoulu People
	QC99/12	Western Yalanji People #4
	QC99/33	Wakka Wakka People #2
27 February 2002	QC00/10	Djaku-nde & Jangerie Jangerie Peoples
	QC01/15	Mamu People
	QC01/16	Ewamian People #3
11 March 2002	QC97/36	Gangulu People

Northern Territory

Closing date	Application no	Application name
27 February 2002	DC00/11	Timber Creek Township
	DC01/46	Lot 828 Borroloola
	DC01/47	West MacDonnells
	DC01/48	West Mathison
	DC01/49	Bynoe
	DPA98/1	Yirra Badoo 1
	DPA98/2	Dangalaba 12

For further information regarding notification of any of the applications listed contact the National Native Title Tribunal on 1800 640 501 or www.nntt.gov.au.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Annual Report 2000 – 2001, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

ATSIC is an independent statutory authority and the main Commonwealth agency within the Reconciliation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs portfolio. It is also the peak national representative body for

Australia's Indigenous peoples. In Chapter 2, ATSIC Chairman Geoff Clark reviews trends in the larger political environment, and writes that the 'piecemeal, slow and expensive' native title process is a 'powerful example' of the need for a Treaty.

This report is available on the What's New page of the ATSIC website <<http://www.atsic.gov.au>> or by calling 02 6121 4000.

Annual Report 2000 – 2001, Indigenous Land Corporation

The Indigenous Land Corporation is an independent statutory authority established to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to acquire and manage land to provide economic, environmental, social or cultural benefits. The ILC is funded by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Reserve, which was one part of the Commonwealth's response to the Mabo decision. Since its inception and up to 30 June 2001, the ILC has purchased 143 properties, of which 92 have been divested to Indigenous corporations. For the 2000-2001 year the ILC approved for purchase 12 proposals, purchased and settled on 18 properties, and divested 16 properties to Indigenous groups. During the reporting period the ILC spent a total of \$6.67 million on land management activities.

This report is available on the documents page of the ILC website <<http://ilc.gov.au>> or by calling 08 8216 4800.

Annual Report 2000 – 2001, National Native Title Tribunal

The *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* established the Tribunal and sets out its functions and powers. The Tribunal sees its main role as assisting people to resolve native title issues through agreement-making. The Tribunal also arbitrates in relation to some types of proposed future dealings in land (future acts), and the Tribunal is responsible for the upkeep of three public registers for the registering of native title claimants, native title determinations, and Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

In the reporting period the number of registration tests by native title claimants was reduced by about half the number of decisions made the previous year. Of the 153 registration test decisions made, 94 per cent passed (47 of the claimant applications were tested under the old Native Title Act, and 106 under the revised Act). At 30 June 2001, there were 576 claimant applications at some stage between lodgement and resolution. In the year covered by this report, 17 applications were made for the registration of ILUAs. Twenty-four others were in notification and 43 more were partially processed. The Tribunal also registered 18 determinations of native title, 13 of which were made by consent of the parties and five made after trials.

The annual report is published as a book, and there is also a CD-Rom version, which has Word, PDF, or HTML copies of the report. The CD-Rom has the additional feature of providing links to relevant government legislation and other documents.

The report is available online at <<http://www.nntt.gov.au>>

Native Title Services Guide: CD – Rom

Since its inception, the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* has undergone several changes, mainly as a result of the *Native Title Amendment Act 1998 (Cth)*. These changes have had a significant effect on the responsibilities and obligations of both ATSIC and representative bodies, which are defined as recognised bodies that might represent native title holders. The *Native Title Services Guide*, produced by the Native Title and Land Rights Centre, is a helpful guide for ATSIC staff and such representative bodies. The guide is divided into three parts, each part presenting the applicable statutory and common law, interpretations of the law, and providing sample documents.

Part 1 is introductory and addresses the following areas of concern: corporate governance, strategic planning, policy and procedures manual, consultants and service, and conflicts of interest. Part 2 builds on part 1, expanding on the functions of representative bodies, and discusses the topics of fa-

cilitation and assistance, internal review and complaints, dispute resolution, notification functions, certification and agreement making functions. Part 3 is aimed at ATSIC staff and outlines what information staff should know about representative bodies, such as what systems are used for recording requires, what factors influence the actions of decision-makers and how transparent internal processes are.

NATIVE TITLE RESEARCH UNIT PUBLICATIONS

The Native Title Research Unit identifies pressing research needs arising from the recognition of native title, conducts relevant research projects to address these needs, and disseminates the results of this research. In particular, we publish a regular newsletter, an Issues Papers series and publications arising from research projects. The NTRU organises and participates in conferences, seminars and workshops on native title and social justice matters. We aim to maintain research links with others working in the field.

The overall format of the guide is very user friendly. Each new section has a contents page, allowing users to link on to their areas of interest. The relevant provisions of the law are clearly stated and usefully summarised. Additionally, attachments and sample documents provide users with useful references, ensuring that representative bodies in particular are well informed about their legal responsibilities and obligations.

The NTRU also fields requests for library searches and materials from the AIATSIS collections for clients involved in native title claims and assists the Institute Library in maintaining collections on native title.

Native Title Research Unit Issues Papers and Newsletter are available on the AIATSIS Internet Home Page: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/>; or are available, at no cost, from the Unit. To join our mailing list phone (02) 6246 1161 or subscribe on-line email: ntru@aiatsis.gov.au.

Issues Papers: Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title

Volume 2

- No 12: *The Beginning of Certainty: Consent Determinations of Native Title* by Paul Sheiner
- No 11: *Expert Witness or Advocate? The Principle of Ignorance in Expert Witnessing* by Bruce Shaw
- No 10: *Review of Conference: Emerging Issues and Future Directions.* by Graeme Neate
- No 9: *Anthropology and Connection Reports in Native Title Claim Applications* by Dr. Julie Finlayson
- No 8: *Economic Issues in Valuation of and Compensation for Loss of Native Title Rights* by David Campbell
- No 7: *The Content of Native Title: Questions for the Miriuwung Gajerrong Appeal* by Gary D Meyers
- No 6: *'Local' and 'Diaspora' Connections to Country and Kin in Central Cape York Peninsula* by Benjamin Smith
- No 5: *Limitations to the Recognition and Protection of Native Title Offshore: The Current 'Accident of History'* by Katie Glaskin
- No 4: *Bargaining on More than Good Will: Recognising a Fiduciary Obligation in Native Title* by Larissa Behrendt
- No 3: *Historical Narrative and Proof of Native Title* by Christine Choo and Margaret O'Connell
- No 2: *Claimant Group Descriptions: Beyond the Strictures of the Registration Test* by Jocelyn Grace
- No 1: *The Contractual Status of Indigenous Land use Agreements* by Lee Godden and Shaunnagh Dorsett

Discussion papers

Discussion papers are published in concert with AIATSIS Research Section and are available from the Research Section on telephone 02 6246 1157.