

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**

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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](mailto: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.

- No 10: *The Community Game: Aboriginal Self-Definition at the Local Level* by Frances Peters-Little  
No 11: *Negotiating Major Project Agreements: The 'Cape York Model'* by Ciaran O'Faircheallaigh

## Monographs

The following Native Title Research Unit publications are available from the Institute's Bookshop; telephone (02) 6261 4285 for prices.

*Native Title in the New Millennium*, edited by Bryan Keon-Cohen, proceedings of the Native Title Representative Bodies Legal Conference 16-20 April 2000: Melbourne, Victoria, 2001, includes CD.

*A Guide to Australian Legislation Relevant to Native Title*, two vols, lists of Acts summarised, 2000.

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

*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*, by Shaunnagh Dorsett and Lee Godden. AIATSIS, Canberra, 1998.

## Web Resources

*Sea Rights Resource Page: Croker Island and Native Title Offshore*

[http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/news\\_and\\_notes/](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/news_and_notes/)

The High Court decision on *Commonwealth v Yarmirr, Yarmirr v Northern Territory* was handed down on 11 October 2001. This web page presents recent papers about the case, as well as other relevant materials on native title and sea rights issues.

*Limits and Possibilities of a Treaty Process in Australia*

<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/seminars.htm>

This series explores some of the issues surrounding the proposal for a national treaty. The issues include current proposals, past obstacles, issues for Indigenous representation, political and philosophical questions, national identity, reconciliation, belonging, public law implications, and comparisons with other countries.