

APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY IN NOTIFICATION

Closing Date	Application Number	Application Name
6 November 2002	VC97/4	Gunai/Kurnai People CWTH, VIC
3 December 2002	QC00/12	Mitakoodi People #2 QLD
	QC97/55	Iman People #2 QLD
17 December 2002	QC02/27	Ngarragoonda Claim QLD
	VC99/9	Dja Dja Wrung/Whurung People VIC

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Justice For All? Native Title in the Australian Legal System

Edited by Christopher J F Boge

Justice For All? Native Title in the Australian Legal System is a collection of four papers written by legal practitioners from a variety of areas such as corporate law, property law and litigation. Each paper focuses on differing aspects of native title and explores its operation in relation to challenging questions. Kathrine Morgan-Wicks' paper, titled "Balancing Native Title and Mining Interests: The Queensland Experience" analyses Queensland's alternative State regime, focusing on the right to negotiate, and compares this right with its operation under the federal system. The steps in the Queensland regime are broken down and analysed, and the inclusion of flowcharts aid the understanding of the process.

Helen Grutzner's "Invalidating Provisions of the Native Title Act on Religious Grounds: s.116 of the Constitution and the Freedom to Exercise Indigenous Spiritual Beliefs" is a discussion of the ways in which native title issues are interconnected with Indigenous spiritual meanings, arguing that those provisions of the Native Title Act which extinguish native title may possibly be

constitutionally invalid. Mark Boge's "The Emerging Law of Native Title Practice: Select Issues and Observations" examines the practical side of the native title process, focussing on issues such as cost, issues of evidence and the Federal Court's initiatives in the process.

"A Fatal Collision at the Intersection? The Australian Common Law and Traditional Aboriginal Land Rights" by Christopher J F Boge is a fine example of legal scholarship that addresses the important issue of how the common law and the Native Title Act do not adequately recognise Indigenous laws and customs, instead they meet at a conservative intersection. Boge's paper goes on to examine the possible relationship of the common law and Indigenous laws and customs in the future. Each paper is well referenced. The collection represents the voicing of several uncertain, practical and important issues that have yet to be resolved in the current native title regime.

Justice for All? is available from Queensland's Online Legal Bookshop and orders can be sent to:

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