

Opportunities

The Indigenous Law Journal, a Canadian publication, is calling for papers for upcoming editions. The Indigenous Law Journal provides a forum for the discussion of Indigenous legal issues in Canada and internationally. They encourage submissions from all peoples, nations and perspectives. For detailed information regarding submissions, please see www.indigenouslawjournal.org/submit.htm.

Please direct all submission enquiries to submissions.ijl@utoronto.ca.

The Australian Review of Public Affairs (APRA), formerly, 'The Drawing Board: The Australian Review of Public Affairs', is calling for papers. APRA, both a journal and a digest, is edited by an interdisciplinary team based in the School of Economics and Political Science at the University of Sydney. It is available free on the internet from www.australianreview.net.

FEATURE

The New NTRU Website

The NTRU recently launched its new look website which is designed to increase the capacity of the website as a research resource. The website is a key means of disseminating native title research to native title representative bodies, practitioners, academics, claimants and the public. Our website also allows geographically distant individuals and organisations access to quality independent research and helps contribute to the level of native title information available online.

At present, the new website is only partially finished. Over the next six months, the NTRU will continue to develop the website and also ensure it is kept up-to-date.

Some of the highlights of the new website –

The Native Title Resource Guide

The Native Title Resource Guide is an on-line research resource that acts as a portal site for accessing information about native title. The Guide includes some brief commentary and collates native title and related Indigenous land issues information from a wide range of sources including: the Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements Project, Native Title Representative Bodies, the National Native Title Tribunal, the Indigenous Land Corporation, government departments, the Federal & High Courts and the Australasian Legal Information Institute providing one-stop access to native title information and web resources.

The Native Title Resource Guide includes information about and links relating to:

- Native title legislation and case law;
- Federal, State and Territory Governments' native title policies and procedures;
- Native Title Representative Bodies, registered native title bodies corporate, government agencies and other organisations involved in native title;
- Native title applications and determinations;
- Indigenous Land Use Agreements, future acts and other native title related agreements and outcomes;
- Land tenure, land rights legislation, land acquisitions, Indigenous land management and Indigenous Protected Areas;
- Indigenous population profiles; and
- Related research resources.

The Native Title Resource Guide should be up and running in February.

Research Resource Pages

The new website also includes new research resource pages on subjects relating to native title. Native title resource pages provide researchers with the background of an issue, a brief summary of the determination where necessary, a selected bibliography, links to re-

sources already on the NTRU website, links to relevant material where it is available online, relevant cases and legislation. Current research resource pages include Yorta Yorta, Compensation, Croker Island and Miriwung-Gajerrong. Upcoming research pages are listed on the website and include Expert Evidence, International Law, Agreement Making, and Cultural Heritage.

ILUA's Summary

The new website also includes an Indigenous Land Use Agreement Table. The table summarises each ILUA and provides basic information about each agreement quickly and easily. The table provides information such as the date of the ILUA, the type of ILUA, and the subject matter of the ILUA (both based on the ATNS classifications and the NNTT). The table provides a useful overall picture of the different types of ILUAs that are being made both previously and currently.

Publications

The NTRU are hoping to increase the number of publications available online. Issues Papers and Newsletters are, and will continue to be, available online. Conference papers that were available on the previous website will still be available on the new website and the NTRU are trying to chase up papers from previous conferences as well. Native Title in the News, currently only a section of the Newsletter, will be available separately through the website so that native title stories in the media will be more readily available while they are still relevant and new. The Briefing Paper series is a new initiative of the NTRU and will be available online shortly. Briefing Papers are short one-page summaries

of work done within the NTRU. Briefing Papers are aimed primarily at NTRB staff who may not have the time to read an entire article but will be able to read the summary and follow up on the article if relevant to their work.

IFaMP

The new NTRU website links to the Indigenous Facilitation and Mediation Project (IFaMP) website - an extensive resource for information on mediation and dispute management. If you haven't already had a look at the IFaMP website, you should soon, it is available at www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/ifamp/index.html.

Photos and Artwork

The photos of traditional country that appear on each page of the website were supplied by two Native Title Representative Bodies. We are in the process of contacting more NTRB's to see if they would like to provide photos of their traditional country for the website. The artwork used with the Native Title Research Unit text on each page of the website is *Tingari men travel from Marruwa going east*, by Warlimpirrnga Tjapaltjarri. This artwork (of which only a small part appears on the website) was part of the Native Title Business Exhibit, an exhibition of Indigenous art and its importance to native title. The NTRU hope that a virtual tour of the Native Title Business Exhibit will eventually be available through the NTRU website. In the meantime, visitors can see 16 of the artworks from the exhibit on the NTRB website - www.ntrb.net.

Have a look at the new NTRU website at www.aiatsis.gov.au/rsrch/ntru/index.html.

NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

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National Native Title Tribunal President Graeme Neate attended the 5th World Summit of Nobel Peace in Rome this year, which is now an annual event. At the Summit, Mr

Neate outlined the challenges and opportunities Australia faces to recognise and protect the rights of Indigenous Australians in relation to their traditional lands and waters. In summary, Mr Neate has said that Indigenous peoples rights to land was now part of the