

Wayne Bergmann disputed the claims saying that how they choose to participate in processes and decisions relating to native title was "entirely in their hands". Broome Advertiser, 6-Apr-06, pg 8; for contrasting view see Broome Advertiser, 20-Apr-06, pg 6. Application: **Walman Yawuru** - Tribunal File Number: WC04/9; Federal Court File Number: WAD285/04. Determination: **Rubibi # 6** - Tribunal File Number: WC95/28; Federal Court File Number: WAD91/98. The Rubibi litigated determination was handed down on the 7th November 2001.

07-Apr-06 **Ochre mine deal reached** An agreement has been reached between Wajarri elders and the Midwest Corporation which will protect the Wilgie Mia ochre mine from mining and exploration. The Yamatji Land and Sea Council which acted on behalf of the Wajarri group said that the agreement was "one of the biggest exploration agreements ever negotiated and sets a benchmark in terms of levels of cooperation and cultural sensitivity". The Wajarri will also receive an undisclosed amount of shares in the Midwest Corporation which will be held on trust for the group and "help provide long term economic sustainability". Geraldton Guardian, 7-Apr-06, pg 5. Application: **Wajarri Yamatji** - Tribunal File Number: WC04/10, Federal Court Number: WAD6033/98. Determination: **Nharnuwangga Wajarri & Ngarlawangga** - Tribunal File Number:

WC99/13, Federal Court Number: WAD72/98. The Nharnuwangga Wajarri and Ngarlawangga matter was fully determined on the 05/07/2001.

17-Apr-06 **Traditional land owners miss out on Pilbara boom** Even though mining companies have "gone beyond their legal obligation" and are working on education and long term employment programs many of the "riches...delivered...by the mining boom are not improving conditions for traditional owners". Pilbara Native Title Service executive director Simon Hawkins said that "despite all good intentions...conditions for the Aboriginal people are still Third World". Dr John Taylor from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research said that the employment status of the Indigenous community "is pretty much unchanged since mining commenced". He said that health problems and low education levels meant that "getting local people job ready for work in mines is a major challenge" and that "because of the legacy of neglect...there is major investment required on the part of business and government if the opportunity is to be realised". North West State, 17-Apr-06, pg 4; Border Mail, 17-Apr-06, pg 44; Canberra Times, 17-Apr-06, pg 15; Launceston Examiner, 17-Apr-06, pg 41; Northern Territory News, 17-Apr-06, pg 29.

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11/04/2006	Wiradjuri Mooka 2 Clan	Claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NC06/3	NSD690/06
11/04/2006	Cowra Wiradjuri Clan	Claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NC06/4	NSD689/06

19/04/2006	Wildman River / Point Stuart	Claimant application	Active	Northern Territory	DC06/1	NTD2/06
21/04/2006	Gudjala People #2	Claimant application	Active	Queensland	QC06/8	QUD147/06
28/04/2006	Bond Springs	Claimant application	Active	Northern Territory	DC06/2	NTD4/06
28/04/2006	North Eastern Wiradjuri People	Claimant application	Active	New South Wales	NC06/5	NSD803/06

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23/03/2006	13/01/2006	Kabi Kabi People	QLD	NOT ACCEPTED	QC06/3-1	QUD12/06
24/03/2006	20/01/2006	Karingbal #2	QLD	ACCEPTED	QC06/5-1	QUD23/06
30/03/2006	12/01/2006	Lardil, Yangkaal, Gangalidda & Kaiadilt People	QLD	ACCEPTED	QC06/1-1	QUD7/06
4/04/2006	11/10/2005	Kulyakartu	WA	NOT ACCEPTED	WC05/7-1	WAD293/05
5/04/2006	5/11/2002	Torres Strait Regional Sea Claim	QLD	ACCEPTED	QC01/42-2	QUD6040/01
5/04/2006	11/04/2005	Gurambilbarra People	QLD	NOT ACCEPTED	QC05/9-1	QUD97/05
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19/04/2006	8/11/2005	Mt Everard	NT	ACCEPTED	DC05/12-1	NTD36/05
20/04/2006	25/09/1998	South West Boojarah	WA	NOT ACCEPTED	WC98/63-2	WAD6279/98

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