

has said that 'it could be many months before he decides whether to add the rock art to the federal heritage list and he would seek public comment before deciding on the fact of the hundreds of engravings'. He also said : I believe strongly that the economic benefits of development at the Burrup are in synergy with the environmental benefits of exporting natural gas to the northern hemisphere'. The WA Labor government has 'vigorously opposed the push to place the Burrup on their heritage list...claiming it would be an economic catastrophe not to allow further development there'. Australian Financial Review, 26-Oct-06, pg 20; see also 'Burrup treasure is history in the taking' Australian 31-Oct-06, pg 10.

26-Oct-06 State blamed for land bottleneck
Housing and Urban Research Institute of WA director Professor Fiona McKenzie said that the 'government failed to heed warning signs six years ago that extra land would be needed to support mineral projects'. She said that 'the neglect had caused enormous pressure for both mining companies desperate to capitalise on a buoyant world market and local communities struggling to provide vital housing an infrastructure'. Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan said that the 'Government had worked tirelessly on native title disputes in the North West, to fund infrastructure in Geraldton, Albany and Kalgoorlie and oversaw a fourfold rise in the number of town planning students'. West Australian, 26-Oct-06, pg 6.

27 October 2006 **Customary law report will help build a bridge of knowledge between black and white people** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has welcomed the release of the Western Australian Law Reform Commission Report on Aboriginal Customary Laws. Speaking at the launch, Commissioner Calma said: "This comprehensive report will help to educate key institutions of our society - the judiciary, the bureaucracy, the parliament and others - about customary law, and how it plays and exerts a powerful and positive influence in communities where it is practiced. The report demonstrates how customary law is relevant to almost every area of legal regulation - be it the civil, family or criminal justice system." Commissioner Calma said a legal system must reflect the people it serves if it is to gain their confidence. The Report on Aboriginal Customary Laws is available at www.lrc.justice.wa.gov.au

28-Oct-06 Barnett plea for Burrup rock art Former resources minister Colin Barnett has 'called the State Government to insist that Woodside's \$5 billion Pluto gas project be located on cleared land adjacent to the North West Shelf project on the Burrup Peninsula'. He said that there was 'already a huge cleared site on flat land that should be given preference over uncleared land littered with ancient rock art that has been earmarked for the Pluto project'. He said that the 'Government allocated the land to Woodside and should be playing a greater role in determining the location of Pluto.' West Australian, 28-Oct-06, pg 54.

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APPLICATIONS LODGED WITH THE NNTT

DATE FILED	APPLICATION NAME	APPLICATION TYPE	STATUS	STATE/ TERRITORY	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	FEDERAL COURT FILE NO.
4/09/2006	Eraring Energy ABN 31 357 688 069	NON-CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	NSW	NN06/11	NSD1685/06
5/09/2006	South West Boojarah #2	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	WA	WC06/4	WAD253/06
5/09/2006	Gold Coast Native Title Group	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	QLD	QC06/10	QUD346/06
6/09/2006	Anthony Bernard Kelly, MLC, Minister for Lands for the State of NSW as the State Minister under the Native Title Act 1993	NON-CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	NSW	NN06/12	NSD1708/06

6/09/2006	Archer Point People	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	QLD	QC06/11	QUD352/06
8/09/2006	Noonukul of Minjerrabah	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	QLD	QC06/12	QUD355/06
19/09/2006	Worimi (Gary Andrew) Dates	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	NSW	NC06/9	NSD1817/06
28/09/2006	Bidjara People #5	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	QLD	QC06/13	QUD370/06
29/09/2006	Wiri People Core Country Claim	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	QLD	QC06/14	QUD372/06
29/09/2006	Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council	NON-CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	NSW	NN06/13	NSD1931/06
20/10/2006	Town of Batchelor No. 3	CLAIMANT	ACTIVE	NT	DC06/4	NTD18/06

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REGISTRATION TEST DECISIONS

DECISION DATE	APPLICATION DATE	APPLICATION NAME	STATE/TERR.	DECISION	NNTT FILE NO.	FEDERAL COURT FILE NO.
4/09/2006	22/12/2005	Kalkadoon People #4	QLD	ACCEPTED	QC05/12-1	QUD579/05
8/09/2006	9/08/2004	Wakamin People #2	QLD	ACCEPTED	QC04/9-2	QUD158/04
13/09/2006	7/07/2006	Tennant Creek No.2	NT	ACCEPTED	DC06/3-1	NTD8/06
18/09/2006	26/02/1999	Central West Goldfields People	WA	NOT ACCEPTED	WC99/29-2	WAD65/98
20/09/2006	29/04/2005	Kurnai	VIC	NOT ACCEPTED	VC05/1-1	VID398/05
22/09/2006	23/08/2006	North Eastern Wiradjuri Peop	NSW	ACCEPTED	NC06/8-1	NSD1618/06
26/09/2006	13/01/2006	Kalkadoon People #5	QLD	NOT ACCEPTED	QC06/2-1	QUD15/06
3/10/2006	15/07/1994	Dingaal Tribe	QLD	NOT ACCEPTED	QC94/6-1	QUD6004/98
6/10/2006	5/09/2006	South West Bojarah #2	WA	ACCEPTED	WC06/4-1	WAD253/06
17/10/2006	16/01/1999	Wongatha	WA	ACCEPTED	WC99/1-3	WAD6005/98
19/10/2006	17/03/1997	Gunai/Kurnai/Boonerwung	VIC	NOT ACCEPTED	VC97/2-1	VID6005/98
6/11/2006	21/04/2006	Gudjala People #2	QLD	NOT ACCEPTED	QC06/8-1	QUD147/06