

community has made a counter bid of \$2 million up front to allow the company access to its traditional lands for the Robertson Range iron ore project'. *Australian* (National, 12 October 2007), 2.

18-Oct-07 WA **Central Desert Title Today** The native title rights and interests of the Ngururrpa people have been recognised by the Federal Court. The application was lodged in 2006 and after negotiations between the Western Australia and Central Desert Native Title Services (CDNTS), representatives of the Ngururrpa native title holders a consent determination was achieved. The claim area covers 30 000 square kilometres across parts of the Sandy Desert. The claim was lodged by family groups who live in Balgo, Mullan and Billiluna communities as well as Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing and Kununurra. *Farm Weekly* (Western Australia, 18 October 2007), 204; 'Ngururrpa celebrate: speedy resolution to native title claim' *Koori Mail* (National, 24 October 2007), 19; Toowoomba Chronicle (Toowoomba, 26 October 2007), 20; Daily Mercury (Mackay, 26 October 2007), 10; Daily Examiner (Grafton, 26 October 2007), 10; Daily News (Warwick, 26 October 2007), 10; Fraser Coast Chronicle, (Hervey Bay), 26 October 2007), 24.

20-Oct-07 WA **NT decision welcomed** The Goldfield Land and Sea Council has welcomed the Commonwealth Government's decision to 'discontinue its non claimant application to the Federal Court for a negative determination over the Wongatha trial area'. A negative determination would have meant that no new claims could have been lodged. *Kalgoorlie Miner* (Kalgoorlie, 20 October 2007), 5.

25-Oct-07 WA **Land lease worry in gas plant plan** The 'state government's intention to lease land from traditional owners to house any LNG industrial hubs in the North West has been attacked by the Kimberley land council'. The model of land access 'preferred by the Government was listed as part of the terms of reference for the Northern Development Taskforce, which is looking at identifying suitable locations for at least one gas processing hub in the Kimberley'. *Broome Advertiser* (25 October 2007), 4; 'TO s to oppose leasing land to Govt for development' *Koori Mail* (24 October 2007).

Applications Lodged with the Federal Court

DATE FILED	APPLICATION NAME	APPLICATION TYPE	STATUS	STATE/TERRITORY	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	FEDERAL COURT FILE NO.
24/09/2007	Hector Allan Le Brocq	Non-claimant application	Active	NSW		NSD1914/07
12/10/2007	Walgett Special 1 Co-operative Ltd	Non-claimant application	Active	NSW		NSD2039/07
19/10/2007	Gordon; Warwick; Maclaren & Angus	Non-claimant application	Active	NSW		NSD2083/07
23/10/2007	John Christopher Little	Non-claimant application	Active	NSW		NSD2096/07

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