

reopening talks with the traditional owners at the One Arm Point, north of Broome, one of the several sites suggested as possible locations for an onshore plant to process the vast untapped reserves of Browse Basin gas'. Land Council executive member Frank Sebastian said that 'two decades of iron ore and Northwest Shelf gas production further south in the Pilbara region had seen few real benefits flow back to Aborigines'. He said that 'native title rights introduced in the intervening years...had given local people a stronger bargaining position'. *Australian* (National, 10 December 2007), 9; 'Oil and gas groups face Kimberley title claim' *Australian* (11 December 2007), 2.

11-Dec-07 WA **Justice on ancient land** Justice Gilmour has made a determination, at Pirini that native title existed. It does not give the Ngurrara native title but Justice Gilmour said that 'it determines that this is your land....it is based upon your traditional laws and customs and it always has been. The laws say to all people in Australia that this is your land and that it always has been your land'. *Australian* (11 December 2007), 13.

13-Dec-07 WA **Hedland lots handed back to traditional owners** An agreement signed between the Government and the Kariyarra Mugarinya has led to the return of 12ha in Port Hedland to traditional owners. The

agreement is 'designed to make more houses available in Port Hedland and give local Aboriginal people a place in the town's future'. *Farm Weekly* (Western Australia, 13 December 2007), 156.

13-Dec-07 WA **TOs boycott Burrup 'vandalism'** Native title claimants to the Burrup Peninsula in Western Australia said 'they wouldn't have anything to do with Woodside's Energy's "wanton destruction" of ancient West Australian rock art'. The Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo were previously involved in monitoring the removal of rocks from planned site works. *National Indigenous Times* (Malua Bay, 13 December 2007), 3.

19-Dec-07 WA **Iluka signs land deal** Iluka Resources has signed a Native Title agreement with the Far West Coast Aboriginal community covering the Perth mineral sands miner's \$120 million project in South Australia. The agreement covers undisclosed payment and employment programs. *West Australian* (Perth, 19 December), 61. *Adelaide Advertiser* (Adelaide, 19 December 2007), 54.

## Applications Lodged with the Federal Court

DATE FILED	APPLICATION NAME	APPLICATION TYPE	STATUS	STATE/ TERRITORY	TRIBUNAL FILE NO.	FEDERAL COURT FILE NO.
23/11/2007	Nyangumarta People 2	Claimant application	Active	WA	WC07/2 WC07/2	WAD234/07
10/12/2007	Wongkumara People	Claimant application	Active	QLD	QC07/5 QC07/5	QUD415/07
14/12/2007	Robin Arnheim	Non-claimant application	Active	NSW	NN07/13 NN07/13	NSD2443/07
14/12/2007	Tarlpa	Claimant application	Active	WA	WC07/3 WC07/3	WAD248/07
19/12/2007	Aileron	Claimant application	Active	NT	DC07/2 DC07/2	NTD20/07

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