

28/09/11**New bill passed**

A new bill passed by the WA Parliament gives Indigenous people a greater role in managing and using conservation reserves. The *Conservation Legislation Amendment Act 2011* provides for increased opportunities for Aboriginal people to be actively involved in, and contribute their knowledge to, the management of land. It also allows for Aboriginal people to undertake customary activities on reserves and other land, including for medicinal, ceremonial and artistic purposes. Environment Minister Bill Marmion said it will allow the State to deliver on commitments under native title agreements, such as the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement; Ord Final Agreement; and Yawuru Indigenous Land Use Agreement, as well as the agreements for the proposed Browse LNG precinct. *North West Telegraph* (South Hedland WA, 28 September 2011) 31.

15/10/11**Return of land to traditional owners**

Fremantle city council is considering returning a parcel of land to the area's traditional owners. Fremantle councillor Josh Wilson said this could be a powerful symbol for reconciliation and acknowledgement of the Indigenous peoples that were dispossessed during colonisation. *Fremantle Herald* (Perth WA, 15 October 2011) 1.

17/10/11**Minors voting in Woodside poll**

The Kimberley Land Council's chief executive Nolan Hunter has confirmed to *The Australian* that minors as young as 15 were among the 276 Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr traditional owners who voted in the poll allowing Woodside's \$30 billion gas hub. The group voted 168-108 in favour of the gas hub in exchange for a \$1.3bn social benefits package for Indigenous people across the Kimberley. *Australian* (Australia, 17 October 2011) 6.

19/10/11**Yindjibarndi sacred sites**

Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation has called on Western Australia's Indigenous Affairs Minister Peter Collier to recognise all heritage sites in the area where Fortescue Metals Groups is seeking to establish its Solomon Mines project in the Pilbara region. They are also seeking a guarantee that Yindjibarndi traditional owners would be consulted and their permission sought by Fortescue before any mining work is carried out. *National Indigenous Times* (Malua Bay NSW, 19 October 2011) 10. *The Saturday Age* (Melbourne VIC, 15 October 2011) 7.

20/10/11**Aboriginal Hostel**

State Housing Minister Troy Buswell has threatened to discard the \$12 million earmarked for a badly needed hostel in Broome unless the Shire Council allows it to be built at One Mile. This area of land is subject to Yawuru native title, but vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust under a lease only recently signed with the Department of Indigenous Affairs. Nyamba Buru Yawuru chief operations officer Andy McGaw, said Yawuru people supported the hostel development at One Mile, as long as native title was not extinguished and existing lease holders' rights are respected. *Broome Advertiser* (Broome WA, 20 October 2011) 3.

31/10/11**Mining leases**

The outcome for the Wajarri Yamatji people in achieving a determination pursuant to section 38 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), namely that the grant of four mining leases to Weld Range Metals Limited must not go ahead has been successful. *Yamaji News* (Geraldton WA, 31 October 2011) 7.

Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)

Date	NNTT File No.	Name	Type	State/Territory	Subject Matter
05/09/2011	QI2011/009	Connors River Dam and Pipelines Project ILUA	AA	QLD	Pipeline
05/09/2011	QI2011/010	Santos Petronas Murribinbi GLNG ILUA	AA	QLD	Petroleum / Gas Pipeline

19/09/2011	QI2011/011	Hancock Alpha Coal Project - Wangan Jagalingou ILUA	AA	QLD	Extinguishment Infrastructure
30/09/2011	QI2011/012	Herberton Tin Fields ILUA	AA	QLD	Co-management
30/09/2011	QI2011/018	Munburra ILUA	AA	QLD	Co-management Government Mining
3/10/2011	QI2011/017	Combined Gunggandji People and Ergon Energy ILUA	AA	QLD	Energy Infrastructure
4/10/2011	QI2011/013	Yarrabah Blockholders ILUA	AA	QLD	Community living area Development Infrastructure Tenure resolution
4/10/2011	QI2011/014	Yarrabah DOGIT Transfer ILUA	AA	QLD	Tenure resolution
4/10/2011	QI2011/015	Yarrabah Towers ILUA	AA	QLD	Infrastructure Communication
4/10/2011	QI2011/016	Yarrabah Local Government ILUA	AA	QLD	Co-management Development Government Infrastructure
4/10/2011	QI2011/020	Yarrabah Protected Areas ILUA	AA	QLD	Co-management Government
21/10/2011	WI2011/007	Wingellina Project Agreement	BCA	WA	Mining
21/10/2011	QI2011/021	Birri People & Comerford ILUA	AA	QLD	Access
21/10/2011	QI2011/023	Birri People and Rea ILUA	AA	QLD	Access
28/10/2011	QI2011/045	Mura Badulgal (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation - Badu Island Pre-Prep Facility ILUA	BCA	QLD	Government
28/10/2011	QI2011/046	Badu Island Police Station and Watchhouse ILUA	BCA	QLD	Infrastructure
28/10/2011	QI2011/024	Ewamian Renison Exploration ILUA	AA	QLD	Mining

This information has been extracted from the Native Title Research Unit ILUA summary:
http://ntru.aiatsis.gov.au/research/ilua_summary.html, 2 November 2011. For further information about native title determinations contact the National Native Title Tribunal on 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.