

native title corporations to determine the real cost of doing native title business and charge accordingly. They do not affect the corporations approach to cost recovery for non-native title related services. The fees charged may be reviewed by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

The Regulations are available at:

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2011L02677>,

and the new compilation of the *Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999* is at

<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2011C00971/Download>. Information about the Regulations is at [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/and/Pages/prescribed\\_bodies\\_corporate.aspx](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/and/Pages/prescribed_bodies_corporate.aspx).

General information for native title corporations can also be found at <http://nativetitle.org.au/>.

Specific queries from corporations regarding assistance or other matters can be directed to Claire Stacey at AIATSIS on (02) 6246 1158 or [claire.stacey@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:claire.stacey@aiatsis.gov.au)

## New AIATSIS Centre for Land and Water Research

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Much of AIATSIS's collaborative research with Indigenous people into their land and water issues has been undertaken through the Native Title Research Unit (NTRU), and in the Indigenous Country and Governance Research Program. The new AIATSIS Centre for Land and Water Research (ACLWR) creates the opportunity to bring this work together in one place, to profile and build our ethically engaged research in this rapidly increasing area of research inquiry and government interest.

The ACLWR has had early success with the award of two grants, classified as Higher Education Research Data Collection Category 1. The first is with Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation to investigate the governance issues surrounding weeds management on native title lands. Nick Duff and I are conducting this research, as reported on in the Nov-Dec 2011 *Native Title Newsletter*.

The second grant is with the Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Grants Program, for the research project 'Changes to Country and Culture, Changes to Climate: Strengthening Institutions for Indigenous Resilience and Adaptation'. Tran Tran and I are co-principal investigators. Our research is with native title holders from two Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate, one in Cape York and one in the Kimberley. The project considers how institutional arrangements might better facilitate the involvement of native title holders in climate change adaptation.

Also with Kimberley and Cape York communities, ACLWR researcher Patrick Sullivan is investigating 'Whole of Government, Water Catchment Management Groups and Indigenous Livelihoods' as part of a contract with the North Australia Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), and funded by the Commonwealth government's Northern Australia Water Futures Assessment.

Toni Bauman and Claire Stacey, together with Chris Haynes, have been working on a national comparative analysis of joint or co-management outcomes, and towards developing a national community of co/joint management arrangements for conservation areas. The NTRU in partnership with the Northern Territory Government's Parks and Wildlife is holding a workshop of relevant Commonwealth, State, and Territory representatives around these topics. The workshop will be held in Alice Springs in early April 2012.

Graeme Ward's research focuses on the impact of tourism on heritage places, especially sites with rock-markings. He has a forthcoming volume on cultural heritage, co-edited with Mark Crocombe, Honorary Curator, from the Kanamkek-Yile Ngala Museum, and to be published by Batchelor Press. Steve Kinnane (previously with AIATSIS, now working at Notre Dame University in Perth) has researched approaches to sustainability in the Kimberley, and helped to produce the Kimberley Aboriginal Caring for Country Plan. He is currently concluding the project's final report.

More information about these and other projects, our publications and the researchers involved in the ACLWR is available from our website: <http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/lw/overview.html>