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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and content note

Michael Dillon is an economist, public policy analyst and bureaucrat in the area of Australian Indigenous affairs. The papers deposited in AIATSIS Library are made up of Dillon's personal files compiled during the period that he was a Community Worker in the Kimberleys of Western Australia, his period working for the Central Land Council as a Consultant, and finally as a senior bureaucrat in the Indigenous portfolios of successive Labor and Liberal Australian Federal Governments.

The collection is made up of correspondence, reports, diary notebooks, meeting notebooks, ministerial briefing notes, notes-for-file, press releases, newspaper clippings, and some cassette tapes and photographs.

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The Library has retained some, although not all, of the newspaper clippings collected by Dillon. The newspapers articles were mostly collected from the *West Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *National Times*, *Australian Financial Review*, *Canberra Times*, *Australian Financial Review*, and *Centralian Advocate*. Any accompanying newsletters and manuscripts have been retained in the collection or transferred to the Library's general holdings. A listing, prepared by the Library, of all material transferred to the general collection is located in Series 28 Folder 10.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Michael Champion Dillon was born in Sydney on 31 March 1955. He was educated at the secondary level at De Las Salle College, Armidale, NSW and for one year in Santiago, Chile. Dillon then studied law and economics at the Australian National University graduating with a Bachelor of Economics degree which was conferred on September 1977. He later gained a Master of Letters (Public Policy) from the University of New England in 1985 for which he produced a thesis entitled 'Policies aren't forever: public policy making and the Argyle Diamond Project' [see Series 26 Folders 4-6 or [MS 4386](#)].

While studying for his degree Dillon spent time working as a labourer for the Western Australian Department of Works, Kununurra, a survey hand with Geopeko Ltd, Jabiru, Northern Territory and a miner, New England Antimony Mines Ltd., Hillgrove, New South Wales.

In 1978 he was a Community Worker at the Moongoong Darwung Aboriginal Association Inc., Kununurra, Western Australia, and from 1979-80 was Community Advisor for the Warmun Community Inc. at Turkey Creek, Western Australia.

From 1982 to 1985 Dillon held the position of Manager – Administration, Central Land Council. From 1981 to 1983 he also held the position of Secretary to the Central Land Council Executive Committee.

In 1985 he was appointed Executive Officer to the East Kimberley Impact Assessment Project, headed by H.C. Coombs. In that year he also became a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for Resource and Environmental Studies, Australian National University.

Dillon entered the Commonwealth Public Service, Canberra in 1987 as Senior Private Secretary to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. He later was appointed Assistant Secretary with the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (1989); Director Office of Evaluation and Audit, ATSIC (1990-92); Acting Deputy CEO, ATSIC (1992-93); and First Assistant Secretary, Office of Indigenous Affairs, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (1993-96).

Dillon is currently Chief Executive Officer to the Northern Territory Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs.

Dillon has written widely on Indigenous issues and public policy making. Some of these books and articles are listed in Series 26. For a more complete listing of his writings see the Library's [Mura® online catalogue](#).

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SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1 Warmun Community, East Kimberley region, 1979-84

This series comprises photocopies of correspondence and other material relating to the Warmun Community around Turkey Creek in the east Kimberley region of Western Australia. Also included are files on the Kimberley communities and Indigenous affairs for the region. [The material was probably compiled by Dillon when he was a Community Worker in the Kimberleys].

For related papers see series Series 2.

Correspondents include Dillon, Bob Nyalcas, Steve Hawke, and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, F.M. Chaney.

Accompanying the papers for the period 1979-80 were newspaper clippings from the *West Australian*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *National Times*, *Australian Financial Review* and the *Canberra Times* on topics such as the mining industry and land rights, Commonwealth and State government attitudes toward land rights, Aboriginal housing and education, the 'treaty' proposal, and identity and legal issues. These clippings have been placed elsewhere in the collection or have not been retained by the Library.

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Folder

- 1 Violet Valley pastoral lease/Aboriginal reserve, 1978-80. Correspondence and transcript entitled 'History of Violet Valley and the Traditional Owners', 5pp
- 2 Funding matters Warmun Community, Turkey Creek, 1978-81. Correspondence, newspaper articles, draft annual report submitted by Dillon, and portion of letter from Steve Hawke [n.d.]
- 3-4 Establishment of school at Turkey Creek, 1978-80. Correspondence, minutes of meetings of the Warmun Community, *Mikurrunya: Strelley Community Newsletter*, vol. 2 no.7 1980, and newspaper clippings, etc.
- 5-6 Disadvantaged Country Areas Program, Western Australia, 1979-80. Mainly correspondence concerning the relevance of the program to the East Kimberly region and related material; and response to a 1978 report on the Program, by Dillon
- 7-8 Extension to Warmun Community townsite at Turkey Creek, 1978-83. Correspondence between members of the Community and Western Australian Government officials, handwritten notes and map
- 9-11 West Australian state election, 23 February 1980. Newspaper clippings, some correspondence, draft press releases and Commonwealth of Australia, *1980 Electoral Roll for the Subdivision of Kimberley Division of Kalgoorlie* concerned with voting procedures. Related tape sent to Audiovisual Archives. [Access code A1 B5 for Folder 9]
- 12-13 Kimberley communities – General file. Includes correspondence, reports, articles and copies of *Hansard* debates on Indigenous Affairs in the region, 1980-84
- 14-15 Newspaper clippings – Kimberley communities, 1980-84. [Access code A1 B5]

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Series 2 Ashton Joint Venture at Argyle, 1978-95

In response to proposed mining ventures in Western Australia, the Kimberly Land Council and

others (including Dillon) lobbied governments for a study to be made of the impact of mining and exploration activities in the Kimberley region of Western Australia. Of particular concern was the Ashton Joint Venture proposed by CRA Ltd. (Conzinc Riotinto of Australia) and Ashton Mining to mine diamonds at Argyle under the authority of the *Diamond (Ashton Joint Venture) Agreement Act 1981* passed by the state government of Western Australia. The Western Australian Government in a press release dated, 10 October 1983, announced that the venture would go ahead. As part of the agreement that Government was to allocate funds 'to assist with the work of a social impact assessment group which would study the impact of the project on the area surrounding the mine' (Argyle Social Impact Group or ASIG). The Group first met in May 1985.

Some of these papers were compiled by Dillon in preparation for his Master of Arts thesis [see Series 26 Folders 4-6]. Dillon and Rod Dixon later edited a book entitled *Aborigines and diamond mining: the politics of resource development in the East Kimberley, Western Australia*, 1990. This book is held in the Library at B D621.84/A1.

The series comprises files of photocopied correspondence, briefing notes, reports (including published and annual reports for mining companies) and notes-for-file regarding the social impact of mining. Also included is reference material on the proposed mining by AMEX at Noonkanbah, in the Kimberleys of Western Australia. [For other papers on Noonkabah see also Series 2 Folders 4-10 and Series 28].

Correspondents include Dillon, Senator Susan Ryan, Chairman Bob Nyalcas (Warmun Community), Tom Stephens and Rod Dixon.

For government papers on the Argyle mine obtained under the Commonwealth's Freedom of Information Act and other papers relating to Australia's foreign investment policy as it related to the Argyle diamond mine see Series 3.

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- 1 Background briefing notes, October 1979 - July 1980
- 2 Photocopies in green folder, February - November 1980
- 3 Ashton Joint Venture. Project briefing paper, November 1981, 37pp
- 4-5 Sacred sites. Photocopies of telexes, correspondence and reports, 1980. Includes 'Initial survey for ethnographic Aboriginal sites in the vicinity of Argyle Project Tenements', by the Western Australian Museum [also held at PMS 4363 in Library]; 'A report on the diamond mining threat at Argyle Prospect (Glenhill-Lissadell border area), by Marcia Langton; transcript of interview with John Toby, leader of Mandangala Group; copy Western Australia *Aboriginal Heritage Act*, no.53 of 1972. [Accompanying slides sent to Audiovisual Archives]. [See also Series 26 Folder 3]
- 6-10 Sacred sites. Files from the Western Australian Museum, 1980-83. Includes 'Argyle – Aboriginal sites. Historical summary', 5pp. Photocopies
- 11-12 Extracts of Western Australian *Hansard* debates on protection of sacred sites, 1981-82. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5]

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- 13 Miscellaneous published articles, reports and parliamentary debates on protection of sacred sites in Western Australia, with sections of South Australian Land Rights legislation that refer to Maralinga Tjarutja, 1975-84. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5]
- 14 Glen Hill CRA prospect. Reports, especially one of a meeting at Turkey Creek, 31 May 1980, map, handwritten notes etc., 1980
- 15 Statements from Warmun community members and Dillon taken by the Aboriginal Legal Service in relation to prosecution over sites at Argyle Diamond Mine, Kilkaynim/Kunumburuntj (Registered site number K1098), 1980. Also copy of question asked in the Western Australian Legislative Assembly on the matter, 1982
- 16 Relations between mining companies, Western Australia state government, and Warmun Community. Correspondence and copies of WA parliamentary debates, 1980; and handwritten report of interview with WA government official, 1984. [See also Series 2 Folder 17]
- 17 Correspondence with the Commonwealth Ombudsman, 1980-81 concerning complaint by Dillon. [See also Series 2 Folder 16]
- 18-20 Aboriginal request for social impact study at Argyle, April 1980-July 1982
- 21 Afro-West Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd. challenge to CRA. Mainly newspaper clippings and handwritten notes, 1980-83. [Access code A1 B5]
- 22-23 Government and mining industry response to request for social impact study at Argyle, 1981-84. Includes interim report prepared for the Ashton Joint Venture 'Be careful on the back: the social impact on Aboriginal communities within the influence of diamond mining at Lake Argyle, East Kimberley', by Bruce Shaw, 1981
- 24-26 Argyle Social Impact Group (ASIG), 1983-1990. Includes 'An assessment of the social impact of Argyle Diamond Mines on the East Kimberley region', by Frank Donovan, 1985. [See also Series 5]
- 27 Noonkanbah, 1980. Original folder mainly of newspaper clippings. [Access code A1 B5]
- 28 Argyle Endeavour takeover of Northern Mining, 1981-83. Original folder of handwritten notes and newspaper clippings.. [Access code A1 B5]
- 29-30 Annual reports of mining companies, 1982-84. De Beers, Ashton Mining Ltd and CRA plus Commonwealth Department of Trade Annual Report, 1982-83. [Access code A1 B5]
- 31 Department of Treasury files, 1978-81. Newspaper clippings and press releases on Ashton/CRA compiled by Department of Treasury. [Access code A1 B5]
- 32 Department of Treasury files, 1978-81. Correspondence and ministerial briefing notes

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33-34 DAA Central Office files, 1980-81. Telexes, notes-for-file, ministerial briefing notes and correspondence, press releases, and newspaper clippings on 'CRA Diamond Project – Argyle WA'

35-37 DAA Central Office files, 1980-84. Submissions to Aboriginal Land Inquiry from:

- The Balanggarri Aboriginal Association (1983)

- The Warmun Community (1984)

- The Australian Mining industry Council (1983)

- CRA Limited (n.d.)

- The Western Australian Museum (1983)

- and notes of meeting at Kununurra, attended R. Howitt, 1980

[See also Series 6 Folder 1]

38-39 DAA Western Australian regional office files, 1980-81. Includes Ashton Joint Venture 'Project briefing paper' and 'Aboriginal relations briefing paper'; and correspondence, press releases etc. on Smoke Creek CRA mining venture, and Warmun Community, Turkey Creek. [See also Folders 4-10]

40-42 Newspaper clippings – General, 1978-95. CRA, DeBeers and diamond industry generally. Folder 42 includes a confidential report entitled 'Monopolist extraordinaire: a special report on De Beers Consolidated Mines', by D. Yedelman, 1979. [Access code A1 B5 for Folders 40-41]

43-47 Newspaper clippings – Ashton Joint Venture, 1977-91 (bulk 1978-85). Photocopies of newspaper clippings, and press releases. [Access code A1 B5]

48 Newspaper clippings – Social impact at Argyle, 1981-90. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5]

49-50 Newspaper clippings – Marketing arrangements, 1981-84. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5]

51 Published articles on marketing arrangements within the mining industry, 1983-89. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5]

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- 52 Published and unpublished papers and reports on mining at Argyle, 1980. Includes report resulting from visit to Turkey Creek, by Rev. Robert Stringer; 'The mining industry and the Kimberleys: company tactics and Aboriginal needs', by Jan Roberts; confidential report 'Aboriginal land interests in the Alligator Rivers region with specific reference to the Ranger and Queensland Mines Agreements'; 'Land and their fathers – an analysis of COE [Coe Case], Noonkanbah, Lake Nash, Manbulloo and Aboriginal anthropology', by Colin Tatz; 'Land Rights Symposium – Noonkanbah', by Philip Vincent; and draft correspondence by Dillon
- 53 Published papers on mining at Argyle, 1983-84. Includes 'Kimberley land rights and resources', by Herb Thompson, *Australian Left Review*, Spring 1983; 'Argyle, DeBeers and the international diamond market', by H.M Thompson, *Raw Materials Report*, vol. 2 no. 3, [1983]; and 'The discovery and geology of the Argyle diamond deposits, Kimberley, Western Australia', by Warren J. Atkinson et al, *in Darwin Conference 1984*, Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, Melbourne. [Access code A1 B5]. [See also Series 28]
- 54 Mining industry papers, pamphlets and submission, 1985-95. Includes 'Indigenous land use agreements: the minerals industry perspective', by J.K. Ellis, 1995; and AMEC 'Discussion paper on a means of removing the controversy and uncertainty which mining industry investors face in the matter of native title in Australia'
- 55 Draft 'Interpreting Argyle: diamond mining and Aborigines in north-west Australia', by Michael C. Dillon, 1990. Published in *Mining and Indigenous peoples in Australasia*, edited by John Connell and Richard Howitt, 1991. [Access code A1 B5]. [Also held in Library at B C752.50/M].
- 56 Correspondence with the University of Western Australia Press and others concerning proposed book on Argyle diamond mining, 1986-88. Includes early draft of chapters 1 and 5, and notes. [Access code A1 B5]. [Related photo sent to Audiovisual Archives]

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Series 3 Australia's foreign investment policy and Argyle mine, 1970-86

In the early 1980s Dillon made requests to the Commonwealth Department of Trade and to the Treasury under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* to access certain documents relating to the Argyle diamond mine and the government's foreign investment policy (i.e. naturalisation). Following his initial requests Dillon later made an appeal through the Federal Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

This series includes correspondence and notes relating to the court case, affidavits and papers subsequently obtained under Freedom of Information (FOI), government and company press statements, newspaper clippings and an article and booklet on Australia's foreign investment policy. The 'Transcripts of Proceedings' of the AAT court case have not been retained by the Library. [See also Series 27].

An accompanying cassette tape labelled 'ABTA Review 15/10. Tape 3' was transferred to the Audiovisual Archive in 2005.

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- 1 'Ashton/CRA Australianisation', 1977-86. Original folder of newspaper clippings and an article entitled 'The regulation of foreign investment in Australia', by Michael Sexton and Alexander Adamvich, 1981. [Access code A1 B5]
- 2-3 Australia's foreign investment policy. Includes government booklet, Treasury press statements and correspondence, 1976-84; handwritten notes and references on 'Australianisation'; and letter to Dillon from Treasurer, P.J. Keating dated 22 June 1984. [Access code A1 B5 for Folder 2]
- 4 Notes and references for preparation of FOI request and later appeal, c.1984-86. Includes copies of letter by Dillon
- 5-6 Correspondence and legal documents relating to AAT court case, including papers released under FOI, 1984
- 7-9 Correspondence and legal documents relating to AAT court case, including affidavits, 1985
- 10 Correspondence and legal documents relating to AAT court case, including affidavits, 1986
- 11-13 Department of Trade and Resources documents released following FOI request, 1984
- 14-19 Department of Trade and Resources documents previously withheld, released following FOI request and/or AAT appeal, 1984-86
- 20 *Australia. Report of the Inter-departmental Committee on the costs of the Freedom of Information legislation.* Canberra, 29 September 1986. Photocopy. This report includes references to Dillon Case. [Access code A1 B5]
- 21 Unpublished papers on public administration, 1983-84. Includes 'The use of social action theory and critical theory in the teaching of public administration' and 'On talking dirty: sacred and profane in public administration', by H.K. Colebatch and Pieter Degeling; and 'Remarks at the AMIC Workshop on mining and the Environment', by H.C. Coombs, May 1984. [Access code A1 B5]
- 22-25 Miscellaneous published articles on public administration, resource development and environmental impact (1970-84) originally held in folder labelled 'Argyle articles'. [Access code A1 B5]. [See also Series 27]

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Series 4 Toohey Inquiry, 1983-84

On 29 June 1983 the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, The Hon. Clyde Holding appointed Mr Justice John Leslie Toohey to make a general review of the provisions and operations of the *Aboriginal*

Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976. The Toohey Report was published in 1984 and is held by the Library at B T668.35/S1.

This series includes memos, submissions to the review, and comments on the recommendations received by Dillon, who was then working in the Central Land Council. [See also Series 6, 8 and 22].

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- 1 Guidelines, submissions, and summary of the review
- 2 Comments on the recommendations of the review

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Series 5 East Kimberley Impact Assessment Project, 1979-94

The East Kimberley Impact Assessment Project was a joint initiative planned by Australian National University Centre for Resource and Environment Studies (CRES), the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS), and the Anthropology Department of the University of Western Australia. The purpose of the project was to carry out a study of the impact of current developments in mining and tourism on the Aboriginal peoples of the Kimberley region of Western Australia, and to provide the Aboriginal peoples concerned with information and professional expertise to assist them to develop their own strategies to contain the adverse aspects of that impact, and to maximise benefits which they may have been able to derive from the developments. The project was an initiative of Dr H.C. Coombs and was administered by a Co-ordinating Committee. Dillon was Secretary to the Co-ordinating Committee, and later Executive Officer to the East Kimberley Assessment Project (March 1985 - January 1986).

This series includes correspondence, background notes, draft project descriptions, a map, interviews, reports, and comments on the final project report. There are also other papers on the pastoral industry in the Kimberleys and land rights generally in the Kimberley. [For related material see also the Papers of Elspeth Ann Young ([MS 4319](#))].

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- 1-2 Correspondence to and from Dillon, submissions and related documents on the Kimberley area, 1974-80. Includes 'A case study: Kadia power in an Aboriginal community', by Michael Dillon, *ACFOA Research and Information Service*, no 3, 1979
- 3-7 Correspondence concerning the project, 1984-88

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- 8-9 Kimberley pastoral industry. Mainly reference material in the form of seminar/working papers and articles by others on land degradation, 1979-85, but also includes 'Pastoral resource use in the Kimberley: a critical overview', by Michael Dillon, *East Kimberley Working Paper*, no. 4, 1985. [Access code A1 B5]. [Another copy in Library at p DIL]
- 10-12 Kimberley economy etc. Includes official correspondence between ATSIC and/or the Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Kimberley Land Council, 1987-94. [See also Series 9]

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Series 6 Land rights and mining debate, Western Australia, 1978-87

This series covers land rights issues in the Kimberley region of Western Australia (1980-83) and the responses led by the Western Australian government, under Premier Brian Burke, and the mining industry to the proposal of land rights legislation in that state (1984-86). The papers show how Premier Burke rejected the recommendations of the Western Australian Land Rights Inquiry Commissioner, Mr P.L. Seaman QC, that Aborigines be allowed the power to veto mining operations on traditional land, and requested that new land rights legislation to be drafted.

The papers also document the mining industry's campaign against the Federal Government's proposal for national land rights legislation. [See also Series 7 Folders 24-26 and Series 28 Folder 4]

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- 1-2 Land rights, Western Australia, 1978-83. Newspaper clippings, newsletters, correspondence, and 'Record of the Wawinde (Rockhole-Halls Creek) Meeting of the Kimberley Land Council – (12-14 July 1978)'
- 3-6 Correspondence concerning the project, 1984-88 Aboriginal Land Inquiry, Western Australia, 1983-84. Includes a discussion paper by Paul Seaman, submissions to the Inquiry, and newspaper clippings. [See also Series 2 Folders 35-37]
- 7-9 Mining veto, Western Australia, 1984-86
- 10 Land rights Western Australia, 1986-87. Includes DAA press release and agenda and Cabinet minutes concerning the Commonwealth/State Five Year Agreement Aboriginal Communities Development Program (ACDP)

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Series 7 Central Land Council, 1974-85

These papers were possibly compiled by Dillon when he held the position of Office Manager, Central Land Council (CLC) in the early 1980s. The bulk of the papers focus on the proposed

changes by the Northern Territory Government to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* but there are also files on the establishment of the Land Use Task Force; the proposed Mereenie gas pipeline to Alice Springs and Darwin; the establishment of the associated Centrebank (now Centrecorp) Aboriginal Investment Corporation; and the Commonwealth proposal for a National Land Rights Model.

The series includes photocopies of correspondence, submissions, ministerial briefing notes, legal agreements, memos, discussion papers, and Central Land Council annual reports. There were a number of newspaper clippings mainly from *The Australian Financial Review* and *Centralian Advocate* dating from 1981-83 [not been retained by the Library].

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- 1 Central Land Council submission to Woodward Commission, 1974. [Also held in Library at B C397.55/S1]
- 2 Central Land Council. *Annual report*. First and second reports, 1981-82. [Access code A1 B5]
- 3-11 Northern Territory land rights legislation, amendments etc. 1978-82. Mainly correspondence with Northern Territory Government
- 12 [CLC response to] Northern Territory land rights legislation amendments, 1978-85. Includes submissions, reports of meetings, background papers, correspondence, and CLC submission entitled 'Land rights and miner's rights: mining in the Northern Territory and the 1976 Land Rights Act'. [See also Series 10]
- 13 Northern Territory Aboriginal sacred sites legislation. Includes correspondence and 'Memorandum of advice', 1981-83
- 14 Statement by the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory on the CLC document 'Background to *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*', October 1981. Photocopy
- 15 CLC excision policy [i.e. community living areas for Aboriginal people resident or wishing to return to live in their traditional country on pastoral leases], 1983-85.
- 16-17 Establishment of Land Use Task Force, 1984-85. Includes memos, reports, discussion papers and papers relating to 'Aboriginal Cattle Projects Seminar', held 2-3 October 1984
- 18 'Processing exploration lease applications: a consideration of some anthropological issues involved', consultancy report by Diane Smith for CLC, n.d.
- 19-22 Mereenie pipeline lease, 1984-85. Includes draft report 'Potential royalty revenue to Aboriginals arising from the Mereenie and Palm Valley Petroleum Fields' and 'Mineral exploration and Aboriginal land rights: trends in the Northern Territory since 1968', by Hugh Saddler. [See also Series 7 Folder 23 and Series 8 Folders 6-7]

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- 23 Centrebank Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd, 1985
- 24-26 Proposed National Land Rights Model. Includes papers entitled 'Basic forms of petroleum agreements and their tax consequences for Indian tribes', by Charles J. Lipton (1979); 'Resource law and public policy', by Michael Crommelin (1983); and 'Mineral exploration and mining in the Northern Territory: a statistical base', by Cairan O'Fairchaellaigh (1984); 'A critique of the Commonwealth Government's preferred national land rights model distributed for discussion in February 1985', by Jon Altman; notes and draft paper entitled 'Royalties and the Government's preferred proposals', by Michael Dillon (1985); 'Aborigines speak out: land rights and mining - the economic and social realities', *Modern Unionist*, vol. 11 (2), 1986: 20-26; 'Mining and restrictions on land use in Australia', *Australian Mining Industry Council [Newsletter]*, July 1986; and Commonwealth government briefing papers and press statements
- 27 'Memorandum of Understanding in respect of financial arrangement between the Commonwealth and a self-governing Northern Territory'. Photocopy, 33pp

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Series 8 Royalties and land rights, 1980-85

This series of published and unpublished papers by others associated with the Central Land Council were written in response to the Toohey Report of 1984.

Some of the published papers found in the collection were already held by the Library. These have been listed in Series 28 Folder 10 but have not been retained with the collection. The series also includes copies of related correspondence. [See also Series 7].

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- 1 Aboriginal Benefit Trust Account (ABTA) review. Includes 'Mining royalties and the implications of the Northern Territory Green Paper for the Australian mining industry', by Ross Garnaut, *Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Journal*, vol. 4 (7) 1982; 'The impact of mining royalties to Aboriginal economic development in the Northern Territory', by Jon Altman, 1983; 'The development of the role of the CLC in royalty distribution', n.d.; correspondence relating to ABTA projected cash flow drafts 1984/85; and. 'The distribution of mining royalties to Aboriginal people in Central Australia' by Chris Marshall, 1986. [Published version held in Library at B F692.62/S1]
- 2 'Submissions of the Central Land Council in response to the 'Toohey Report', 10 May 1984. Various drafts.
- 3-4 Briefing notes on matters relating to royalties, 1984
- 5 Royalty Workshop, [1984?]. Includes 'Royalties and land rights: some key issues'; 'Aborigines and mining royalties in the NT', by Jon Altman and handwritten notes

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- 6-7 Mereenie royalties. Includes 'Royalty disbursement proposals'; 'Palm Valley Royalty Management Project: report on field consultations' and 'Mereenie Royalty Management Project: Report on field consultations and proposals for the distribution for the disbursement of statutory royalties', by Geoff Bagshaw and Sandra Pannell, 1984; and a few newspaper clippings with letter from CLC solicitor, 2 December 1980. [See also Series 7 Folders 19-22]

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Series 9 EXIM leases, 1985-88

As part of the restructuring of the pastoral industry in the Kimberley region, leases owned by the Emmanuel family were to be sold. The Western Australian Government's EXIM Corporation was to formalise the subdivision of the leases, and certain Aboriginal communities, with the assistance of a Commonwealth grant, aimed to secure a percentage of them. Dillon was Senior Private Secretary to the Commonwealth Minister for Aboriginal Affairs at this time.

This series includes copies of ministerial briefing notes and correspondence between Western Australian State and Commonwealth officials, notes-for-file, copies of Hansard debates, newspaper clippings, report by WA Livestock Holdings (a subsidiary of EXIM) and a report by the Aboriginal Development Commission, Derby.

Correspondents include Steve Hawke.

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- 1-5 Correspondence etc., 1985-88
- 6-7 WA land issues, 1986-87. Copies of official correspondence and briefing papers concerning arrangements between the Commonwealth and Western Australian governments relating to Aboriginal land issues

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Series 10 Aboriginal Land Rights legislation, 1985-95

This series includes papers that examine land rights legislation throughout Australia and the proposed changes to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, in particular. [See also Series 7 and Series 8 for earlier references to this issue].

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- 1 Summary of land rights legislation throughout the Australian states, 1985. [Access code A1 B5]
- 2 Summary of *Seven years on*, by Mr Justice Toohey. Department of Aboriginal Affairs ministerial briefing notes, 1985
- 3 Draft copy of 'Aboriginal Land Bill', Western Australia, 1985. [Access code A1 B5]
- 4 Northern Territory Land Councils. 'Submissions: proposed amendments to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, 18.08.86'. Also includes correspondence and summary of meetings, 1985-86
- 5-6 Proposal to eliminate remaining claims to stock routes and reserves, 1987-95 [bulk 1995]. Includes report entitled 'Community living areas in Northern Territory pastoral districts'
- 7-11 Proposed amendments on 'financial matters' to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. Contents of original folder including submissions, discussion papers, reports, copies of relevant legislation etc. Covers royalty associations, Land Councils, and Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account
- 12-13 Cabinet submission and Ministerial briefing papers, 1988. Includes paper prepared for the Northern Territory Land Councils, by Greg Crough
- 14 Background papers prepared by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs [c.1980s] on the issue of compensation for dispossession
- 15-17 Newspaper clippings and occasional correspondence on amendments to land rights legislation, mining, attitudes to statehood, and elections in the Northern Territory, 1986-87; 1994-95. Photocopies. [Access code A1 B5 for Folders 15-16]

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Series 11 Diary notebooks, minute books etc., 1980-96

This series includes hardcover foolscap and quarto account and minute books that were used as appointment notebooks by Dillon in the course of his employment in ATSIC, and the Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office of Indigenous Affairs. The notebooks contain brief handwritten reminder notes of meetings, telephone calls and issues for discussion with some loose-leaf material.

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- 1 Two 'Kingsgrove' appointment diaries for 1980 and 1981

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Series 12 Meeting notebooks, 1992-97

This series includes foolscap and quarto hardcover and/or 'Spirax' notebooks recording notes of meetings attended by Dillon in the course of his employment in the Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office of Indigenous Affairs (OIA) and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

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- 1 17 June 1991 - 29 July 1992
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Series 13 Department of Aboriginal Affairs, 1986-90

This series covers the review into the organisational structure of the Aboriginal Affairs portfolio during the period of the Labor Hawke and Keating Federal Governments.

As part of this review a small group was set up within the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) to advise the Minister on implementation of the Government's policy to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, and to co-ordinate its establishment. From late 1989, following passage of the 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bill 1989' through the Parliament, until the establishment of ATSIC on 5 March 1990, the Task Force was known as the ATSIC Co-ordination Group.

Dillon held a number of key positions within the portfolio during the period. He was also a member of the Task Force planning the establishment of ATSIC from 1987-89.

The series includes submissions, ministerial briefing papers, Departmental review by Coopers & Lybrandt, and a history paper entitled 'Department of Aboriginal Affairs 1972 to 1990', by Jeremy Long. [See also Series 11, 14, 15 and 17].

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- 1-8 Pink copies of submissions made by DAA to Minister Clive Holding, September 1986 - June 1987. Includes copies of correspondence sent by the Minister and/or the Senior Private Secretary, Dillon, on a range of issues. Arranged by month and year. [Access code A1 B5 for Folder 3]
- 9-11 International criticism of Aboriginal Affairs policy, 1986-87. Mainly newspaper clippings and published material including a paper entitled 'France and conflict in the Pacific', by John Dalton, 1986. [Access code A1 B5 for Folders 9-10]
- 12-13 Bicentennial proposal to protect existing 'Aboriginal' land base. Copies of legal advice, relevant legislation etc., 1978-87
- 14-15 Health impact of manganese on Indigenous peoples of Groote Eylandt. Papers relating to the research of Professor John Cawte and others, 1987
- 16 Departmental review. Includes ministerial submission, January 1986; internal 'Efficiency scrutiny report...', March 1986; 'New directions in Aboriginal policy: a discussion paper', by William Kerley, April 1986

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- 17 Departmental review by Coopers & Lybrand WD Scott, July 1986 [another copy held in Library at B C778.86/R1]; and draft review of '...the top management and general organisational structure for the proposed statutory commission responsible for Aboriginal Affairs', by Coopers & Lybrand, October 1987. [Access code A1 B5]. [Another copy held in Library at B C778.86/R1]
- 18-20 Directions in 'Aboriginal affairs', 1986-89. Departmental discussion papers including 'Notes on the policy agenda in Aboriginal Affairs', by Michael Dillon. Also, press statements and newspaper clippings, and 'An alternative approach to the Commonwealth government's present administration of Aboriginal Affairs', by Mark Armstrong (1989)
- 21-22 State government positions on ATSIC. Includes correspondence and submissions, 1988-89
- 23-24 Briefings and responses to questions on notice concerning the progress of ATSIC legislations compiled by the ATSIC Task Force for the Minister, August-October 1989
- 25 Senate Estimates briefing papers, November 1989
- 26-27 Draft DAA history paper entitled 'Department of Aboriginal Affairs 1972 to 1990', by Jeremy Long. Various drafts (78pp) and related correspondence

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Series 14 Treaty with Indigenous Australians, 1986-90

The option of a 'treaty' or 'Declaration of Commitment' was advocated in the 1980s led by Dr H.C. Coombs and the Aboriginal Treaty Committee, the NSW Legal Service, the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) group in Queensland and the National Aboriginal Conference (NAC). In the lead up to the 1988 Bicentenary Celebrations the Labor Hawke Government began to explore the option of developing such a treaty.

This series includes official correspondence, briefing papers, submissions, conference papers and newspaper articles in support of, and opposed to, such an initiative.

Correspondents include Garth Nettheim.

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- 1-3 Correspondence, briefing papers etc., 1986-90

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- 4 Addresses etc. Includes confidential draft paper entitled 'Notes towards a charter of Aboriginal Affairs', by Sue Kesteven, 1985, and 'Indians and the Fiduciary concept, self-government and the constitution: Guerin in perspective', by McMurtry Blaney, Q.C. and Alan Pratt, 1986
- 5-6 Photocopies of newspaper clippings, 1987-89. [Access code A1 B5]

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Series 15 Statutory Commission for Aboriginal Affairs, Establishment of, 1987-90

The bulk of the following papers were originally housed in seven large clip folders entitled 'Directions file' and 'ATSIC'. The papers show the steps taken to establish the Statutory Commission that became known as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). Included are copies of the Prime Minister Hawke's press conference 'Concerning Aboriginal Affairs as a statutory body', 14 July 1987; Working Party documents; draft cabinet briefings, briefing notes and minutes for the Minister; general notes on the issue by Steve Hawke, Giff Jones and others; draft Cabinet submissions and minutes; 'Notes on the role of the proposed AECD' and 'Notes on the operations of regional councils', by Michael Dillon, 16 November 1987; estimates and appropriation of costs; Senate Hansard debates on the proposed 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Bill 1989'; statements and correspondence from the Gerry Hand, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, 1988; and early issues of the *ATSIC Task Force Newsletter*.

Also included are photocopies of related newspaper clippings and press statements collected by Dillon from the period. [See also Series 16].

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Series 16 Australian Development Commission, and Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation, 1982-89

The Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC) was a federal statutory agency set up in 1980 to acquire land for Australian Indigenous communities, and to make loans and grants available for housing, and for business enterprises. It was managed by a panel of 10 part-time Aboriginal Commissioners, who meet regularly to consider applications for assistance and approve funding projects. It was headed by a Chairperson, the first of whom, Charles Perkins, served from 1981 until 1984. He was succeeded by Shirley McPherson, who continued until the ADC ceased operating at the end of 1989. The Commissioners were supported by a complement of full-time administrative staff working under the General Manager. By 1989 the ADC comprised a head office in Canberra, six regional offices, and 21 branch offices with a total of 360 staff. The ADC was reviewed in 1982 and again in 1984 by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Expenditure.

In 1990 the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Gerry Hand, proposed that the functions of the ADC be absorbed into the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) through the establishment of the Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation (AECDC). Consequently, both were formally established in March 1990. ATSIC was to provide small enterprise loans, larger loans and grants, and the ATSIC Development Corporation (ATSICDC) was to invest exclusively in major commercial projects.

This series covers a dispute between the members of the ADC opposed to the establishment of the new agency structure in legislation, and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Gerry Hand, 1987-89 (see Folders 6-16) and steps taken toward the establishment of the ATSICDC by the ATSIC Task Force. Dillon was a member of the Task Force planning the establishment of ATSIC, from 1987-89.

The series includes records of meetings, background papers, legal documents, parliamentary statements and debates, reports, copies of legislation, notes-for-file, and correspondence.

Correspondents include Shirley McPherson, Minister Gerry Hand, and Treasurer Paul Keating.

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- 1-4 AEDC, 1982-88. Original contents of large folder documenting the proposal to establish Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Development Corporation. Includes conference papers, implementation plans, correspondence between Minister Gerry Hand and Treasurer, Paul Keating, and 'Aboriginal Economic Development Corporation strategic overview', by Michael Dillon
- 5 Aboriginal Development Commission. *Discussion paper: an alternative strategy for Aboriginal self-management*, March 1988. [Access code A1 B5]
- 6 ADC/ATSIC. Part of contents of two original folders, 1987
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Series 17 Senate Select Committee on the Administration of Aboriginal Affairs, 1988-89

This Committee was formed on 1 June 1988 to examine and report upon the Government's proposals for the re-organisation of administration of 'Aboriginal Affairs' by the formation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

This series includes the discussion paper, official *Hansard* reports, final report, correspondence, submissions and briefing notes.

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- 14-20 Original contents of folder on matters that came before the Committee. Mainly correspondence, submissions and notes-for-file. Also includes Senate Estimates. [Access code A1 B5 for Folder 20]
- 21 Correspondence, submissions and briefing notes concerning definitions of 'Aboriginal' and 'Torres Strait Islander' for possible amendment to the 'ATSIC Bill', April-October 1989. [Access code A1 B5]

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- 22 Papers relating to 'Aboriginal Development Commission Amendment Bill 1989' and other legislation, 1988-91. [Access code A1 B5]
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Series 18 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), 1987-96

Following the review of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (DAA) in 1986-87 (see Series 13) Prime Minister R.J. Hawke announced, in July 1987, a proposal for a statutory Commission to be established. It was to be a representative and an administrative body and Australian Indigenous peoples were to have a real say in how it operated. The proposed new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) was to replace both DAA and the Aboriginal Development Corporation (ADC).

In August 1988 the 'ATSIC Bill' to establish this Commission was introduced to Parliament. The Bill was passed in the House of Representatives in September 1988 then referred to a Senate Select Committee (see Series 17). This Committee reported in February 1989 and a Working Party on State and Regional Offices, and a Working Party on Transitional Processes reported in January 1989.

Following statements by the Prime Minister and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs confirming that ATSIC would proceed, a revised 'ATSIC Bill' was introduced in the House of Representatives along with an 'Institute (AIAS) Bill' and an 'ADC Amendment Bill' in May 1989. The 'ATSIC Bill' passed the second reading in the Senate in August 1989 and ATSIC was established on 5 March 1990.

In March 1993 the newly elected Prime Minister, Paul Keating, announced that ATSIC was to be located within the Prime Minister's own portfolio. A small 'Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs' was to be established which would not 'undermine the primary role of ATSIC as adviser to the government on Aboriginal matters' (*ATSIC Media Release*, 23 March 1993). Some Aboriginal specific programs were to remain with specialised departments such as Department of Employment, Education and Training and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Services.

During this period Dillon held the positions of Assistant Secretary within the Department of Aboriginal Affairs (1989); Director Office of Evaluation and Audit, ATSIC (1990-92); Acting Deputy CEO, ATSIC (1992-93); and First Assistant Secretary, Office of Indigenous Affairs, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (1993-96). He was responsible for preparing the drafting instructions for the 'ATSIC Bill', including the 'Institute (AIAS) Bill' and 'ADC Bill'.

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- 1-3 ATSIC key documents. Contents of original folder containing papers on the establishment of the new body
- 4 *Foundations for the future: policy statement*, by Gerry Hand, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, 1987 [also held in Library at pHAN], and *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Task Force Newsletter*, nos. 1-3, 1988. [Access code A1 B5]
- 5 Speaking notes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission proposal, prepared by ATSIK Task Force
- 6-7 Draft of 'ATSIC Bill', with corrections, April 1989
- 8-9 Briefing notes for ATSIK debate in Senate, 1989
- 10-13 Official copies of legislation. Includes Second Reading Speech by Minister Gerry Hand, 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Bill', 1988 (and 1989), and *Act 1989*, Opposition amendments, and related legislation covering the Aboriginal Development Commission and AIATSIS. [Access code A1 B5]
- 14 ATSIK Regional Council elections. Voting status of Indigenous Australians, 1989-90
- 15 Miscellaneous memos to Minister Tickner's office from Dillon, October-December, 1990
- 16 Structures. Includes briefing papers that refer to ATSIK's purpose, budget, legislation and internal co-ordination, 1990-91. Also map of 'ATSIC zones and Regional Councils (Indicative boundaries)' [located in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 17-20 'Personal float', September 1991-March 1992. Contents of original folder containing copies of minutes, notes-for-file, etc., compiled by Dillon, then Acting Deputy CEO. Shows development of new roles and responsibilities of ATSIK
- 21 [ATSIK] Office of Evaluation and Audit. Includes Operational Plan 1991/92, Report on Activities May/June 1991 and July/August 1991; and 'ATSIC's regional programs: a strategy for transition', and 'Performance indicators', by Michael Dillon, 1990; and other papers on organisational structure
- 22-23 Charles Perkins. Newspaper clippings [bulk], journal articles, media transcripts including 'Interviews with Peter Read, 1988-89....Reflections on the Freedom Ride, 1965', and ministerial briefing notes concerning Charles Perkins, 1987-96
- 24 Prime Minister Paul Keating. Press statements, official correspondence between Chairperson of ATSIK, Lois O'Donoghue and Prime Minister Keating, 1993-95 and background paper entitled 'Australia's future to 2000 and beyond', 1994
- 25 'Institutional structures in Indigenous Affairs: the future of ATSIK', by Michael Dillon, 1996. Draft and final copy [of chapter for book] and associated correspondence with Patrick Sullivan

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Series 19 Office of Evaluation and Audit, ATSIC, 1991

This series includes copies of the correspondence from Dillon, reports, and minutes to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Robert Tickner, April to September 1991. During this period Dillon held the position of Director, ATSIC Office of Evaluation and Audit. He referred to these papers as 'Float' copies and they were originally housed in one large clip folder. [See also Series 18].

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Series 20 Kimberley Land Claim, 1990-96

This series includes papers covering the Kimberley land claim were compiled by Dillon during the period that he was employed at the Australian and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

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Series 21 Office of Indigenous Affairs (OIA), 1993-95

In 1993 the Keating Labor Government established the Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs (renamed the Office of Indigenous Affairs) as a Division within in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). The OIA, which incorporated the Aboriginal Reconciliation Unit, included a policy Branch responsible for providing advice to government on a range of issues relating to Australian Indigenous affairs.

This series includes papers collected by Dillon then First Assistant Secretary, OIA. The files were labelled 'Personal Float' and covered the establishment of the new office of OIA as a Division of PM&C; the Mabo debate and Native Title issues including proposed amendments to the *Native Title Act 1993*; National Land Fund; Wik and Ranger litigation; expenditure on Indigenous affairs at the State and Territory level, death in custody and other social justice issues; National Aboriginal Health Strategy; Indigenous heritage protection; appointments for the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and past child removal policies; Waanyi Case; Hindmarsh Island Case; Anaconda Nickel's proposed mining project in WA; and meetings with Pat Dodson. [See also Series 22].

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Series 22 MABO decision and Native Title legislation, 1993-97

This series includes papers on the Mabo decision [bulk] and the Native Title legislation that followed. [See also Series 21].

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- 2 Implications of the Mabo decision, 1992. Reports, correspondence and briefings. Also includes *Making things right...*, by the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation [also held in Library at p COU], and *The Mabo Case – Native Title: Ousts Terra Nullius*, by Merrin Mason, Department of Parliamentary Library
- 3-4 ATSIC response to consultation process concerning the MABO decision, 1992-93. Includes map entitled *Public land. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land* [two copies held in Manuscript Plan Cabinet]
- 5-6 Submissions from mining companies [and others], and papers on proposed Native Title legislation, 1993. [Probably compiled in Mabo Unit, Office of Indigenous Affairs]
- 7-8 Indigenous organisations [and others] response to the proposed Native Title legislation, 1993. Includes 'The Aboriginal Peace Plan: points of clarification for meeting with Prime Minister and Ministerial Committee 18 May 1993'
- 9-10 Original briefing notes for Senate debate on 'Native Title Bill', 1993
- 11-13 Senate *Hansard* debates, December 1993. [Access code A1 B5]
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- 15 Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report on 'Native Title Bill 1993'. [Access code A1 B5]
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Series 23 National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, 1993-95

The *Native Title Act 1993 (Section 201)* established the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Land Fund, the structure and operations of which were to be specified in regulations. The *Act* announced the establishment of the Fund to address the needs of those Aboriginal communities who would remain dispossessed of their land despite the Mabo Decision.

This series contains copies of Commonwealth Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) briefing papers and attachments relating to the establishment of the Fund, papers tabled in the Senate, newspaper clippings, and copies of relevant legislation and *Hansard* debates.

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Series 24 Ranger Case mediation, 1994-95

The Ranger Case concerned the agreement under which Energy Resources of Australia Ltd (ERA) carried on uranium mining at Ranger Uranium Mine in the Northern Territory. Litigation commenced in the High court by the Northern Land Council (NLC) in 1985. By 1994 it was still pending in the Federal Court. A proposal to attempt to resolve the matter through mediation emerged in May 1994 and the mediation process took place in August 1994 with Sir Ninian Stephen as mediator. Dillon who was part of the negotiating team, compiled two personal folders of papers that document the mediation process.

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Series 25 Indigenous health issues, 1994-96

This series includes mainly newspaper clipping, transcripts of speeches by the Prime Minister, and press releases covering the state of Indigenous health in Australia and the Federal

government's handling of these issues. Of particular interest are those papers relating to the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Task Force on Health and Community Services.

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- 5 Draft papers including 'The National Aboriginal Health Strategy: an evaluation', December 1994, (86p) and draft 'Health care policy for Aboriginal Australians: the relevance of the American Indian experience' (34p), 1995, by Stephen J. Kuntz et al. [Access code A1 B5]. [Other copies held in the Library at B N277.19/H4 and p KUN respectively]

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Series 26 Manuscripts

This series comprises some manuscripts written by Michael Dillon. For other papers written by Dillon consult the [Mura@ online catalogue](#). [See also Series 2 Folder 55].

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- 1 Untitled essay (with reference material) on federal/state relations focussing on the place of local government under the Whitlam and Fraser governments, 1979
- 2 'The Ord River Scheme since the mid-seventies: a case study in 'national development'' (several drafts) with newspaper clippings and correspondence, 1980-85. [See also Series 26 Folder 12]
- 3 'A terrible hiding: Western Australia's Aboriginal heritage policy'. Essay submitted to the Regional Groups of the Australian Institute of Public Administration 1981 National Essay Competition. Published in *Australian Journal of Public Administration* vol. 42, no.4, 1983 [Access code A1 B5]. [Another copy held in Library at p DIL].
- 4-6 'Policies aren't forever: public policymaking and the Argyle Diamond Project'. Photocopy of masters thesis, 1984 (162pp), with comments, correspondence (some from H.C. Coombs) and FOI requests. Final copy of thesis held in Library at [MS 4386](#). [Access code A1 B5]
- 7 'Social impact assessment and public policymaking: a review of the literature'. Original copy, 1983. [Access code A1 B5]

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- 11 'Mining and royalties' in *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*, 1990. Original manuscript, correspondence and reference article. [Access code A1 B5]
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- 13 Final copy 'Aborigines and diamond mining: the politics of resource development in the East Kimberley', edited by R.A. Dixon and M.C. Dillon, 1990. [Access code A1 B5]. [Also published version held in Library at B D621.84/A1]
- 14 'Program evaluation and monitoring in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs: a strategic view'. Final version with draft and related correspondence, 1992

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Series 27 Personal correspondence, 1975-88

This series includes Dillon's job applications and curriculum vitae for the positions he held in the Central Land Council, the Australian National University Centre for Resource and Environment Studies (CRES), and in the offices of various Commonwealth Ministers for Aboriginal Affairs. There are also papers concerning accounting procedures in the Central Land Council, semi-official correspondence on Indigenous affairs, publications by Dillon, prizes awarded to Dillon, and papers relating to a business partnership.

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- 1 Marcia Langton. 'Towards a national strategy to resolve some of the issues involved with exploration and mining on or near Aboriginal land', paper presented to AIAS Land Rights Symposium, 1980
- 2 Shaw, Bruce and John Toby. "'We still got the idea': opportunity, not identity change, in the east Kimberley", paper presented at Australian Anthropological Society Annual Conference, Brisbane, 26-29 August, 1980
- 3 Coombs, H.C. 'Provisional report. To Mr Holding, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs concerning the role of the National Aboriginal Conference', 2 March 1983. Also includes confidential 'Discussion paper' entitled 'Proposal for an Aboriginal and Islander consultative organisation', issued by Lois O'Donoghue, 1985. [Copy of associated report held in Library at B C775.19/R1]
- 4 Dixon, Rod. 'In the shadows of exclusion: Aboriginals and the ideology of development in Western Australia', [1981?]. Annotated
- 5 Peter Sutton. 'Anthropology outside the universities in Australia', *AAS Newsletter*, 15 June 1982, with response by Marcia Langton
- 6 Kirkby, Ian. 'Toward a good neighbour policy: the impact of the Argyle Diamond Mine, and government programmes on the Warmun Aboriginal Community, Turkey Creek', 1983
- 7 Harris, Stuart. 'Resources, development and the international system', *CRES working paper*, 1983/4. [Access code A1 B5]

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- 8 Harris, Stuart. 'Dependence on large scale resource projects – the exporting country perspective', *CRES working paper*, 1983/19. [Access code A1 B5]
- 9 Howitt, Richard. 'A different Kimberley: Aboriginal marginalisation and the Argyle Diamond Mine'. Offprint from *Geography*, 1989, pp. 232-238. [Access code A1 B5]
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