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Collection Summary

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Collection Overview

Scope and contents note

This significant collection represents an insight into a wide variety of exchanges around the Mabo Native Title case and the implications for the broader Australian community. The impact of this decision is reflected through interactions by the key stakeholders from all jurisdictions and levels of government; the mining and agriculture sector and Indigenous advocacy groups encompassing all of Australia from 1992-1995. This is presented by Geoff Adlide's assortment of related correspondence in the form of faxes, internal governmental documents, newspaper clippings and handwritten notes. The focus of the discourse was the perceived impact and precedent the Mabo ruling represented and the uncertainty this created. The obstructive position from industry, pastoral lease holders and state governments focused on building legislation around limiting the ability for Indigenous communities to instigate any Native Title claims. This is contrasted by key Indigenous groups advocating for the precedent in law that the Mabo decision represented.

Provenance

The material was deposited to the AIATSIS library by Geoff Adlide on the 3rd of December 2004. Materials relating to the proposed legislation on Native Title. Folders include photocopies of media releases, reports, briefings, discussion papers, memos and articles. Some folders contain photocopies of correspondence, and copies of cabinet-in-confidence briefing papers. The contents have been curated by Geoff Adlide and effectively presented in a logical structure representing the Native Title debate between government, business, and Indigenous civil society.

Material separated from the collection

No material has been separated from this collection.

Administrative / Biographical history note

Geoff Adlide has over thirty years of experience in media, government, NGO and multilateral environments, including working and living in remote indigenous Australia and developing countries in Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Geoff currently works as the senior Communications Officer for Global Partnership for Education based in Switzerland. Prior to joining GPE he spent eight years leading the Advocacy and Public Policy team at Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance. Previously Geoff was an active Board member of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and UNAIDS and managed the Australian Government's relationships with global humanitarian and health agencies. He worked for the Australian Agency for International Development AusAID from 1995-2007, in various positions in public affairs, bilateral and regional program management and policy development. From 1988-1995 he was media and political adviser to Aboriginal rights leaders in Australia's Northern Territory. He has coordinated advocacy campaigns for Aboriginal Land Rights and led public affairs work for aid agencies. Geoff started his professional career in journalism and documentary production for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

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Controlled Access Headings

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- 650 - Torres Strait Islanders
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- 690 - Native title - Cases – Mabo
- 690 - Politics and Government - Social justice
- 690 - Land rights - Excisions and leases
- 690 - Economic sectors - Agriculture and horticulture
- 690 - Land rights - Mining industry
- 690 - Media
- 691 - Canberra (ACT SI55-16)
- 691 - Northern Territory - Central NT
- 691 - New South Wales (NSW)
- 691 - Queensland (Qld)
- 691 - Victoria (Vic)
- 691 - Western Australia (WA)

Archivists note

The arrangement and description of this collection was prepared by Jeremy Dibben in December 2021. There was no major rearrangement required of Geoff Adlide's collection, which was predominantly described as found.

Administrative / other notes

HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
ATSIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
ACFOA	Australian Council for Overseas Aid
CLC	Central Land Council
CRA	Conzinc Riotinto of Australia
PM	Prime Minister
NFF	National Farmers Federation
AMIC	Australian Mining Industry Council

Series 1: **Eva Valley Draft Bills, 1993**

The Eva Valley Working Group representing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples held their first national meeting at Eva Valley, in the Northern Territory on the 3-5 of August 1993 to formulate a response to the High Court decision on Native Title.

[See Eva Valley Statement 5th August 1993]

<http://www5.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/AboriginalLawB/1993/28.html>

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MS 5304/1/1	Mabo Proposed Legislation on Native Title – publication – September 1993
MS 5304/1/2	CLC Meeting 'Aputula' - 26-28 October 1993
MS 5304/1/3	HREOC fax with 'Federal Government Timetable: Social Justice Initiatives – Timetable' (p. 4) –18 September 1993
MS 5304/1/4	Eva Valley Working Group 'The Commonwealth's Mabo Proposals' – 20-23 September 1993
MS 5304/1/5	'EVA Valley Working Group Memorandum from Darryl Cronin with Draft Agenda of National Meeting to be held in Canberra at

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- Boomanulla Oval 34 Goyder Street, Narrabundah on 26 to 28 September 1993' – 16 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/6 Media Release by Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, The Hon Robert Tickner MP: 'A Day for the Nation to be Proud' – 19 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/7 'Native Title Legislation: The Benefits for Indigenous Australians' by ATSIC and the Coalition of Aboriginal Organisations Working Group - 19 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/8 Press Statement by the Combined Aboriginal Organisations Canberra Working Group "Aboriginal leaders meet with Archbishop Desmond Tutu" – 13 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/9 Confidential documents faxed by Darryl Cronin to Eva Valley Working Group members – 1. Confidential letter to PM, 2. Summary of discussions between PM and ATSIC / coalition of Aboriginal organisations – 11 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/10 Letter from Lowitja O'Donoghue to ATSIC Commissioners to "bring you up to date on negotiations that have been taking place with the Federal government about its legislative response to the High Court decision on Native Title" – 8 October - 1993
- MS 5304/1/11 Fax of 4/10/93 – no attribution – 'ATSIC Position: Talking Points for the Prime Minister' – 4 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/12 'Position on Commonwealth Proposed Native Title Legislation' - 5 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/13 'ATSIS Position on current key elements of the proposed Native Title Legislation' - 5 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/14 Speech by the Hon. Robert Tickner MP to launch 'Local heroes' - 4 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/15 Media Release: Transcript from Meet the Press - Noel Pearson – 3 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/16 Media Statement - Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs - Parliament House, Perth W.A. - 5 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/17 D.A. Hollway (?) 'Proposed Changes to Legislation' – 14 June 1993
- MS 5304/1/18 Letter 'Office of the Cabinet Queensland' – 16 June 1993
- MS 5304/1/19 'Comments on ATSIC key issues' Attachment A – October 1993

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- MS 5304/1/20 'Part A (& B) - Key proposals in the Legislation which are strongly supported by ATSIC' – 5 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/21 'Briefing on Proposed Legislation by Ron Caston' – 3 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/22 'Detailed Proposals for Amendments to Specific Paragraphs of the Commonwealth Proposals' ATSIC – 5 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/23 'MABO - Proposed Legislation on Native Title' - September 1993
- MS 5304/1/24 'The MABO Ruling - Problem or Opportunity? - Speech by Sandy Hollway' - October 1993
- MS 5304/1/25 'The Government's Proposed Legislation on Native Title - Garth Netthelm' - October 1993
- MS 5304/1/26 'A Short Critique of The Government's Proposed Legislation on Native Title - Garth Netthelm' - 1 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/27 'Marjorie Henzell Reports on MABO from Canberra' - Press release - 6 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/28 ACFOA "Community groups call for release of Native Title Bill" – Press release - 1 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/29 ACFOA 'Australian Council for Overseas Aid Denounces Racist Legislation' - 27 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/30 AIATSIS - Letter – 'Dear Mr Walker' – 'Proposed MABO Legislation' - 27 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/31 'The Australian National University - North Australian Research Unit' Letter – 29 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/32 ACFOA – 'MABO Native Title Campaign Letter to Parliamentarians' - 21 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/33 MEDIA RELEASE – 'Delay Native Title Legislation: Uniting Church leaders urge PM in open letter' – 28 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/34 'Australian Council of Churches: An appeal for action' Letter - 13 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/35 'Sharing the Land - Native Title and Reconciliation Green Groups Joint Statement' Fax – 14 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/36 EVA Valley Working Group – 'The Commonwealth's MABO Proposals Fact Sheets' - 25 September 1993

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- MS 5304/1/37 'DRAFT - Comments on Proposed Native Title Legislation: Kathy Whimp Senior Solicitor Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement' - 27 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/38 'Northern Regional Council of Congress of The Uniting Church in Australia' – 'Dear Prime Minister'- Letter - 17 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/39 'Aboriginal Legal Service LTD - Commonwealth outline of proposed legislation on Native Title and NSW Draft Native Titles Bill 1993' - 24 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/40 Media Release – 'ATSIC Response to MABO proposal' - 8 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/41 'Memorandum on Commonwealth's outline of proposed legislation' HEROC fax - August 1993
- MS 5304/1/42 New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council: Commonwealth Native Title Bill - Memorandum of advice – 2 October 1993
- MS 5304/1/43 'New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service - Detailed response and alternative drafting instructions' – 25 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/44 'Central Land Council' - Hon. Frank Walker – 27 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/45 'Central Land Council' - Peter Dodd 1993 – 28 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/46 'Comments by Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement on Commonwealth Proposal' - Extinguishment of Native Title - 27 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/47 Canberra Times 'Eva Valley Aborigines toughen Mabo stand' - 18 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/48 Canberra Times "MABO debate drifts as Caucus divides' - 20 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/49 'Office of Public Affairs - Canberra - PRESS CUTTINGS - Mabo legislation 'completes dispossession of Aborigines' - 23 September 1993
- MS 5304/1/50 Financial Review – 'States unite in attack on Mabo' - 23 September 1993

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- MS 5304/2/6 'Mabo: Party Room Brief' – Background – 29 June 1993
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- MS 5304/2/8 Aboriginal Affairs: 'Policy Stream - Equality of Opportunity: Policy Code - POC; Official Australian Democrat Policy' - July 1988
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- MS 5304/2/10 Parliament of Australia House of Representatives - Ian McLachlan: Member for Barker – 'Information Sheet' - 13 August 1993
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State and Territory Governments and Indigenous groups advocate for their positions on Native Title contrasted with the Prime Minister Paul Keating's position on the evolving legislative and political discourse.

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- MS 5304/3/68 'RE: LAND AND TITLES VALIDATION BILL 1993 (VIC) - MEMORANDUM OF ADVICE' - Aickin Chambers – 26 July 1993

Series 4: Mabo docs - Aboriginal Peace Plan -

Consultations PM

Indigenous groups advocate for their positions on Native Title contrasted with the Prime Minister Paul Keating's position on the evolving legislative and political discourse.

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