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COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Scope and contents note

The press reports cover both local Victorian and Tasmanian issues and national issues in Indigenous affairs. They consist of cuttings from Victorian newspapers, covering the years approximately 1983 to 1991, and from The Australian and from Tasmania newspapers.

The Victorian newspapers include:
Advertiser (Bairnsdale)
Advertiser (Geelong)
Advertiser (Williamstown)
Age (Melbourne)
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Bendigo Advertiser (Bendigo)
Brunswick Sentinel
Chadstone Progress
Chronicle (Camperdown)
Chronicle (Wangaratta)
Cohuna Farmers Weekly (Cohuna)
Community News
Courier (Ballarat)
Cranbourne Sun
Croydon Mail
Dandenong Examiner (Hastings)
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Diamond Valley News
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Frankston News
Gazette (Warragul)
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Geelong Independent
Geelong News
Gippsland Times
Guardian (Swan Hill)
Heidelberger
Herald (Colac)
Herald (Echuca)
Horsham Wimmera Times
Latrobe Valley Express
Lilydale Yarra Valley Express
Macedon Ranges Telegraph (Gisborne)
Mail Express (Melton)
Mail Times (Horsham)
Melbourne Times (Inner northern suburbs, Melbourne)
Midland Express (Kyneton)
Moorabbin Standard
Mountain District Free Express
Mountain Views (Healsville)
Myrtleford Times (Myrtleford)
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Northcote Leader (Melbourne)
North Eastern Ensign (Benalla)
News (Ballarat)
News (Shepparton)
Northern Times (Kerang)
Northerner (Ivanhoe Heidelberg Diamond Valley)
Numurkah Leader
Oakleigh Springvale Times
Observer, Portland
Peninsula-Westernport Post
Post (Knox – Sherbrooke)
Preston Post Times
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Richmond Times
Riverine Herald (Echuca)
Sandringham Brighton Advertiser
Southern Peninsula Gazette (Rosebud)
Spectator (Hamilton)
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Star (Leongatha)
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Sun (Melbourne)
Sunday Observer
Sunraysia Daily (Mildura)
Toorak Times
Weekly Times (Melbourne)
Werribee Banner (Werribee)
Western Independent (Footscray – Sunshine)
Western Independent (Melton – Bacchus Marsh)
Western Independent (Werribee – Williamstown – Altona)
Western Times (Footscray)
Whittlesea Post
Williamstown Advertiser (Melbourne)

New South Wales Newspaper:
Border Morning Mail (Albury)

The Tasmanian newspapers include:
Sunday Examiner

Provenance
The collection was deposited in the AIATSIS Library in 2006.

Material separated from the collection
No material has been separated.
Related material

See also, MS 5061, Commonwealth Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Press cuttings, 1973-1986.

For a complete list of works by ATSIC / AATSIS, held by the Library, and for other related material consult Mura®, the AIATSIS catalogue.

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Archivist’s note

These newspaper clippings were donated to the AIATSIS Library in 2006, following the cessation of ATSIC/ATSIS. It is not known which office they came from. They were taken from hanging files and the original titles retained on the folders into which they were rehoused. The articles cover both local Victorian and Tasmanian issues and national issues in Indigenous affairs.

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ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) (1990–2005) was established by Bob Hawke's Labor government through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Act 1989 (the ATSIC Act), which took effect on 5 March 1990. The Commission was an amalgamation of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and the Aboriginal Development Commission.

ATSIC was the Australian Government body through which Aboriginal Australians and Torres Strait Islanders were formally involved in the processes of government affecting their lives. A number of Indigenous programs and organisations fell under the overall umbrella of ATSIC.

The functions of the Commission, as set out in Section 7 of the Act in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, were as follows:

- formulate and implement programs;
- monitor the effectiveness of programs including programs conducted by other bodies;
- develop policy proposals to meet their needs and priorities;
- assist, advise and co-operate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and individuals;
- advise the Minister, including on the administration of legislation and co-ordination of the activities of other Commonwealth bodies;
- provide information and advice to the Minister on request;
- protect sacred and significant cultural information;
- undertake research and collect and publish statistical information.
The agency was dismantled in 2004 in the aftermath of corruption allegations and litigation. ATSIC was formally abolished at midnight 24 March 2005.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, State Office, Victoria-Tasmania, was based at 8th Floor, 399 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. In 1992 there was a proposal to merge the Regional Office, located at 182 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, with the State Office.

Sources: National Archives of Australia, ATSIC agency registration, and Wikipedia.

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