THE NATURE AND CONTENT OF NATIVE TITLE: THE MIRIUWUNG-GAJERRONG CASE

Overview

On 8 August 2002, the High Court handed down its decision on Western Australia v Ward & Ors, relating to the native title claim by the Miriuwung-Gajerrong peoples. The decision has been anticipated as one which will answer critical questions about the nature and content of native title.

Cases

*Western Australia v Ward & Ors* - High Court decision (8 August 2002)

*State of Western Australia v Ward* [2000] FCA 191 (3 March 2000) - Full Federal Court decision

*Ben Ward & Ors v State of Western Australia & Ors* [1998] 1478 FCA (24 November 1998 - Federal Court decision

Legislation

*Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)*

Media Releases

Media Background from Kimberley Land Council
Media Release from Kimberley Land Council
Media Release from ATSIC
Media Release from Attorney-General's Department
Media Release from ANTaR
Media Release from Carmen Lawrence
Media Release from Senator Aden Ridgeway
Media Release from WA Premier, the Hon. Geoff Gallop

Comments

Initial statement by the High Court, 8 August 2002

Lisa Strelein, Manager, NTRU, *Initial comment* on the High Court decision.

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Useful Websites

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