

# NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

## JULY 2014

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
30 July 2014	Australia	Australia's Native Title Regime is not true land rights, says expert	A renowned Canadian First Nations lawyer, Sharon Venne, has said that Australia's Native Title system and laws are backwards, flawed and not in any way true land rights.	<a href="#">National Indigenous Times</a> , Australia (30 July 2014)
23 July 2014	QLD	Kulkalgal people to be granted exclusive native title rights over Zuizin	The Kulkalgal people were today granted exclusive Native Title rights and interests over the uninhabited island of Zuizin in the Torres Strait.	<a href="#">Torres Strait Regional Authority</a> , Queensland (23 July 2014)
21 July 2014	NSW	Githabul corporation placed under administration	As a result of serious governance concerns, the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, announced that the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation has been placed under special administration.	<a href="#">Echo Net Daily</a> , New South Wales (July 2014)
21 July 2014	WA	Indigenous group delays Buru	Buru Energy has not received the backing of the Yawuru Native Title Holders Aboriginal Corporation to use the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing "fracking" due to fears that the practice could contaminate water supplies.	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (21 July 2014) <a href="#">The West Australian</a> , Western Australia (21 July 2014)
21 July 2014	WA	New National Native Title Tribunal website launched	The focus of the new National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) website has been user friendly features which will assist clients in navigating around the different information provided regarding native title. Feedback was collected from stakeholders via a client satisfaction survey in 2013. The website is now live.	<a href="#">National Native Title Tribunal</a> , Perth WA (21 July 2014)
17 July 2014	VIC	Talks to establish Eastern Maar's regional native title claim	On August 8, south-west Victorian Aboriginal families will take another step towards gaining native title by attending a meeting in Warrnambool to authorise a threshold statement for the claim by the Eastern Maar people.	<a href="#">The Standard</a> , Warrnambool, VIC (17 July 2014)
14 July 2014	NT	NT Government continues discussions to move Land Rights back to government jurisdiction	Audio presentation: Northern Territory Government is facing opposition from the Northern Land Council in regards to transferring land rights to the Territory Government's jurisdiction.	<a href="#">ABC Indigenous</a> , Northern Territory (14 July 2014)

11 July 2014	QLD	Juru People native title recognition	The Juru People's Native Title rights and interests over approximately 176,000 square hectares of land between Bowen and Ayr have been recognised by the Federal Court of Australia. This brings the total number of native title determinations made in Queensland to 106 – 93 of which have been resolved by consent.	<a href="#">Department of Natural Resources and Mines</a> , Brisbane QLD (11 July 2014)
9 July 2014	QLD	Proposed changes to Mineral and Energy Resources Bill	The State Government has proposed changes to the Mineral and Energy Resources Bill which will remove the right of the broader community to object to mining proposals. These changes are proposed by the Government to speed up the application process. If accepted, there will no longer be a requirement to notify the community on mining proposals with notifications only going to those whose land will be directly affected, that is, their property is either on or touches the mining lease.	<a href="#">ABC Rural</a> , Queensland (9 July 2014)
9 July 2014	WA	Mining company directed to enter negotiations regarding land use in WA Goldfields	The Federal Court of Australia has found in favour of the Ngadju peoples in regards to the use of their traditional land for mining agreements that should have been negotiated with the traditional owners at the time of the mining lease transfer. The mining company in question, Gold Fields, will now enter into negotiations with the aim to agree to the terms of the determination.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Western Australia (9 July 2014) <a href="#">ABC News</a> , Canberra (9 July 2014) <a href="#">Miningmx</a> , Australia (7 July 2014)
3 July 2014	QLD	Quandamooka people celebrate 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of native title recognition	The Quandamooka people of North Stradbroke Island celebrated the 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary of their native title recognition. The celebrations included guests Human Rights Commissioner Mick Gooda, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Nigel Scullion and prominent members of the community.	<a href="#">Redland City Bulletin</a> , Dunwich Queensland (3 July 2014) <a href="#">ABC News</a> , Queensland (4 July)
2 July 2014	QLD	Kullilli People native title recognition	The Kullilli People's Native Title rights and interests over approximately 32,000 square kilometres of land in South West Queensland have been recognised by the Federal Court of Australia.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Queensland (2 July 2014)
2 July 2014	Canada	Tsilhqot'in decision on aboriginal title sets new rules for industry	Regional chief of the British Columbian Assembly of First Nations, Jody Wilson-Raybould welcomes the Supreme Court decision on aboriginal land title as it provides clear rules for doing business in British Columbia.	<a href="#">Straight.com</a> , Vancouver (2 July 2014)
2 July 2014	ACT	'Priceless' Eddie Mabo self portrait held at AIATSIS	AIATSIS holds a unique piece of Indigenous history, a self-portrait of Eddie Mabo. The drawing was completed during the same period he had begun legal proceedings against the Queensland Government over land rights on his home island of Mer.	<a href="#">666 ABC</a> , Canberra (2 July 2014)