

# NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

## NOVEMBER 2014

DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
28 November 2014	WA	Federal \$90m will barely touch problems in remote WA: Barnett	According to a report, the \$90 million to be paid to the Barnett government for assuming responsibility for Western Australia's remote Aboriginal communities would cover little more than half the costs for just 13 of them up to 2018.	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (28 November 2014)
27 November 2014	QLD	Sand mining battle on Stradbroke Island	The Quandamooka Aboriginal people of Stradbroke Island will take the Queensland Government to the High Court. The Quandamooka people are challenging controversial government legislation that allows some sand mining leases on the island to extend, potentially to 2035 as they say they were not consulted about the legislative change, which contravenes the <i>Native Title Act</i> .	<a href="#">ABC News PM</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
27 November 2014	WA	The trauma of Oombulgurri's demolition will be repeated across Western Australia	Despite community efforts, the WA Government sent bulldozers into Oombulgurri last month and buried the rubble of people's homes and belongings. This process will soon be replicated in up to 150 communities across the state. Living on country is of such clear benefit for Aboriginal people and the whole state, that Colin Barnett's decision to evict more communities will end in tragedy.	<a href="#">The Guardian</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
27 November 2014	WA	Traditional owners reach agreement on Mid West mine after five years	After more than five years, the Wajarri Yamatji community have reached a native title agreement over a culturally significant site with mining company Sinosteel Midwest Corporation. Under the agreement, many of the significant sites will now be preserved.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
27 November 2014	WA	WA industry bodies welcome <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act</i> changes	The Western Australian resources sector has welcomed the introduction of the Aboriginal Heritage Amendment Bill to Parliament, stating that it would improve efficiency, decision-making, transparency and compliance in the development approvals of major projects.	<a href="#">Mining Weekly</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
27 November 2014	WA	Definition of sacred site challenged in Aboriginal heritage test case	In an Aboriginal heritage test case in the WA Supreme Court, the definition of a sacred site is being challenged. Those taking action are trying to stop part of Port Hedland being removed from the state's heritage register and stripped of protection.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)

27 November 2014	Australia	Gooda: commit to timetable for recognise referendum	Social Justice Commissioner Mick Gooda has today tabled the Social Justice and Native Title Report 2014 in Federal Parliament. The report says that changes made by the Federal Government this year to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs occurred without meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their leaders, or their respective organisations.	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
27 November 2014	WA	Heritage process cost \$100m a year	According to the State Government, rorting, overcharging, duplication and delays are rife in the Aboriginal heritage approval process that is costing an estimated \$100 million a year.	<a href="#">The West Australian</a> , Australia (27 November 2014)
26 November 2014	Australia	Indigenous stories accurately tell of sea level rises, land mass reductions over 10,000 years, research suggests	Associate Professor Nick Reid from the University of New England has been comparing Indigenous stories from across Australia as they offer highly accurate accounts of events that occurred over 10,000 years ago, including known changes in sea levels and the disappearance of land mass. Professor Reid said it demonstrated the continuity of culture of Indigenous Australians and could have an impact on Native Title claims. The stories have survived through oral transmission for over 10,000 years. "If people were telling them 10,000 years ago and they're continuing to tell them today, then that's real evidence of continuity of culture," Professor Reid said.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (26 November 2014)
26 November 2014	TAS, NT	Fight for Aboriginal land rights expected to intensify at Alice Springs summit	In the wake of a national Indigenous summit in Alice Springs today, the fight for Aboriginal land rights in Tasmania is expected to intensify. Tasmanian Indigenous activist Michael Mansell, who is attending the event, said Tasmania's Indigenous community is set to campaign for ownership of a range of areas including World Heritage Wilderness areas and some national parks.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (26 November 2014)
23 November 2014	WA	Native title claim for Ngadju people in Western Australia's Goldfields recognized after 18 years	On Friday, after almost two decades, the Federal Court of Australia recognised more than 100,000 square kilometres of land as Ngadju native title in the WA Goldfields. About 40 per cent of the area, east of Norseman, has been named as exclusive possession which is the highest form of native title.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (23 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC Goldfields</a> , Australia (23 November 2014) National Indigenous Times, pg 10, Australia (19 November 2014)
23 November 2014	QLD	Mining company Goondicum Resources facing action over illegal land clearing on central Queensland grazing property	A mining company faces possible action after illegally bulldozing a section of bush land regarded as habitat of state significance in central Queensland to build a road.	<a href="#">Yahoo 7 News</a> , Australia (23 November 2014)
21 November 2014	NSW	Bill amendment gives NSW Aboriginal Land Council priority on gas exploration applications	The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council has described the State Government's decision to preserve its priority to reapply for gas exploration licenses as "a big win for the Aboriginal community".	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (21 November 2014)

21 November 2014	WA	Sacred sites set to lose status	Under new definitions by the WA government, the sacred site of Uluru would not qualify as a heritage site. Thousands of sites could be struck off the state's heritage register and stripped of protection under a new requirement that religious activity be performed on the site in order to qualify as a site under WA's <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act</i> .	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (21 November 2014)
20 November 2014	WA	The Kimberley Online	Desert River Sea: Kimberley Art Then & Now has gone live online. The importance of the work and the knowledge it held, assisted in the Nurrara Native Title consent determination being handed down by the Federal Court in 2007.	<a href="#">Aboriginal art directory</a> , Australia (20 November 2014)
20 November 2014	VIC	Opposition over moves to 'dual' name Mount Panorama to recognise Aboriginal heritage	The Bathurst Local Aboriginal Land Council has applied to the Geographical Names Board to have Mount Panorama 'dual' named 'Wahluu' which is Wiradjuri for 'sacred place'. The proposal was recently supported by Bathurst Regional council, four votes to three.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (20 November 2014)
20 November 2014	VIC	Bid to have Anakie quarry recognized as 'known Aboriginal place' slammed by operators	A Victorian quarry that has been operating for more than 80 years may have to close over claims it is on a significant Aboriginal site. The Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation has asked AAV to protect the Three Sisters, the three hills overlooking Anakie, by formally recognising a site of significance.	<a href="#">Herald Sun</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">Perth Now</a> , Australia (20 November 2014)
20 November 2014	NSW	Aboriginal rock art discovered on Sydney's northern beaches a major ancient archaeological find	Beautiful Aboriginal rock art that may have been created up 20,000 years ago has been discovered in a secret place deep within Sydney suburbia.	<a href="#">Daily Telegraph</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (21 November 2014) <a href="#">Yahoo 7 News</a> , Australia (21 November 2014)
20 November 2014	Australia	Podcast: Review of the <i>Native Title Act</i> – the Discussion Paper	Transcript of a review of the <i>Native Title Act</i> with Sabina Wynn, Executive Director of the Australian Law Reform Commission and Professor Lee Godden, Commissioner in charge of the ALRC's Review of the <i>Native Title Act</i>	<a href="#">ALRC</a> , Australia (20 November 2014)
20 November 2014	WA	Protesters in WA present petition against changes to <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act</i>	More than 60 traditional owners and elders representing each region of WA rallied on the steps of Parliament to present a petition with more than 1,600 signatures protesting against planned changes to the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act</i> . They presented the petition to the Opposition's Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Ben Wyatt and Nationals member for the Pilbara Brendon Grylls.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">Perth Now</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">9 News</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">Kimberley Land Council</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">Green left weekly</a> , Australia (22 November 2014)

20 November 2014	WA	Some of the smallest remote Aboriginal communities 'may survive plans to close': WA Government	According to the State Government, some of Western Australia's smallest remote Indigenous communities may survive plans to close up to 150 settlements. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Peter Collier has told Parliament the communities' futures will be decided on a case-by-case basis, with the loss of funding only one of the factors determining whether they survive.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (20 November 2014)
19 November 2014	WA	Barnett's plan will wipe out a Culture	The plan announced by the Western Australian Premier Colin Barnett to close up to 150 remote communities will condemn up to 15,000 of the State's First Nation People to homelessness and despair.	National Indigenous Times, pg 1, 4, 5 and 6, Australia (19 November 2014)
19 November 2014	Australia	Indigenous Land Corporation push for stronger laws on \$2bn account	The Indigenous Land Corporation will today push for stronger laws to protect the \$2 billion land account when they are before the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee. The Land Fund was originally legislated in 1994 as the second part of the national native title settlement. It recognised that many traditional lands had been overlaid by the land titles of other Australians and it gave Indigenous Australians a chance to benefit from the <i>Native Title Act</i> .	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (19 November 2014)
19 November 2014	QLD	Fury greets Government's move to deny Cape York Traditional Owners 15% mining agreement	The Queensland Government has been condemned for squandering a historic opportunity to give Aborigines a stake in developing a rich bauxite deposit on Cape York. Details have emerged that the bidding process opened and closed in a single day.	National Indigenous Times, pg 13, Australia (19 November 2014)
19 November 2014	NSW	Land Bill dropped by Government	The NSW Government has withdrawn its controversial <i>Crown Lands Amendment Bill</i> following an outcry by Aboriginal people and supporters. The Bill would have retrospectively extinguished almost 2000 Aboriginal land claims, some dating back as far as two decades.	Koori Mail, pg 10, Australia (19 November 2014) National Indigenous Times, pg 8, Australia (19 November 2014)
16 November 2014	QLD	Indigenous protesters burn Australian flag	At a provocative rally on the sidelines of the Brisbane G20 summit, Indigenous rights protesters burned six Australian flags. The group was angry at comments by Prime Minister Tony Abbott in which he referred to the country as being 'nothing but bush' before the arrival of the first fleet.	<a href="#">Sky News</a> , Australia (16 November 2014) <a href="#">9 News</a> , Australia (16 November 2014)
15 November 2014	QLD	Cape land council pushes for Indigenous access to bauxite field	The Cape York Land Council lodged a draft Indigenous land use agreement on behalf of traditional owners who want the proposed bauxite mine developed by a joint venture fronted by Australian mining industry leader Nick Stump, not the state's preferred proponent, Switzerland-based multinational Glencore.	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (15 November 2014) <a href="#">Australian Mining</a> , Australia (17 November 2014)
15 November 2014	Australia	The Freedom Summit – "it is our obligation," Dr Woolombi Waters	One of the largest, most diverse gathering of senior Elders and leaders of First Peoples will gather in Alice Springs for a two day meeting 'the Freedom Summit'. Organisers of the summit have said that with land rights diminishing, with native title a debacle, with the loom of remote communities to be closed, with more punitive attacks on the everyday lives of First Peoples, with their voices drowned out "by a handful of Government mouthpieces and profiteers", only the real leaders of this continent's First Peoples united can reinspire the ways forward.	<a href="#">The Stringer</a> , Australia (15 November 2014)

15 November 2014	SA, WA	Under threat: SA, WA target remote communities	A dispute over funding essential services with the Federal Government last week led to threats from the South and Western Australian governments to close Aboriginal communities, forcing thousands of people out of their homes.	<a href="#">The Stringer</a> , Australia (15 November 2014) <a href="#">The Monthly</a> , Australia (18 November 2014) <a href="#">The Guardian</a> , Australia (18 November 2014) Koori Mail, pg 1 and 7, Australia (19 November 2014) <a href="#">Crikey</a> , Australia (19 November 2014) <a href="#">Radio National ABC</a> , Australia (20 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC Kimberley</a> , Australia (29 November 2014)
14 November 2014	SA	Remote Indigenous communities under threat	The South Australian government has this week become the second state to raise the possibility of closing remote Indigenous communities. Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion has accused the South Australian government of neglecting its obligation to Aboriginal residents.	<a href="#">The Age - Federal Politics</a> , Australia (14 November 2014)
14 November 2014	QLD	Newly formed corporation to manage Fraser Island	Following the historic decision to recognise the Butchulla people as traditional owners, Fraser Island will be managed and protected by a newly formed Prescribed Body Corporate. Spokeswoman Kyleigh Currie said the PBC's vision was to educate, promote and honour the Butchulla people's ties to the land and sea for many generations to come.	<a href="#">Sunshine Coast Daily</a> , Australia (14 November 2014)
14 November 2014	Australia	PM's 'nothing but bush' claim rejected	At a breakfast for British Prime Minister David Cameron last week, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said that Sydney was "nothing but bush" before the arrival of the First Fleet.	<a href="#">New Matilda</a> , Australia (14 November 2014) Koori Mail, pg 10, Australia (19 November 2014)
14 November 2014	Australia	Minister Scullion: Launch of Looking After Country: the NAILSMA I-Tracker story	Today, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, will launch the publication of Looking After Country: the NAILSMA I-Tracker story. Mr Scullion said "The North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) has been an important advocate for the Indigenous land and sea management sector across Northern Australia".	<a href="#">Indigenous.gov.au</a> , Australia (14 November 2014)
13 November 2014	WA	Government Buck-Passing Could Force Aboriginal People off WA Homelands	As a result of the Commonwealth passing major areas of responsibility for Indigenous affairs to the states, more Indigenous people will be forced off traditional lands and into regional centres. Tammy Solenec, an Indigenous Rights campaigner at Amnesty International said the rights of Aboriginal people would be lost in buck passing between state and federal governments.	<a href="#">New Matilda</a> , Australia (13 November 2014)

13 November 2014	Australia	Minister Scullion: One hundred Indigenous rangers to attend World Parks Congress	One hundred Indigenous Protected Area and Working on Country rangers and managers were provided with financial support from the Australian Government to attend the World Parks Congress in Sydney. Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, said funding of up to \$77,000 has been provided for the next ten years to ensure that Indigenous rangers and managers are a part of setting the agenda for protected area conservation.	<a href="http://Indigenous.gov.au">Indigenous.gov.au</a> , Australia (13 November 2014)
13 November 2014	NT	Lack of scale crushing the Ord Irrigation Scheme's sugar dream	The Chinese company, the Kimberley Agricultural Investment (KAI), willing to invest \$700 million in Australia's far north is still waiting to access land in the Northern Territory so it can develop a sugar industry in the Ord Irrigation Scheme. The KAI is moving towards being able to go to the negotiating table on Native Title in good faith.	<a href="http://ABC Rural">ABC Rural</a> , Australia (13 November 2014)
12 November 2014	WA	Bill to recognize Aboriginal people in West Australian constitution unlikely to pass	The WA Premier has revealed he will not be voting in favour of legislation to recognise Aboriginal people in Western Australia's constitution. The proposed constitutional amendment says "the Houses of Parliament resolve to acknowledge the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples of Western Australia and traditional custodians of the land; the said Parliament seeks to effect reconciliation with the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia."	<a href="http://ABC News">ABC News</a> , Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	WA	Goldfield's Ngadjju people await formal recognition of native title claim	Following an 18 year process, the Ngadjju people, from the WA Goldfields are set to have their native title claim formally recognised on 21 November.	<a href="http://ABC Indigenous">ABC Indigenous</a> , Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	NT	Sacred gum tree leaves threaten future of Australian Pro Tour tennis in Alice Springs	The Australian Pro Tour may not return to Alice Springs next season unless organisers can obtain permission to trim sacred gum trees whose leaves are falling on the court and posing a hazard to players. The tennis club's tournament director Matt Roberts has said organisers cannot trim or cut down the trees without approval from native title holders and the council.	<a href="http://Yahoo 7 News">Yahoo 7 News</a> , Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	NSW	Sol Bellear: Our fight to stop government taking our land rights includes a message: "We will never capitulate, we will never assimilate"	According to Sol Bellear, the New South Wales Government's hurried assault on land rights – followed by a hasty retreat – is deeply unfortunate and has damaged any trust Aboriginal people can have in the Baird government. The protest against an attack on Land Rights carries with it a very important message for all governments across the country.	National Indigenous Times, pg 21, Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	QLD	Native Title rights of Northern Cape York People's recognised	The Northern Cape York People have formally had their native title rights and interests granted over approximately 694,700 square hectares of land and waters in the north of Cape York Peninsula by the Federal Court of Australia.	National Indigenous Times, pg 14, Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	NT	Muckaty Station owner propose new site for nuclear waste dump	Just months after a bitter seven year dispute appeared to have ended; Traditional Owners have re-opened the case for siting Australia's first nuclear waste dump at Muckaty Station in the Northern Territory.	National Indigenous Times, pg 14, Australia (12 November 2014)

12 November 2014	QLD	Recognition for Kowanyama People at last	The Kowanyama People have formally had their native title rights and interested granted over approximately 55,734 square hectares of land and waters on the south western side of Cape York Peninsula.	National Indigenous Times, pg 13, Australia (12 November 2014)
12 November 2014	WA	Barnett to push through Native Title deal despite Noongar claims it's unfair and most won't vote	The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALC) has announced that it is now ready to take the Government's \$1.3 billion Native Title package to the Noongar Peoples of south west Western Australia. However there is both widespread dissent and apathy among Noongars, with a low voter turnout expected to work in favour of the Government's proposal without it ever telling the real story of the extensive dissatisfaction.	National Indigenous Times, pg 11, Australia (12 November 2014) <a href="#">The Stringer</a> , Australia (8 November 2014)
12 November 2014	NT	Traditional Owners declare they don't want nuclear dump in central desert	The Central Land Council has decided not to propose a site for a national nuclear waste dump as it cannot meet the Federal Industry Minister, Ian Macfarlane's requirement of a site "free from dispute".	National Indigenous Times, pg 7, Australia (12 November 2014)
11 November 2014	NSW	Long-serving deputy crown solicitor retires	The NSW Crown Solicitor's Office has lost an "exceptional" colleague and mentor with the retirement of deputy crown solicitor Peter Anet on 7 November. Anet led the native title practice and advised the government on the landmark Mabo, Wik and Yorta Yorta cases.	<a href="#">Lawyers weekly</a> , Australia (11 November 2014) <a href="#">PS news</a> , Australia (12 November 2014)
9 November 2014	WA	Yawuru people camp out in opposition to Buru Energy's fracking plans in Canning Basin	Broome locals are gearing up for a wet season camp-out to try to stop Buru Energy's planned fracking program in the Canning Basin.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (9 November 2014)
6 November 2014	NSW	Tribunal Future Act Workshop, Sydney	The National Native Title Tribunal, in conjunction with King & Wood Mallesons, held a Future Act Workshop on 27 & 28 October 2014 in Sydney which was well attended by approximately 70 stakeholders.	<a href="#">NNTT</a> , Australia (6 November 2014)
6 November 2014	SA	British atomic test site Maralinga returned to Aboriginal owners	The Australian Defense Department has officially handed over 1,782 square kilometres of land to the Maralinga Tjarutja people. The land was used by the British government for secretly testing atomic bombs in the 1950s and 1960s. The Maralinga Tjarutja people have waited for this to become a reality, and marked the occasion with a ceremony in the remote South Australian outback.	<a href="#">SBS</a> , Australia (6 November 2014)
6 November 2014	NSW	Aboriginal Land Rights Safe for now	The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council has welcomed the New South Wales Government's decision to withdraw its controversial Crown Lands Amendment Bill. The NSWALC will resist any further attempts to introduce legislation which would eliminate any Aboriginal Land Rights in the state.	<a href="#">ProBono Australia</a> , Australia (6 November 2014) National Indigenous Times, pg 5, Australia (12 November 2014)
6 November 2014	QLD	Gulf native title groups seek job opportunities after Century Zinc Mine closes	Native Title groups in the lower Gulf of Carpentaria are calling for job opportunities after open-cut mining at MMG's Century Zinc Mine ends next year.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (6 November 2014) National Indigenous Times, pg 13, Australia (12 November 2014)

6 November 2014	QLD	Rightful Owners recognition in historic Native Title Determination at Injinoo	The Atambaya, Gudang/ Yadhaykenu and Angkamuthi peoples were granted exclusive Native Title rights at a historically significant ceremony at the local Injinoo Community Hall, in the Northern Peninsula Area. They were granted 368,600ha of land and non-exclusive rights to approximately 317,000ha of land, totalling more than 680,000ha of Northern Cape York.	<a href="#">First nations telegraph</a> , Australia (6 November 2014)
5 November 2014	WA	Mineralogy mine bid rejected after native title ignored	Mineralogy, the private mining vehicle owned by Clive Palmer, has again inflamed tensions with Aboriginal people in the Pilbara after it failed to seek permission from native title claimants before entering their land to seek new mining tenements. Stephen Wilson, a West Australian magistrate, ruled that Mineralogy's application for a mining licence was "fatally flawed" and would be rejected because it had failed to comply with the <i>Native Title Act</i> and the state <i>Mining Act</i> .	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (5 November 2014) <a href="#">Business News</a> , Australia (5 November 2014)
5 November 2014	QLD	Butchulla win title	The Butchulla people have formally had their non-exclusive native title rights and interests recognized over 164,958 hectares of land and waters on K'Gari (Fraser Island), south-east Queensland.	The Koori Mail, pg 10, Australia (5 November 2014)
5 November 2014	Australia	Alyawarr, Kaytetye Native Title win	Alyawarr and Kaytetye speakers from 19 landholding groups in the Sandover region of central Australia have won recognition of their native title rights over 18,000 square kilometres of land.	The Koori Mail, pg 8, Australia (5 November 2014)
5 November 2014	Australia	Commission seeks native title ideas	The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has released a discussion paper titled 'Review of the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> ' and is seeking public feedback.	The Koori Mail, pg 6, Australia (5 November 2014)
5 November 2014	Australia	Noel Pearson's eulogy for Gough Whitlam	"In June 1975, the Whitlam Government enacted the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Queensland Discriminatory Laws Act</i> . If there were no <i>Racial Discrimination Act</i> that would have been the end of it. Land rights would have been dead, there would never have been a Mabo case in 1992, and there would have been no <i>Native Title Act</i> under Prime Minister Keating in 1993. Without this old man the land and human rights of our people would never have seen the light of day. There would never have been Mabo and its importance to the history of Australia would have been lost without the Whitlam program."	<a href="#">Newcastle Herald</a> , Australia (5 November 2014) <a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a> , Australia (9 November 2014) <a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (5 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC News Indigenous</a> , Australia (5 November 2014) <a href="#">The Courier Mail</a> , Australia (15 November 2014)
5 November 2014	WA	Progress at last on long road to improvement	The roadwork for the Gngangara Road upgrade officially started last Monday after the Native Title consultation period ended last Monday without any objections.	<a href="#">In my community</a> , Australia (5 November 2014)



4 November 2014	NSW	Fears over Land Bill	Aboriginal people and their supporters from NSW were planning to gather in Hyde Park, Sydney, for a protest last Monday to protest against legislation before the State Parliament which would retrospectively extinguish hundreds of Aboriginal land claims, some dating back as far as two decades.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a> , Australia (4 November 2014) <a href="#">Express Advocate</a> , New South Wales (4 November 2014) The Koori Mail, pg 6, Australia (5 November 2014) <a href="#">Echonet daily</a> , Australia (5 November 2014)
4 November 2014	WA	Native title deal a “tremendous benefit” for Bunbury Noongar community: elder	The Western Australian state government announced last week that they were ready to offer the Noongar people a finalised land, finance and benefits agreement in exchange for surrender of native title rights in the region. Bunbury Noongar elder Dennis Jetta has embraced a \$1.3 billion deal.	<a href="#">Bunbury Mail</a> , Australia (4 November 2014)
4 November 2014	WA	Martu Indigenous corporation in turmoil over mining money scrutiny in Western Australia	The Western Desert Lands Aboriginal Corporation, which is responsible for the Martu people is under scrutiny over its handling of millions of dollars in mining company money for native title.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a> , Australia (4 November 2014)
3 November 2014	QLD	Western Yalanji chairman seeks convincing about Mount Mulligan CSG benefits	The chairman of the Western Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, Allwyn Lyall said that state government needs to do more to prove the merits of coal seam gas mining.	<a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (3 November 2014)
2 November 2014	NSW	NSW moves to ban Aboriginal land claims over beaches and coastal land labeled racist	The state government’s planned changes to crown land laws which would prevent Aboriginal groups from making any land rights claims over NSW coastal areas with beach access have been labelled fear-mongering “racism”. The Bill introduced to parliament two weeks ago would prevent Aboriginal land councils from making claims along the coastline – and would apply to around 1800 claims already lodged, but not yet determined, for beachside areas.	<a href="#">Sydney Morning Herald</a> , Australia (2 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC News</a> , Australia (3 November 2014) <a href="#">Guardian</a> , Australia (3 November 2014)
2 November 2014	QLD	Indigi-Briz speaks with Aunty Joyce about Frasier Island Native Title	Andy from Indigi-Briz (1-3pm Sundays) spoke with Aunty Joyce about the Frasier Island mob and their Native Title celebrations.	<a href="#">4ZZZfm</a> , Australia (2 November 2014)
2 November 2014	Australia	Marcia Langton lashes out at future fund silence	Indigenous academic Marcia Langton says the Abbott government is failing Aboriginal people by refusing endorse a new tax-exempt future fund under which native title payments could be spent on business and economic development in impoverished communities.	<a href="#">The Australian</a> , Australia (2 November 2014)
1 November 2014	WA	Geoffrey Stokes arrested for Standing Up for the Spirit of the Land	Pastor Geoffrey Stokes, a Wongatha Wonganarra Elder known for his relentless work among the most vulnerable, was arrested at a mine site near the Mount Margaret Aboriginal community, 400 kilometres north of Kalgoorlie, for firing a rifle shot into the air. Pastor Stokes was calling for a halt to unannounced mining activity at one of the more sacred regions of his Country.	<a href="#">The Stringer</a> , Australia (1 November 2014)

1 November 2014	WA	WA native title \$1.3 billion offer	Premier Colin Barnett announced the government was ready to offer the Noongar people a \$1.3 billion deal. The deal is a finalised land, finance and benefits agreement in exchange for surrender of native title rights in the region and comes after five years of negotiations between the state and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council.	<a href="#">Yahoo 7 News</a> , Australia (1 November 2014) <a href="#">The West Australian</a> , Australia (1 November 2014) <a href="#">Augusta-Margaret River Mail</a> , Australia (4 November 2014) <a href="#">ABC</a> , South West WA (4 November 2014) <a href="#">The West Australian</a> . Australia (7 November 2014)
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