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Guide to Treaty Materials at AIATSIS

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ARRANGEMENT

AIATSIS has an extensive and representative holding of records related to the Treaty movement, including government and community initiatives, and is continuing to collect on this theme.

This document is a guide to Treaty materials held at AIATSIS as manuscript collections, pamphlet manuscripts, moving images, recorded sound and pictorial material. The material is grouped mainly by the originating organisation and entries are replicated if relevant to multiple groupings. Within each grouping, manuscript collections (prefix MS) are listed first, followed by pamphlet manuscripts (prefix PMS) moving images, recorded sound and pictorial material. Each type of material is listed in chronological order.

Access conditions are not shown on this document. For this information and to access the collections, please refer to [Mura®](#) (the AIATSIS catalogue), or contact CollectionEnquiry@aiatsis.gov.au

The AIATSIS website includes a digital exhibition of the [Institute's holding of Treaty materials](#).

BACKGROUND NOTE

The idea of a Treaty or Treaties with Australia's Indigenous peoples has been debated and dissected for close to two hundred years. As early as 1832 the Governor of Van Diemen's Land George Arthur concluded that "It was a fatal error in the first settlement of Van Diemen's Land that a treaty was not entered into with the Natives"¹ A few years later, in 1835, Port Phillip colonist John Batman claimed to have signed a 'treaty' or deed with Kulin nation Aboriginal leaders, providing them with 20 blankets, 30 tomahawks, 100 knives, 50 pairs of scissors, 30 looking glasses, 200 handkerchiefs, 100 pounds of flour and six shirts, in exchange for a tract of country at Port Philip containing about 500,000 acres.² Batman's highly opportunistic 'treaty' was almost immediately declared invalid by Governor Bourke of New South Wales (then also governing Victoria) who on 6 August 1835, declared the British Crown owned the entire land of Australia, and that only it could sell or distribute land.³

The modern Treaty movement gained impetus in the second half of the 20th century, propelled by developments such as the 1967 Aboriginal referendum, land rights campaigns, establishment of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy early in 1972 and election

¹ Quoted in Museum of Australian Democracy, Aboriginal Lands Act 1995 (Tas), <https://www.foundingdocs.gov.au/item-sdid-36.html>

² Tout-Smith, D., Coccoli, E. and Stevenson, M. (2011) The Founding of Melbourne, 1835 in Museums Victoria Collections <https://collections.museumvictoria.com.au/articles/6775>

³ See Batman's Treaty, State Library of Victoria <http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/explore-history/colonial-melbourne/pioneers/batmans-treaty>

of the Whitlam Government later that same year. Against this backdrop the Australian Senate in 1975 adopted a resolution put by Senator Neville Bonner in which “the Senate accepts the fact that the indigenous people of Australia, now known as Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders, were in possession of this entire nation prior to the 1788 First Fleet landing at Botany Bay, urges the Australian Government to admit prior ownership by the said indigenous people, and introduce legislation to compensate the people now known as Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders for dispossession of their land.”⁴

In 1977 the Fraser Government established the [National Aboriginal Conference](#) (NAC) to provide a forum for the expression of Aboriginal views. The NAC, which ran until 1985, contributed actively to the debate on a Treaty, and in 1979 requested that a Treaty be executed between the Aboriginal Nation(s) and the Australian Government. The NAC decided that the agreement should have an Aboriginal name - the Makarrata.⁵

On the non-government front, a group of prominent Australians in 1979 established the [Aboriginal Treaty Committee](#) (ATC), chaired by Dr HC Coombs. The ATC, which ran until 1983, worked primarily to develop Treaty support amongst non-Indigenous Australians. It published extensively on Treaty issues, including Stewart Harris’s book, *It's Coming Yet*, and promoted a Treaty through public and academic seminars and conferences.

In 1983 the Australian Parliament’s Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs published the report “[Two Hundred Years Later](#) ...” following the Committee’s enquiry into the feasibility of securing a compact or Makarrata between the Commonwealth Government and Aboriginal Australians. The Committee recommended amendment of the Constitution as the preferred option for progressing “a compact with representatives of the Aboriginal people.”

In connection with the 1988 Australian bicentennial, the [Aboriginal Sovereign Treaty '88 Campaign](#) called for the recognition of Aboriginal Nations and Peoples' sovereign rights, and ownership of Australia, and for the Commonwealth Government to conclude a treaty with Aboriginal sovereign nations through the mechanisms of international law.

The year 1988 saw a significant development in the Treaty movement when Galarrwuy Yunupingu and Wenten Rubuntja, chairs of the Northern and Central Land Councils, presented then Prime Minister Bob Hawke with [The Barunga Statement](#) during his attendance of the Barunga Sport and Cultural Festival in the

⁴ Parliament of Australia, Senate Hansard, Thursday, 20 February 1975, Page: 369

⁵ The term Makarrata has come to have a number of meanings. The National Aboriginal Conference saw a Makarrata as a Treaty between the Aboriginal Nation(s) and the Australian Government. [The Australian National Dictionary](#) describes a Makarrata as “An Aboriginal ceremonial ritual symbolizing the restoration of peace after a dispute; an agreement.” For a discussion of the Makarrata concept, see [The Final Report of the Australian Parliament’s Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples](#).

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Northern Territory. Prime Minister Hawke's speech at the Festival accepted the Burunga Statement's request for a treaty-making process.

The Barunga Statement is one example of numerous actions Aboriginal communities have taken over many years in an effort to secure their rights within the Australian constitutional and legal system. Another is 1963's [Yirrkala Bark Petition](#).

During its tenure from 1990–2005, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), contributed actively to discussion of a Treaty, canvassing the benefits, potential difficulties and possible form and content. AIATSIS and its predecessor, the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS), also worked to promote discussion of Treaty issues, including through the AIATSIS [two-part seminar series](#) on the Limits and Possibilities of a Treaty Process in Australia.

The level of government and Indigenous people(s) involved will determine the shape, subject matter and negotiating process for any particular Treaty. In this regard, the 2017 *Uluru Statement from the Heart* leaves all options open, calling for a Makarrata Commission to 'supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history'.

Most Australian State and Territory governments have moved to address the issue of Treaty making with Indigenous people(s), although progress varies widely. Some experts consider that Western Australia's South West Native Title Settlement with the Noongar peoples constitutes Australia's first Treaty with its Indigenous people.⁶

The Parliament of Victoria research paper [Treaty discussions in Australia: an overview](#) outlines recent Treaty discussions and action at Federal, State and Territory level. Background on Treaty issues and a timeline of developments to 2016 is set out in NITV's [Explainer: What is a treaty?](#) The November 2018 Final Report of the Australian Parliament's Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples includes [a summary of the state of play regarding agreement making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and a discussion of the Makarrata concept](#).

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⁶ Hobbs, Harry; Williams, George --- "The Noongar Settlement: Australia's First Treaty" [2018] SydLawRw 1; (2018) 40(1) Sydney Law Review 1

GUIDE TO THE MATERIALS

National Aboriginal Conference (NAC)

MS 4000 National Aboriginal Conference, registry files and related papers 1977-1985

Includes correspondence, policy papers, results of consultations, negotiations on a Makarrata and other documents, 1977-1985

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 5100 National Aboriginal Conference, National Office and Resource Centre records, 1974-1975, 1978-1985.

This collection complements the related papers in [MS 4000](#) above and includes some material on a Makarrata

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 1649 Papers and reports. World Council of Indigenous Peoples. General Assembly (3rd: 1981: Canberra, ACT)

Includes a NAC paper on the Makarrata or treaty of commitment, 1981

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 5249 Australian Aboriginal Affairs Council: proceedings of the Council: Darwin March 1981

Includes paper tabled by the NAC on a Makarrata

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 4159 Papers presented by Rev. Cedric Jacobs: Deputy National Chairman, National Aboriginal Conference, at the International NGO Conference on Indigenous Peoples and the Land, Palais des Nations Geneva, Switzerland, 15-18 September 1981

Includes discussion on Treaty issues

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

NAC_001 (V01077_1) Submission to Land Inquiry

Video recording of NAC submission

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

NAC_001 (V01065-V01070) National Aboriginal Conference. Tapes 1-6

Video recordings of NAC conference, including the Makarrata Committee, [1977]

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

NAC_001 (V01079_1) Issues 1984

Video recording of NAC Deputy Chair Rob Riley address to the Queensland state branch, 1983

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

NAC_01 Tape collection formerly held by NAC

Audio recordings including of Makaratta meetings, 1977-1985. See also [MS 4000](#) above

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

HOPKINS_D02 Public Forum on the Treaty held in Sydney, 1980

Audio recording of Aboriginal Treaty Committee/National Aboriginal Conference public forum, Sydney, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

READ_P05 Oral history and recordings: Conference on Aboriginal Education, Katoomba, July 1980

Audio recordings made for the Aboriginal Treaty Committee with members of the NAC and other prominent Aboriginal spokespeople, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Aboriginal Treaty Committee (ATC)

MS 1897 [HC Coombs] Papers relating to the formation and administration of the Aboriginal Treaty Committee, 1978-1983

Includes correspondence on the Committee's formation and administration, correspondence with government, parliamentary and other bodies, and other material, 1978-1983

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 3775 C D Rowley collection: personal papers

Includes correspondence and other papers from Rowley's membership of the ATC, and other material on a Treaty, 1978-1984

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 1867 Aboriginal Treaty Committee Papers, 1979-1983

Includes administrative papers, correspondence and miscellaneous papers 1979-1983

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

AIAS_002 (V00050_1-2) It's Coming Yet

Video recording produced for the ATC of launch of book 'It's Coming Yet' by Stewart Harris on the need for a Treaty, Canberra, 1980

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For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

READ_P08 Oral history from the NT, Aboriginal Treaty Committee programs and interviews, and recordings of a Treaty workshop

Audio recordings with prominent Aboriginal people made for the ATC including of a Treaty seminar/workshop, 1977-1978

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

READ_P05 Oral history and recordings: Conference on Aboriginal Education, Katoomba, July 1980

See [description in National Aboriginal Committee](#)

HOPKINS_D02 Public Forum on the Treaty held in Sydney, 1980

See [description in National Aboriginal Committee](#)

TREATY_01 006 Public meeting in Townsville about Makaratta.

Audio recording of Aboriginal Treaty Committee meeting, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATC.001.BW Artists with sand painting at an exhibition and a group portrait of traditional owners

Aboriginal Treaty Committee photographs, 1983

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATC.002.BW Launching the book 'Aborigines in Australian Society'

Aboriginal Treaty Committee images

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)

MS 4962 The concept of a treaty: trainers' slides

ATSIC Treaty Information and Awareness Campaign powerpoint presentation and associated materials, 2001

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

MS 5222 Treaty: participant's handbook: Treaty: facilitator's guide

ATSIC guides for Treaty workshop participants and facilitators including possible form and content, processes and other considerations, 2001

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6519 Indigenous peoples, constitutions and treaties: a paper for presentation at a dialogue on Indigenous Rights in the Commonwealth Institute of Commonwealth Studies, London, 23 July 1999

Paper presented by ATSIC Chairman Gatjil Djerrkura, 1999

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC_001 (V09758_1) Frank Brennan

Video recording of Frank Brennan speaking in detail about a Treaty and the possible process for its negotiation, 1987

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC_001 (V09517) Treaty : let's get it right!

Video recording of discussion on a Treaty, ATSIC, Canberra 1990

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS_133 Treaty Now 14-12-2000 30 second promo

Promotional broadcast video produced by ATSIC for treatynow.org and the National Treaty Support Group, 2000

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC_001 (V09717_1-25) National Treaty Conference

Video recording of ATSIC National Treaty Conference, Canberra, 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC_001 (V09718_1-2) Setting the Agenda

Video recording made at the ATSIC National Policy Conference, Canberra 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

CAR_004 Setting the Agenda. Tapes 2 and 3

Video recording made at the ATSIC National Policy Conference, Canberra 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC_001 (ATSIC0011-0012) National Treaty Conference. Tape 12-13

Video recording made at the ATSIC National Treaty Conference, Canberra, 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

INVISIBLE_TV_001 Whichway ATSIC: Indigenous rights protest rally

Video recording of speeches at Indigenous Rights Protest Rally, Brisbane, 2004

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

FACISIA_01 ATSIC 2002 National Treaty Conference: opening ceremony

Audio recording of conference opening, 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC.030.CN Survival Day concert in Sydney.

ATSIC photographs, including on a Treaty, of Survival Day concert, Sydney, 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ATSIC.055.CN Proceedings and speakers at Regional Meeting of Indigenous Peoples on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Sydney, N.S.W.

ATSIC photographs of conference that included Treaty issues, 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Aboriginal Development Commission (ADC)

PMS 3833 Makarrata ideas and proposals 1979-1983: a summary of developments and suggestions

ADC paper including on the Senate Standing Committee on Constitutional and Legal Affairs report recommendations on the feasibility of a Makarrata, 1983

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 4959 A compact (Makarrata) with Australia's Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders/Brendan Douglas Bailey

ADC study of treaty and agreement making with the Indian nations of the United States and lessons for Australia, 1988

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies (AIAS, now AIATSIS)

MS 4172 Papers presented at the AIAS 1980 Biennial Conference on Land Rights in Canberra [see also MS 5172 below]

Papers presented at the symposium including on Australian and overseas Indigenous treaty issues, 1980

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

MS 5172 Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies: biennial meeting: Land Rights Symposium, 21-22nd May 1980 see also MS 4172 above]

Papers presented at the symposium including on Australian and overseas Indigenous treaty issues, 1980

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIAS_002 (FC00282_1) Make It Right! release print

Film of the 1988 Burunga Festival including Prime Minister Hawke's undertaking that a Treaty will be negotiated, Barunga, NT, 1988

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIAS_40 Recordings of the 1988 Barunga Festival

Audio recordings, possibly including Prime Minister Hawke's speech agreeing to the Treaty-making process requested in the Barunga Statement, 1988

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

MS 4981 AIATSIS review submissions

Includes submissions on the Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements Project, 2013

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS_001 The Wentworth Lecture, 2000

Video recording of Pat Dodson Wentworth Lecture, 2000. See also [AIATSIS_25](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS_132 Treaty Conference 2001

Video recording of AIATSIS Treaty conference, Canberra 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS_96 Barunga

Audio recordings from which the sound track for the documentary *Make it right!* was made; Barunga Festival 1988; includes Prime Minister Hawke's promise of a treaty with Indigenous people. See also [AIAS_002 \(FC00282_1\)](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

AIATSIS_25 The 2000 Wentworth Lecture: 'Beyond the Mourning Gate-Dealing with Unfinished Business'

Audio recording and transcription of Pat Dodson Wentworth Lecture, including on the Treaty movement, Canberra, 2000. See also [AIATSIS_001](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

AIATSIS_33 AIATSIS Seminar series: Limits & possibilities of a Treaty process in Australia

Audio recordings of talks given at seminar examining the importance of a Treaty in Australia, Canberra, 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS.215.BW Olympic Expo and protest rallies

Images of protests at the time of the Sydney Olympics, including in support of a Treaty, Sydney 2000

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS.071.CS Walk for Reconciliation and Corroboree 2000.

Images of Sydney Harbour Bridge Reconciliation walk and the Corroborree outdoor concert, Sydney 2000. Subjects include a Treaty

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS.008.DF Launch of the Treaty Website

Images taken at AIATSIS during the launch of the Treaty Website, 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

AIATSIS.071.DF AIATSIS Conference, 2004 - keynote address by Judge Joe Williams.

Images of Chief Judge Joe Williams keynote address on the New Zealand experience of reconciliation and the Treaty of Waitangi, Canberra 2004

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Office of Torres Strait Islander Affairs (OTSIA)

MS 4724 Report on treaty community information and awareness sessions for Torres Strait Islanders in Queensland

OTSIA booklet "Treaty: let's get it right" and report on treaty consultations by George Villaflor for OTSIA, 2002

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

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Department of Aboriginal Affairs

PMS 6660 A brief analysis of New Zealand, Canadian and United States treaties

Department of Aboriginal Affairs paper, 1979

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

Australian Aboriginal Affairs Council

MS 5249 Australian Aboriginal Affairs Council: proceedings of the Council: Darwin March 1981

Includes paper tabled by the NAC on a Makarrata

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MS 3775 CD Rowley collection: personal papers

Includes **correspondence** and other papers from CD Rowley's membership of the ATC, and other material on a Treaty, 1978-1984. See also [ATC above](#)

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 3718 Papers of Joe McGinness

Includes correspondence, pamphlets, minutes, reports and other papers from the Cairns Makarrata vs Treaty Committee chaired by Joe McGinness, 1979-1981

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 4457 Papers of Jack Davis

Includes draft Treaties and other papers on a Treaty, 1987

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#) and [Finding Aid](#)

MS 3460 Aboriginal art - resistance and dialogue: the political nature and agency of Aboriginal art by Lee-Anne Hall

Includes material on the role art has played in Aboriginal political activism, 1995

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

MS 4328 New relationships, old certainties: Australia's reconciliation and treaty-making in British Columbia.

Ravi de Costa PhD thesis, 2002

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

MS 3860 Reconciling dispossession?: the legal and political accommodation of Native title in Canada and Australia

Karen Lohead, PhD thesis, 2005

MS 4520 CD Rethinking Mabo as a clash of constitutional languages

Stephen William Robson; PhD thesis, 2006

Includes material on a Treaty and Treaty constitutionalism

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

MS 5043 The Indigenous right of self-determination and 'the state' in the Northern Territory

Daniel Edgar PhD thesis, 2008

Includes material on Treaties and regionally-based agreements

For further information refer to the collection's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 2070 Native claims in Canada : symbolism and social reality

Douglas Sanders; paper to a Seminar on Aborigines and the Law, 1974

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 951 [Talk on Treaty of Commitment on] Australian Broadcasting Commission Guest of Honour [programme], 29 May 1977

Stewart Harris discussion, 1977. See also [ATC above](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3116 The proposal for a treaty between the Commonwealth and Aboriginal Australians

HC Coombs; paper presented to a public meeting of the Human Rights Council of Australia, 1979. See also [ATC above](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3082 [Needs of Aborigines: letter to] K Gilbert, 21 August 1979

Letter to Kevin Gilbert from Prime Minister Fraser, including his offer to discuss the concept of a treaty with the National Aboriginal Conference, 1979

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3920 Consultation or confrontation

Anne Isaacs; essay including on Treaty issues, 1979

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3228 [Letter to] The Ambassador [of all embassies and foreign powers, by] K.J. Gilbert, 25 May 1980

Kevin Gilbert; (National Aboriginal Government) letter to foreign Ambassadors, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3831 The international significance of an Aboriginal treaty by GJL Coles, R O'Neill and R Harry

Paper given at a seminar at the Australian National University, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3284 [Talk on A.B.C.] Notes on the News 3 Sep. 1980

Geoffrey Bolton; talk in support of a Treaty, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3768 Aborigines and the age of atonement

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Colin Tatz; paper presented in Germany, including on a Makarrata, June 1983

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 3907 The Makarrata, a treaty with Aboriginal Australians: some historical and legal perspectives

Paper by PJ Bayne including on Makarrata form and legal precedents, 1983

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 4494 Indigenous Australian Aboriginal pre-existing and existing rights neither relinquished nor recognised, by Gordon Briscoe

Paper highlighting the need for Aboriginal people to set the political agenda, in particular issues relating to a compact of understanding, 1987

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 5936 A treaty between our nations? : Inaugural professorial lecture

Lecture given by Marcia Langton, 2000

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6005 The Reconciliation Movement in Australia: paper presented to the International Institute of Sociology Congress: Krakow, Poland

Paper by George Morgan including on the need for a Treaty, 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6266 2020 Creative Stream paper, 2008 : "We have something profound..."

Draft Rachel Perkins; speech, including reference to a Treaty, 2008

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ABORIGINAL_TREATY_001 Island of dreams

Video recording of John Pilger presentation, Channel 7 (Sydney), 1981

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

CAR_001 Aboriginal treaty: vox populi

Video recording of SBS vox populi program, 1992

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ELECTRONIC ACCESS ONLY Eleanor Gilbert

Online documentary films by Eleanor Gilbert including on a Treaty, 2008

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

TREATY_01 Interviews about the Treaty or Makarrata

Audio recordings of ABC radio broadcasts and interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and others, 1977-1983

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ROWLEY_C01 Why a treaty with the Aborigines

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Audio recording of CD Rowley speech, Australian National University, 1980. See also [ATC above](#)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

ISAACS_A01 Interview with Eric Willmot

Audio recording of Eric Willmot interview including on a Treaty, 1984

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

GILBERT_E01 Interviews, speeches, poetry, songs and political events recorded in Canberra and Sydney

Audio recording of speeches, poems and songs by Kevin Gilbert; proceedings of political events and seminars; conversations about sovereignty, 1986-1992

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

GILBERT_E02 Interviews, speeches, stories, songs, dances and political events recorded in Canberra and surrounding areas

Eleanor Gilbert; audio recordings of interviews and conversations with Kevin Gilbert including on Treaty issues, Canberra 1989-1992

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

DAVIS.J01.CS Still image material relating to Jack Davis

Photographs collected or taken by Jack Davis c1972. Related to [MS 4457](#) Papers of Jack Davis above

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Community Action: Groups

MS 5024 John D Jago papers

Includes correspondence and material on a Treaty of John Jago, Convenor, Commission on Aboriginal Affairs, Methodist Church of Australasia, 1981

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MS 5196 NAIDOC Week 2001 art entries

Includes art on a Treaty, 2001

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PMS 3830 Discussion paper on the Treaty idea proposed by the Aboriginal Treaty Committee chaired by Dr. HC Coombs: submission to the Federal Young Liberal Policy Committee

Paper by S Ryan and A Kello, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6308 Report on Makarrata Convention, Geraldton, Western Australia, 27-29 August, 1980

Geraldton (WA) Treaty convention report, 1980

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 5350 The treaty process/Denis Walker

National Aboriginal Corporation for Cultural Heritage papers. Includes a draft Treaty, 1992

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6556 The story of the Barunga Statement

Document describing the Barunga Statement

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PMS 6918 Let's get on with it: report of the C People's inquiry into a treaty

Newcastle Aboriginal Support Group (NSW) report including Treaty background, possible process and content, 2001

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

GILBERT_E001 Eleanor Gilbert Collection

Video recordings including of a public meeting sponsored by Tasmanian Women's Association on a 'Sovereign Treaty '88'; 1987

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

CAR_001 (V05014_1) Landlords and tenants

Video recording of survey of Indigenous affairs in Australia including Treaty issues produced for the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation (Australia), Sydney NSW and Canberra ACT, 1988

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

CAR_001 (V04957_1) Blackout

Video recording of ABC magazine-style television program on issues of Aboriginal life produced between 1989 and 1995, includes interviews and performance of 'Treaty' by Yothu Yindi, Sydney NSW

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

MUSHROOM_001 Yothu Yindi Djapana Mainstream

Video recording of Yothu Yindi performing the songs 'Treaty' and 'Into the mainstream', NT, 1990

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

MILBINDI_001 (V01819_1) Milbindi

MILBINDI_001 (V01821_1) Milbindi

MILBINDI_001 (V02241_1) Milbindi

MILBINDI_001 (V02396_1) Milbindi

Video recordings of GWN 7 television magazine-style program on issues of significance to Aboriginal people, WA, 1991/1992, includes Yothu Yindi performances of their song 'Treaty' and interview with Yothu Yindi lead singer Mandawuy Yunupingu

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) ((V01819_1)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) (V01821_1)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) (V02241_1)

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#) (V02396_1)

MCNAMARA_VALADIAN_001 Land Rights Views : number 1, September 1991

Video magazine made by the Northern Land Council including on Treaty issues, Darwin NT, 1991

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

PATTEL-GRAY_A001 Cry for justice

Video recording of Aboriginal participation and experience of the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches, including calls for a treaty, Canberra, 1992

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

CAR_001 (V04877_1) Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Forum

Video recording of Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, (Australia) forum on Treaty issues and possible Treaty forms, Adelaide, 1994

For further information refer to the item's [Catalogue Record](#)

SCHEPS_B01 Recordings of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander music in Canberra at Floriade; speech given at the National Gallery; songs and speech recorded at first International Indigenous Women's Conference in Adelaide

Audio recordings made at various locations, including on Treaty issues, 1989

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CAR_01 (A039430-A039512) Proceedings of the Australian Reconciliation Convention; radio commercial for the convention; radio commercial for National Reconciliation Week, 1999

Audio recordings of Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation convention, 1997

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KIT C855.70/W1 Walking together; Aboriginal reconciliation: a new focus; Talkin' business; Making things right: the Mabo decision

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation video recording, including on Treaties, c1993

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International consideration

MS 1649 Papers and reports. World Council of Indigenous Peoples. General Assembly (3rd: 1981: Canberra, ACT)

Includes an [NAC](#) paper on the Makarrata or treaty of commitment, 1981

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MS 3098 Aborigines in Australian society/ Diane Bell and Genee Marks

A report prepared for UNESCO, Paris including on treaty issues, 1990

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MS 5195 Background papers: [United Nations] working group on Indigenous populations

Background documents for the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Working Group on Indigenous Populations, Geneva, 1991

Includes material on agreements and other arrangements between states and Indigenous populations

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MS 3208 International Year of the World's Indigenous People, 1993, collected papers on non-Australian material.

Includes material on treaties, 1993

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MS 4742 [Australian] Government briefing for the eleventh session: UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations: 19-30 July 1993, Geneva

Includes the Government's position on a Treaty, 1993

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KIT C212.05/A1 Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut settlement area and Her Majesty in right of Canada

Print/video kit on Canadian government agreement with Inuit people, 1993

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