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DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
30/04/14	WA	Calls for reform repeated at CME event	Indigenous Advisory Council head Warren Mundine has called for a range of reforms to improve business, particularly for indigenous communities. Mundine called for reform across the board, including through the demolition of the mining and climate taxes, the creation of a tighter approvals process to prevent increasing protest action and the end to duplication between state and federal regulatory frameworks. But most significantly and passionately, Mundine spoke on the need for reform for Indigenous communities	Mining Monthly , Perth WA (30 April 2014)
30/04/14	QLD	Hope Vale to get more housing	The Indigenous community of Hope Vale in far north Queensland will have another 40 homes built over the next decade. The homes will be built under the National Partnership Agreement of Indigenous and Remote Housing scheme and will create	ABC Indigenous News , Sydney NSW (30 April 2014)

			employment and involve the community in the construction of the homes.	
30/04/14	NSW	Language and culture program launch	The NSW State Government has committed \$4.5 million dollars to launch a program to fund five language nests throughout New South Wales to ensure younger people learn traditional languages. The New South Wales Minister for Aboriginal Affairs visited Wilcannia to launch the program to help preserve and celebrate the Baarkindji language and culture.	ABC Indigenous News , Sydney NSW (30 April 2014)
30/04/14	SA	New native title claims to exploit loophole	A loophole has been exploited to effectively reverse the extinguishment of native title for land bought by the Indigenous Land Corporation. This is despite the federally funded corporation being established to buy land for Indigenous groups that cannot receive it under the Native Title Act. <i>The Australian</i> understands that several groups are considering what other native title claims can be made over land bought by the corporation. A test case launched by the Adnyamathanha people of South Australia has resulted in the Federal Court ruling their extinguished native title rights to 25 parcels of land in the Flinders Ranges can be “disregarded”.	The Australian , Sydney NSW (30 April 2014)
30/04/14	NSW	Language and culture program launch	The New South Wales State Government has committed \$4.5 million dollars to fund five language nests throughout NSW.	ABC Indigenous News , Wilcannia NSW (30 April 2014)
25/04/14	SA	Women get more say under APY recommendations	Recommendations from the final report of the review of the <i>Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara</i>	The Koori Mail, Lismore NSW (23 April 2014)

			<p>(APY) Land Rights Act recommended changes to give women more say in how traditional Aboriginal lands in South Australia are managed. The report recommended a gender balance for the management group as well as changes to give smaller communities greater representation.</p>	
25/04/14	WA	Anketell closer with native title deal	The Ngarluma people have settled a native title agreement with the West Australian Government for \$20 million. The agreement is centred on the proposed development of the Anketell deep water port in the Pilbara.	The West Australian , Perth WA (25 April 2014)
24/04/14	NSW	Stingray Creek Bridge: Native Title land claim investigation underway	Additional investigations by the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council will be required for the new Stingray Creek bridge. The council is awaiting a ministerial determination on a Native Title land claim associated with the land on the western side.	Camden Haven Courier , Port Macquarie NSW (24 April 2014)
24/04/14	WA	Native title agreement signed for Pilbara deep water port	The Ngarluma traditional owners have signed a native title agreement for a deep water port in the Pilbara region. The agreement covers more than 4000 hectares of land for the Anketell Port and associated industrial area approximately 30 kilometres north-east of Karratha. The agreement will see the Traditional Owners receive a settlement package of \$20 million over nine years.	ABC Indigenous News , Perth WA (24 April 2014)
23/04/14	VIC	Victoria has new guide to records	People now have a guide to assist them with finding government records about Aboriginal people in Victoria. Called <i>walata tyamateetj</i> ,	The Koori Mail, Lismore NSW (23 April 2014)

			the guide covers two major collections of government records held by Public Records Office, Victoria and the National Archives.	
23/04/14	NSW	2014 Charlie Perkins Scholarship Recipients Announced	Three recipients of the 2014 Charlie Perkins Scholarship will be pursuing post graduate study at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. The three recipients were Jessica Buck, Jessyca Hutchens and Tamara Murdock.	Aurora Project , Sydney NSW (23 April 2014)
23/04/14	QLD	Torres Strait Climate Change Threat	The vulnerability of the low lying islands in the Torres Strait to storm surges, coastal flooding and sea level rises has been reported in the climate change report by the Government. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report <i>Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability</i> says that “permanent damage is inevitable” for the Great Barrier Reef, including the northern region.	The Koori Mail, Lismore NSW (23 April 2014)
23/04/14	NT	Proposed Nuclear Dump for the Northern Territory	The Federal Government is exploiting the Northern Territory’s constitutional weakness by planning to build a nuclear waste facility there against Traditional Owners’ wishes. There are five traditional owner groups involved at Muckaty north of Tennant Creek of which four are opposed to the proposed dump. The Federal Court will sit in Tennant Creek and Darwin in June to take evidence of the proposed dump.	The Koori Mail, Lismore NSW (23 April 2014)
23/04/14	QLD	Northern Australia inquiry returns to Queensland	The Australian Parliament’s Northern Australia Committee is returning to Queensland next week	About the House , Canberra ACT (23 April 2014)

			to hold public hearings in Cairns and Thursday Island as part of its inquiry into the region's economic future. Details of the program for each day is available on the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jscna	
22/04/14	NSW	Indigenous Law Centre Vows To Continue Despite Funding Cuts	Funding support from the Federal Government has been cut. The Indigenous Law Centre publishes the Indigenous Law Bulletin and the Australian Indigenous Law Review and has been operating since 1981. ILC Director, Professor Megan Davis has called for supporters to lobby their local member or make a donation to continue this important centre.	University of NSW , Sydney NSW (22 April 2014)
17/04/14	WA	Traditional Owners sign Red Hill Iron Ore native title deal	Red Hill Iron Ore have signed a native title agreement with the Traditional Owners in the Pilbara region. The Kurama and Marthudunera people will receive financial benefits, including compensation for the clearance of native vegetation, and provisions for protecting the group's heritage for the life of the project.	ABC Indigenous News , Perth WA (17 April 2014)
16/04/14	QLD	Palm Island opens doors to tourists	More than 150 tourists have visited Palm Island on its first 'Open Day'. The Open Day was part of a campaign run by Townsville Enterprises who hope to create more tourist ventures on the island in the future.	ABC Indigenous News , Townsville QLD (16 April 2014)

9/04/14	NT	NT Traditional Owners divided on national parks development plans	The Federal Government is seeking commercial opportunities and economic expansion at some of Australia's national parks. Uluru and Kakadu National parks are two of the national parks to be considered for commercial ventures. Bob Randall, a traditional owner of Uluru rejects the need for change and has called for the Government to leave Uluru alone.	ABC Indigenous News , Alice Springs NT (9 April 2014)
8/04/14	WA	Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation chief steps down in mining royalty rift	WA mining royalties deal worth millions of dollars has seen the CEO of the Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation stand down to help resolve the dispute with another Indigenous organisation. The Wirilu-murra native title group broke away from Yindjibarndi in 2011 to begin separate negotiations with Fortescue Metals Group over royalties from the multi-billion-dollar Solomon Hub iron ore project near Tom Price.	ABC Indigenous News , Perth WA (8 April 2014)
7/04/14	NSW	Dunghutti Aboriginals recognized by Native Title Act on this day in 1997	The Atlanta Daily has reported that the Dunghutti Aboriginal People were the first Aboriginal group in Australia to lay claim to lands on this day in 1997. There are eight tribal groups that reside in the Macleay Valley region. Ms. Mary Lou Buck was the first to file for a claim to	Atlanta Daily World , Atlanta USA (7 April 2014)

			lands and protection under the law.	
2/04/14	WA	Aruma clears way for drilling in Western Australia	A native title access agreement for its Glandore gold project has been negotiated in Western Australia for Aruma. The company reported on Wednesday that the native title access agreement allowed Aruma to start exploration drilling, after a three-year delay. The agreement was reached after the Goldfields Land and Sea Council and the Central East Native Title Group conducted a heritage survey of the Glandore area.	Mining Weekly , Perth WA (2 April 2014)
1/04/14	ACT	Appointment to the National Native Title Tribunal	The Attorney General, Senator George Brandis has announced the appointment of Mr James McNamara as a member of the National Native Title Tribunal. Mr McNamara will be based in the Queensland office.	Attorney General's Department , Canberra ACT (1 April 2014)