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## NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

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DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
01/03/14	NSW	Yuwibara Native Title Application being considered by the Court	The Federal Court is considering if the Yuwibara People hold the Native Title of more than 6000sq km of land encompassing Mackay. Under the Native Title Act 1993, there can only be one determination of native title for a particular area. Anyone who wishes to become a party to the claim has until June to write to the Federal Court Registrar.	<a href="#">Ballina Shire Advocate</a> (Ballina NSW, 1 March 2014)
02/03/14	NT	Don't forget Aboriginal landowners	NLC CEO, Joe Morrison, has reiterated calls for traditional owners to be front and centre in the negotiation, planning and implementation of development of the region.	<a href="#">Northern Land Council</a> (Darwin NT, 2 March 2014)
05/03/14	SA	Dieri Aboriginal Corporation Native Title Claim	The Dieri Aboriginal people have been recognised by the Australian Court Consent Determination for their Native Title Rights at the ceremony for the determination of the Dieri number two Native Title Claim.	<a href="#">The Transcontinental</a> (Port Augusta SA, 5 March 2014)

07/03/14	NT	Special Federal Court sitting gives seven clans native title rights in the Barkly Tablelands	Seven clans were granted native title over 37,000sq km of grazing plains on the Barkly Tablelands native title. The determinations recognised title for the groups: Gulunurra (Anderson), Purrukwarra, Karrkarrkuwaja (Kalkalkuwaja), Jukatayi Palyarinji, Walanja, Kurtinja, Kuakiji/Lukkurnu, Kunapa, Jalajirra, Mangurinji, Kujuluwa, (Y)ijiparta, Gurungu/Kulumintini and Warranungku. As well as according cultural recognition and ensuring traditional hunting and sacred site protection, native title holders will have the opportunity to participate in future mining negotiations.	<a href="#">Herald Sun News</a> (Melbourne VIC, 7 March 2014)
12/03/14	NSW	Contaminated water in Pilliga	The Environment Protection Authority issued a \$1500 fine to Santos after an aquifer was contaminated at the company's Narrabri Gas Field operations in the Pilliga. The company was fined \$52,500 in January for failing to report a spill that saw 10,000 litres of untreated toxic coal seam gas waste released into the forest.	National Indigenous Times (Bango NSW, 12 March 2014)
12/03/14	WA	\$1.3b offer	The Western Australian Government has made a \$1.3b settlement offer under a draft bill recognising Noongar People as the Traditional Owners of Perth and the south-west of Western Australia. South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) negotiated the deal over four years which will consolidate seven separate claims. Under the package, \$600 million would be paid into the Noongar Boodja Trust in instalments over 12 years, another \$120 million would go towards Noongar administration and programs over 12 years and up to 320,000ha from the WA Crown estate would be transferred to the trust in multiple partners. Noongar People have six months to accept the offer, but not all are happy.	Koori Mail (Lismore NSW, 12 March 2014)

18/03/14	QLD	Qld clan celebrate native title ruling	<p>The Gudjala People were officially handed native title over 20,000 square kilometres of land near Charters Towers, inland from Townsville. Native title will allow the Gudjala people to enter into formal negotiations with landowners over future land use and allow them greater access to the land to hunt, fish, camp and carry out ceremonies. It will also mean they have more say over how the land is protected.</p>	Koori Mail (Lismore NSW, 26 March 2014)
26/03/14	QLD	Draft Cape York Plan	<p>Traditional Owner groups on Cape York are concerned there has been a lack of consultation for the Draft Cape York Plan by the Queensland Government. The draft Cape York Regional Plan lacks protection for cultural and environmental heritage and was written without sufficient consultation. The Queensland Government has said they are prepared to take as long as is necessary to get the plan right and reassures communities on the Cape that all their submissions and comments will be considered in finalisation of the plan.</p>	Koori Mail (Lismore NSW, 26 March 2014)
26/03/14	NSW	Research into our service personnel	<p>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women have served in every armed conflict since the Boer War. Despite this, there is very little documentation of Indigenous service personnel. Professors Mick Dodson and John Maynard are part of a team of researchers about to start compiling the nation's first comprehensive record of Indigenous service in the defence forces. The 'Serving Our Country: a history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the defence of Australia' project will involve two years of community consultations followed by another two years of compiling the records of Indigenous servicemen and women, nurses, ancillary staff and peacekeepers from the Boer War through to 2000.</p>	Koori Mail (Lismore NSW, 26 March 2014)