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<u>Date</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Source</u>
29-Mar-06	WA	Wongatha Aboriginal People formally declare sovereignty	The Wongatha People have formally declared sovereignty over land in Western Australia as a "direct response to the failure of State and Federal governments to provide adequate recognition, justice or representation". The declaration confirms the Wongatha People's right to "self-determination". Aubrey Lynch, spokesman for the Wongatha People emphasised the need for development and that "entrusting [their] lives to the established political process has proved a huge failure".	Sovereignty declared	Koori Mail, 29-Mar-06, pg 18.
29-Mar-06	NSW	ILUAs offer development opportunities	Euahlay-elder Alan Hall has said that ILUAs "offer local Aboriginal people more job opportunities than they would ever get from Native title claims". He was commenting in relation to the withdrawal of claims covering the Western Lands Leases across Finch County.	NA	Black Opal, 29-Mar-06, pg 5.
29-Mar-06	NSW	Lack of certainty of custodians delays negotiations of MOU	The Tumbarumba Shire Council has asked to delay negotiations of a MOU saying that it "would be wrong to rush off an negotiate with elders of the Wiradjuri nation". It said that Aboriginal heritage in the area comes "from far and wide" and that it needed to locate "the appropriate people to talk to".	NA	Tumbarumba Times, 29-Mar-06, pg 5.

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29-Mar-06	NATIONAL	Native title negotiations lead to positive results for Western Yalanji people	The Western Yalanji people have succeeded in reaching agreements recognising their rights over pastoral property. The Federal Court's Western (Sunset) Yalanji determination recognised their "non-exclusive native title rights over part of Karma Waters station" and more recently, a further 200 sq km on the same property. The native title rights were agreed upon through mediation proceedings with the Queensland Government and other interested parties which lead to four ILUAs. This shows that " its possible to resolve native title and reach an outcome that everyone is satisfied with" taking "all parties rights and interests into account".	Native title claim succeeds through negotiations	Koori Mail, 29-Mar-06, pg 44.
30-Mar-06	NSW	Mining Industry fails to show up for meeting	Mining industry representatives failed to attend a meeting with Aboriginal Communities. The Yarrawalk and Wanaruah Aboriginal Corporations were meant to discuss draft documents relating to a "Regional Partnership Approach" with major mining groups. Rio Tinto had previously withdrawn from the program sparking "uproar". Scott Franks the Yarrawalk Aboriginal Corporations CEO said the meeting was a "waste of time" and that if Coal and Allied had "pulled an Aboriginal person off the street and given him a job and they think those actions will be perceived as fulfilling their obligations of enhancing relationships".	NA	Muswellbrook Chronicle, 24-Mar-06, pg 5.

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31-Mar-06	VIC	Traditional owners of Murray recognised	The traditional owners of the Murray Darling Basin have been recognised by the Murray Darling Ministerial Council after the signing of a MOU outlining their role in the management of natural resources. Matthew Rigney the chair of the Murray Lower Darling Indigenous Nations (MLDRIN) said that the MOU "establishes a working relationship between the Nations and the Commission" and "ensures... a consistent process for engagement and the full informed consent of the Nations". The MOU has a three year pilot period but has laid the foundations for a more permanent process.	MOU signed	Koondrook & Barham Bridge, 31-Mar-06, pg 1; Cohuna Farmers Weekly, 5-Apri-06, pg 3.
01-Apr-06	NT	Compensation claim for extinguished native title fails	The Yankunytjatjara people have failed in their claim for compensation after the extinguishment of their native title rights when the "tourist township" at Yulara was built near Uluru. The case was dismissed by Federal Court Justice Ronald Sackville who said that the "group had not proved continued observance of traditional laws and customs" although he also found that the "rights and interests of the group were not validly extinguished". Justice Sackville also noted that the "outcome might have been different had the case been presented differently". The case is the "first compensation case of its kind". Graham Neate the president of the National Native Title Tribunal was "hoping that the case would resolve the question of compensation over the extinguishment of native title". He said that it was a "question of how you go about assessing native title and calculating it".	Native Title compensation claim fails	Weekend Australian, 1-Apr-06, pg 12; Ballarat Courier, 1-Apr-06, pg 26; Daily Mercury, 1-Apr-06, pg 12; Geelong Advertiser, 1-Apr-06, pg 5; Gladstone Observer, 1-Apr-06, pg 10; Launceston Examiner, 1-Apr-06, pg 22; Morning Bulletin, 1-Apr-06, pg 27; Sunshine Coast Daily, 1-Apr-06, pg 24; Townsville Bulletin, 1-Apr-06, pg 4; Adelaide Advertiser, 1-Apr-06, pg 42; Bendigo Advertiser, 1-Apr-06, pg 12; Burnie Advocate, 1-Apr-06, pg 14; Courier Mail, 1-Apr-06, pg 20; Northern Territory News, 1-Apr-06, pg 3; Queensland Times, 1-Apr-06, pg 22; Sydney Morning Herald, 1-Apr-06, pg 7; West Australian, 1-Apr-06, pg 8; Daily Advertiser, 1-Apr-06, pg 10; National Indigenous Times, 6-Apr-06, pg 11; Centralia Advocate, 4-Apr-06, pg 9; Koori Mail, 12-Apr-06, pg 4.

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01-Apr-06	NSW	Electronic case management of Aboriginal Land Council dispute	Recent changes to procedural rules have allowed electronic case management until the matter requires oral evidence. Justice Ian Gzell will conduct pre-trial proceedings for a dispute between the Koopahtoo Local Aboriginal Land Council and KLAC Property and Investment. While this can lead eliminating barrister's fees it is limited to matters that are "fairly straightforward" and can be "held in the absence of the public".	Electronic case management for pre-trial matters	Sydney Morning Herald, 1-Apr-06, pg 10.
04-Apr-06	QLD	Search for hot-rock resources must resolve native title first	The search for hot-rock resources has progressed but tenderers must address native title and environmental issues "to prove their eligibility".	Proposed exploration permits	Courier Mail, 4-Apr-06, pg 56; Herald Sun, 4-Apr-06, pg 28.
04-Apr-06	QLD	Overlapping native title claims delay highway upgrade	Upgrades to sections of the Barkly Highway have been delayed due to overlapping native title claims in the Inca Creek section. The upgrades follow heavy floods in the area and will finally go ahead after more than one year.	NA	North West Star, 4-Apr-06, pg 3.
05-Apr-06	NSW	Barrick Gold continues with development despite claims that they negotiated with the wrong native title group	Barrick Gold, the company behind the Cowal Gold Mine has defended the "controversial development" despite claims that they negotiated with the wrong Aboriginal group. There has been contention over whether the Wiradjuri Condobolin Native Title Claim Group or the Mooka and Kalara United Family Group are the rightful native title holders. Al Oshlack from the Indigenous Justice Advocacy Network said that the organisation would initiate common law action on behalf of the Mooka and Kalara United Family Groups. He noted that "Barrack went ahead with the... proposal before a Federal Court ruling on who holds native title on the land".	Mooka and Kalara United Family Group take action over agreement	Daily Advertiser, 5-Apr-06, pg 3; Daily Advertiser, 7-Apr-06, pg 6; West Wyalong Advocate, 7-Apr-06, pg 7; Koori Mail, 12-Apr-06, pg 9.

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05-Apr-06	WA	State government and Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation reach agreement on Coral Bay development	An agreement has been announced between the State Government and the Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation enabling development in Coral Bay for workers accommodation. The Corporation will "become leaseholders" for the development which will "provide opportunities" for the local indigenous people. The agreement has been endorsed by the Gnulli native title working group which is represented by the Yamatji Land and Sea Council.	Agreement reached over development	Northern Guardian, 5-Apr-06, pg 3; Exmouth Expression, Apr-06, pg 7; Farm Weekly, 20-Apr-06, pg 136.
05-Apr-06	SA	Adnyamathanha community fails to benefit from native title	The Adnyamathanha community has questioned whether "Native Title representatives are being honest" after being excluded from consultations and receiving entitlements. D Austin said that he was "sick of the way that these people [were] playing God and think [that] they can continue to".	NA	Port Augusta Transcontinental, 5-Apr-06, pg 8.
06-Apr-06	WA	KLC disputes Walmun Yawuru claim	The Kimberly Land Council has said that it is "surprising and disappointing" that the Walmun Yawuru would "choose to use the media to advance their issues". This follows claims that the KLC had acted beyond its statutory responsibilities and had made decisions relating to Yawuru land and those in the Rubibi claim group. Executive director Wayne Bergmann disputed the claims saying that how they choose to participate in processes and decisions relating to native title was "entirely in their hands".	NA	Broome Advertiser, 6-Apr-06, pg 8; for contrasting view see Broome Advertiser, 20-Apr-06, pg 6.

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06-Apr-06	NT	NT government attempt to hand over national parks causes controversy	<p>NT Chief Minister Claire Martin has proposed handing over ownership of national parks to Aboriginal interests. Ms Martin said that she "wants to surrender ownership because she doesn't want to spend money on fighting native title claims that may be lodged over the parks". Alderman Murray Stewart has opposed the move claiming that "once you lose the parks you lose control of their destiny". He said that the leaseback agreements were secretive and would create considerable expenses for the public. He also noted that the "parks are...equivalent to a beach" and questioned why "Aboriginal Advancement be at the expense of public ownership". Some locals have also raised concerns that the handover would restrict tourism in the area and have accused Ms Martin of "secret negotiations with Aboriginal Land Councils to give Aborigines priority". They also argue that the parks strategy would only "result in a 'takeover virtually by company structures'" and that the average Indigenous person would not benefit.</p>	Parks handover proposed	Alice Springs News, 6-Apr-06, pg 1; Centralian Advocate, 4-Apr-06, pg 6.
06-Apr-06	NT	Debate over parks handover goes national	<p>Alderman Melanie van Haaren has said that the senate inquiry looking at the management of national parks "may liberate the NT from its usual fate of being a venue for Aboriginal policy initiatives". Ald van Haaren said that it would be wise to delay the policy until the inquiry reports its findings and "the public has had its say" on the issue. She is confident that the "Australian public would be at one with the Territory in seeking to keep national parks in public hands".</p>	NA	Alice Springs News, 6-Apr-06, pg 7.

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06-Apr-06	NT	Alice Springs Mayor accused of delaying submission to senate inquiry	Richard Lim, shadow minister for Central Australia has accused Alice Springs Mayor Fran Kilgariff of delaying to provide a formal submission to the Senate Inquiry and the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs. He said that she had "lost her focus on her duty...to represent the community of Alice Springs". However the Mayor has responded by saying that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Amendment Bill will "not have any impact on the ownership of national parks". She said that only the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976 has "direct relevance" to the NT.	NA	Alice Springs News. 6-Apr-06, pg 2.
06-Apr-06	NSW	Trust deed over Gippsland will be signed between the Gunai/Kurnai people and State Trustees	The Gunai/Kurnai people have been negotiating agreements in relation to land in Gippsland Victoria and will be "closer to safeguarding the future of their people" by signing a trust deed with State Trustees. The deed establishes the Gunai/Kurnai Foundation which will provide financial assistance to promote education, art and culture, address disadvantage and ensure the protection of land. The State Trustee will also provide administrative support to the Gunai/Kurnai Instructing committee which will administer funds according to applications made by descendants of the group.	Trust deed will be signed	National Indigenous Times, 6-Apr-06, pg 8; Bairnsdale Advertiser, 7-Apr-06, pg 7.

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07-Apr-06	WA	Ochre mine deal reached	An agreement has been reached between Wajarri elders and the Midwest Corporation which will protect the Wilgie Mia ochre mine from mining and exploration. The Yamatji Land and Sea Council which acted on behalf of the Wajarri group said that the agreement was "one of the biggest exploration agreements ever negotiated and sets a benchmark in terms of levels of cooperation and cultural sensitivity". The Wajarri will also receive an undisclosed amount of shares in the Midwest Corporation which will be held on trust for the group and "help provide long term economic sustainability".	Agreement reached for mining exploration	Geraldton Guardian, 7-Apr-06, pg 5.
08-Apr-06	VIC	Long running native title claim trimmed	The Gournditch-Mara people have narrowed their initial claim in the federal court over 20 000sqkm of land, inland waters and ocean stretching from Naracoorte, to Ararat, Yambuk and Nelson. The new claim no longer includes land in Horsham and West Wimmera. Justice Tony North is currently deciding the claim and has given the claimants and opportunity to file an amended application. He said that the "parties have been in mediation and made substantial progress towards an agreed resolution".	Native title claim amended	Warrnambool Standard. 8-Apr-06, pg 7.

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10-Apr-06	VIC	Bracks government should do more for Aborigines	Wayne Atkinson, a member of the Yorta Yorta group, has said that the Victorian Government has a "shameful legacy in regard to indigenous land claims and still lacks the political will to deal with the matter in a fair and just manner". He said that land justice has "been hard and the returns have been miniscule". Mr Atkinson also criticised the Mallee-Wimmera consent agreement saying that basic rights had been "normalised" and in exercising those rights the Indigenous group would be required to "comply with imported Anglo laws". He questioned whether it was "land justice or continued dispossession by stealth".	NA	Age, 10-Apr-06, pg 13.
10-Apr-06	NSW	Coal & Allied accused of acting like "mission managers"	The Coalition of Wonnarua Traditional Custodians have claimed that C & A was "favouring 'one particular family group' in its dealings" and offering "no rules to ensure [that the] money was spent for community benefit". Yarrowalk Enterprises Pty Ltd managing director Scott Franks said that people were told they could apply for "assistance for groceries, electricity bills, tea" which was reminiscent of the "mission management days". A C & A spokeswoman said that the company's primary objective was to "provide opportunities to contribute to a sustainable Aboriginal community".	NA	Newcastle Herald, 10-Apr-06, pg15.
11-Apr-06	QLD	Aboriginal Groups participate in workshop for land and water restoration	Aborigines are expected to attend a workshop in remote Mareeba to learn how to "heal their country". The workshop has been coordinated by the Bar-Barrum people who had won a native title over land between Almaden, Petford, Irvinebank and Herberton. The aim was to "discuss ways the people could restore the land and waterways, which have been damaged by mining activities so that more can return to country".	NA	Cairns Post, 11-Apr-06, pg 9.

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12-Apr-06	NSW	Gulaga and Biamanga Parks returned to traditional owners	Gulaga and Biamanga National Parks will be handed back to the local Aboriginal Community by NSW Environment Minister Bob Debus in a ceremony at Tilba. The two parks will be "leased by the Government for use as national parks...paving the way" for freehold title to the land to be handed back to the Aboriginal community. Dr Tony Flemming, head of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife service said that that "the hand back is a recognition in law that these lands have a deep spiritual and cultural significance for all Aboriginal people."	Parks handed over to traditional owners	Narooma News, 12-Apr-06, pg 3.
12-Apr-06	NSW	Traditional owners recognised in flag raising ceremony	The Gundungurra have been recognised at <i>nin garang thuree currobung</i> (The Place Between the Rocks) in the Gibbergunyah Reserve during a traditional Koori flag raising ceremony. One of the people present noted that the ceremony was a "gathering to remember and commemorate that [the] land is and forever will be the spiritual home of traditional owners".	NA	Southern Highlands News, 12-Apr-06, pg 15.
12-Apr-06	QLD	Native title claim lodged over Mornington Island	The Lardil, Yangkaal, Gangalidda and Kaiadilt people have lodged a native title application over Mornington Island with the National Native Title Tribunal to "exclusively use and occupy some land and waters on the island for hunting, fishing and camping purposes". Charlie Wilson-Clark, NNTT public affairs officers said that "it was likely the claim would prove successful". The group has successfully passed the registration test.	Native title claim lodged	North West Star, 12-Apr-06, pg 4.

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13-Apr-06	NSW	Fishing rights reinstated in the Solitary Islands Marine Park	Fishing rights have been returned to the Garby Elders and members of the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Corporation allowing them to fish in the Solitary Islands Marine Park. They will be allowed to use "traditional traps spears or lines to catch fish" in the Arrawarra Headland area near Coffs Harbour which was once a "habitat protected zone". The initiative is a part of a "cross cultural project to teach Aborigines and the wider community about traditional fishing methods". Stephen Smith from the National Marine Science Centre welcomed the move and said that "they found it difficult to understand why they were denied traditional rights while scientists could take marine organisms off for research".	Fishing rights granted	Daily Telegraph, 13-Apr-06, pg 23.
13-Apr-06	SA	Beckett present at Kurna negotiations	Mary Beckett has represented the Alexandria Council during negotiations for an ILUA in the Kurna Native Title application area.	NA	Times, 13-Apr-06, pg 9..
13-Apr-06	NSW	Coolac bypass stalled by negotiations	The Coolac bypass is still "a long way off" with no tenders being called until the Department of Environment and Conservation gives the RTA approval after consultations with indigenous stakeholders. It has been two years since funding was announced and doubts continue as to whether it will be constructed.	By pass construction halted	Daily Advertiser, 13-Apr-06, pg 1.

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14-Apr-06	VIC	Landowner unconvinced of fairness of Narrawong Coastal Areas Principle Development Plan	Michael Maher said that he will be "financially ruined" after proposals by the state government to preserve land where an alleged Aboriginal massacre occurred in the 1830s. However, Aboriginal traditional owner Wal Saunders said that the plan was "balanced in considering both black and white community interests". The development plan was proposed after both Indigenous and commercial interests "lobbied the State to buy the land at market price and return it to traditional owners".	NA	Portland Observer, 14-Apr-06, pg 1.
14-Apr-06	NT	Larrakia Native Title claim over Darwin fails	The Federal Court has dismissed Larrakia's claim over land including a large part of Darwin and nearby Palmerston in a landmark judgment making it "impossible" for Aboriginal people to win similar claims. Justice John Mansfield held that "the Larrakia had not maintained a continuous observance of traditional laws and customs since sovereignty". He said that even though the Larrakia Community was "vibrant and dynamic" he found that " 'a combination of circumstances'" including European Settlement, the influx of other claim groups, and government policies "had interrupted the presence of the Larrakia people in the Darwin area". The Northern Land Council (NLC) representing the claimant group has said that it will seek an appeal. NLC chief Norman Fry said that it was "'ridiculous' to expect customs and traditions to stay the same over hundreds of years". The claim covers an area of 575 sq km of crown land on the outskirts of Darwin including reserves and beaches. A successful claim would have had given the Larrakia people "exclusive possession" of the land.	Native title claim fails	Barrier Daily Truth, 14-Apr-06, pg 9; Adelaide Advertiser, 14-Apr-06, pg 9; Illawarra Mercury, 14-Apr-06, pg 11; Hobart Mercury, 14-Apr-06, pg 4; Northern Territory News, 14-Apr-06, pg 1; Northern Territory News, 14-Apr-06, pg 2; Western Advocate 14-Apr-06, pg 5; Age, 15-Apr-06, pg 9.

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15-Apr-06	NSW	Coolac road completion confirmed	The RTA has announced that the Coolac road bypass will go ahead after archaeological work "to fully assess the impact of the project on indigenous heritage" is completed. A spokesperson for the RTA said that it is "essential in determining and mitigating the impact of the development on Aboriginal heritage". However it is "unlikely [that] the bypass will be operational until at least midway through 2009".	NA	Daily Advertiser, 15-Apr-06, pg 3.
16-Apr-06	NSW	House offered as a part of land claim to be sold in Newcastle	The former Newcastle Headquarters of the Department of Education given to the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council may be sold. The members have said that they "no longer consider the heritage building to be culturally significant". Chairman Sean Gordan noted that the land is significant but "renovating the existing building was financially out of the council's reach". The council is also pursuing claims on former police stations in the area to "provide a permanent home for its various youth programs".	Land claim to support local community	Sun Herald, 16-Apr-06, pg 51.

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16-Apr-06	NSW	Native Title claims cover a quarter of NSW	There are currently "35 active applications under the Native Title Act in NSW" covering an area of 214 000sq km in "the state's west as well as a small pocket west of Sydney". They are a part of the 575 active claims nationwide. Graeme Neate National Native Title Tribunal president has said that they are up to 50 claimed lodged each year.	NA	Sunday Telegraph, 16-Apr-06, pg 11.
16-Apr-06	NT	Native Title claims must be tested for validity before NT Government hands over land	The shadow Minister for Central Australia, Richard Lim has said that the "government must test 'the validity of native title claims before'" handing over land to Indigenous groups. Dr Lim said that the Territory government's handover of 48 national parks did not follow the Federal Court's ruling against the Larrakia claim. He said that the "Chief Minister proposes to hand over 48 parks across the Territory...without first seeking a court ruling that the claims are legitimate".	NA	Sunday Territorian, 16-Apr-06, pg 8.
16-Apr-06	NT	200 Active Native Title claims in NT	There are currently 200 active native title claims across the Northern Territory with "almost all eligible areas subject to a claim and an increasing number of out of court settlements". The claims cover almost 30 per cent of the NT and make up a third of the 575 claims nationwide. About 1100 native title claims have been lodged with 83 resulting in successful determinations and 13 successfully litigated. However, "more than 6000 individual native title agreements have been reached over the past 12 years". NNTT president Graeme Neate said that the "trend has shifted from costly court battles to native title agreements". He noted that "many myths and horror stories about native title have been dispelled in recent years" and that "Aboriginal aspirations or expectations are lower than they were in the early days".	NA	Sunday Territorian, 16-Apr-06, pg 14.

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17-Apr-06	WA	Traditional land owners miss out on Pilbara boom	Even though mining companies have "gone beyond their legal obligation" and are working on education and long term employment programs many of the "riches...delivered...by the mining boom are not improving conditions for traditional owners". Pilbara Native Title Service executive director Simon Hawkins said that "despite all good intentions...conditions for the Aboriginal people are still Third World". Dr John Taylor from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research said that the employment status of the indigenous community "is pretty much unchanged since mining commenced". He said that health problems and low education levels meant that "getting local people job ready for work in mines is a major challenge" and that "because of the legacy of neglect..there is major investment required on the part of business and government if the opportunity is to be realised".	NA	North West State, 17-Apr-06, pg 4; Border Mail, 17-Apr-06, pg 44; Canberra Times, 17-Apr-06, pg 15; Launceston Examiner, 17-Apr-06, pg 41; Northern Territory News, 17-Apr-06, pg 29.
17-Apr-06	NATIONAL	Hindmarsh Island Bridge Controversy continues with new plans to build homes	The developers involved in the Hindmarsh Island Bridge controversy have brought an area of land at Port Wakefield and plan to build houses and a marina on a culturally sensitive site. Yorke Peninsula Aboriginal leader Quenten Agius of the Adjahdura people said that the area was "significant.. for the traditional owners of the Adjahdura land and the Kurna people". He "called on state Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill to 'do the right thing and respect the traditional owners' wishes on the matter".	Development proposed	Australian, 17-Apr-06, pg 4.

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18-Apr-06	NT	Parks handover will go ahead	Controversy over the handover of parks in the Northern Territory continues even though Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has said that "the Federal government will not stand in the way where the Northern Territory Government and Land Councils agree to the approach". The NT Government can spend "\$1 million a year for 99 years to lease back the parks", a scheme opposed by Alice Springs Alderman Murray Stewart and businessman Ian Builder.	NA	Centralian Advocate, 18-Apr-06, pg 8.
20-Apr-06	QLD	Badulgal and Mualgal succeed in native title claim	The Badulgal and Mualgal people have succeeded in a native title claim over 80 uninhabited islands, islets and rocks in the Torres Strait area . This is the 27th consent determination in the area, the majority of which are made in the Queensland. The determination also means that Islanders "now have the legal right to police what they has known was theirs for centuries" and stop "visitors helping themselves" to food stocks.	Native title claim succeeds	North Queensland Register, 20-Apr-06, pg 3; Cairns Post, 20-Apr-06, pg 8.
20-Apr-06	NATIONAL	Oxiana still negotiating over Prominent Hill Area	Oxiana is set to make its investment decision on the proposed "development of the Prominent Hill gold and copper mine in South Australia" after negotiations to finalise a native title mining agreement is complete.	Mining proposed	Australian Financial review, 20-Apr-06, pg 20.

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20-Apr-06	QLD	Wik campaigner dies	Gladys Tybingoompa a senior Wik elder of the Aurukun has died of diabetes complications. She is famous for dancing "barefoot and bare-breasted on the lawns of parliament house" after the Wik native title ruling which held that native title coexisted with pastoral leases. She is one of Australia's best known indigenous advocates famous for "challenging authority" and never giving up the fight for Aboriginal justice.	NA	Cairns Post, 20-Apr-06, pg 11; Courier Mail, 20-Apr-06, pg 20; Daily Telegraph, 20-Apr-06, pg 19; Sunshine Coast Daily, 20-Apr-06, pg 4; Sydney Morning Herald, 20-Apr-06, pg 4; Townsville Bulletin, 20-Apr-06, pg 4; West Australian, 20-Apr-06, pg 6; Courier Mail, 21-Apr-06, pg 100.
21-Apr-06	NATIONAL	Justice Ron Merkel to leave bench	Justice Ron Merkel will step down from the Federal Court and return to private practice taking "public interest cases for Aboriginal and homeless people". His last judgement will be the Rubibi native title claim over Broome in WA which has been a "vexed and controversial" claim.	Federal Court changes	Australian Financial Review, 21-Apr-06, pg 53.

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<u>Tribunal # & Fed Court #</u>	<u>Case Manager</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<p>Wongatha - Tribunal File Number: WC99/1; Federal Court Number: WAD6005/98</p>	<p>Kristina Nilsson</p>	

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<p>Western Yalanji Peoples - Tribunal File Number: QC95/10; Federal Court File Number: QUD6002/96</p>	<p>Amy Barrett</p>	

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<p>Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara - Tribunal File Number: SC95/7, Federal Court Number: SAD6007/98</p>		

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<p>Mooka and Kalara United Families Claim (Mooka #2) - Tribunal File Number: NC02/4, Federal Court File Number: NSD6001/02. Mooka & Kalara United Families Claim (Mooka #3) - Tribunal File Number: NC02/8, Federal Court Number: NSD6009/02</p>	<p>Nicole Maher</p>	

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<p>Gnulli - Tribunal File Number: WC97/28, Federal Court File Number: WAD6161/98</p>	<p>Paul Willaway</p>	
<p>Adnyamathanha No.1 - Tribunal File Number: SC99/1, Federal Court File Number: SAD6001/98. Adnyamathanha No. 2 - Tribunal File Number: SC95/1, Federal Court Number: SAD6002/98</p>	<p>Greg Jervis</p>	
<p>Application: Walman Yawuru - Tribunal File Number: WC04/9; Federal Court File Number: WAD285/04. Determination: Rubibi # 6 - Tribunal File Number: WC95/28; Federal Court File Number: WAD91/98</p>	<p>Sandra Barkla</p>	<p>The Rubibi litigated determination was handed down on the 7th November 2001</p>

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<p>Gunai/Kurnai/Boonerwung - Tribunal File Number: VC97/2, Federal Court File Number: VID6005/98; Gunai/Kurnai People - Tribunal File Number: VC97/4, Federal Court File Number: VID6007/98</p>	<p>Nadja Mack</p>	

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<p>Application: Wajarri Yamatji - Tribunal File Number: WC04/10, Federal Court Number: WAD6033/98. Determination: Nharnuwangga Wajarri & Ngarlawangga - Tribunal File Number: WC99/13, Federal Court Number: WAD72/98</p>	<p>Trish Sinclair-Jones</p>	<p>The Nharnuwangga Wajarri and Ngarlawangga matter was fully determined on the 05/07/2001</p>
<p>Gunditjmara - Tribunal File Number: VC99/7; Federal Court File Number: VID6004/98</p>	<p>Nadja Mack</p>	

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<p>Yorta Yorta Clans - Tribunal File Number: VC94/1, Federal Court Number: VID6001/95</p>	<p>Ian Campbell-Fraser</p>	<p>The Yorta Yorta matter was fully determined on the 18/12/1998</p>
<p>Wonnarua Tribal Council Inc #1 - Tribunal File Number: NC95/8, Federal Court Number: NSD6017/98</p>	<p>Dianne Drake</p>	
<p>Bar-Barrum People - Tribunal File Number: QC96/105, Federal Court File Number: QUD6222/98</p>	<p>Amy Barrett</p>	<p>The Bar-Barrum consent determination was determined on the 28/06/2001</p>

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<p>Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation #1 - #6 (respectively): #1 - Tribunal File Number: NC96/7, Federal Court Number: NSD6026/98. #2 - Tribunal File Number: NC96/27, Federal Court Number: NSD6044/98. #3 - Tribunal File Number: NC96/30, Federal Court Number: NSD6047/98. #4 - Tribunal File Number: NC96/36, Federal Court Number: NSD6050/98. #5 - Tribunal File Number: NC97/4, Federal Court Number: NSD6057/98. #6 - Tribunal File Number: NC97/7, Federal Court Number: NSD6060/98</p>	<p>Nicole Maher</p>	
<p>Lardil, Yangkaal, Gangalidda & Kaiadilt Peoples - Tribunal File Number: QC06/1, Federal Court Number: QUD7/06</p>	<p>Rosemary Pearse</p>	

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<p>Dangalaba 1 - Tribunal File Number: DC96/1, Federal Court Number: NTD6010/98. Dinah Beach - Tribunal File Number: DC96/2, Federal Court Number: NTD6011/98. Dangalaba 3 - Tribunal File Number: DC96/3, Federal Court Number: NTD6012/98. Hundred of Ayers - Tribunal File Number: DC96/4, Federal Court Number: NTD6013/98. Elizabeth River - Tribunal File Number: DC96/5, Federal Court Number: NTD6014/98. Binybarra - Totem Rd/Buffalo Creek - Tribunal File Number: DC96/6, Federal Court File Number: NTD6015/98. Dangalaba 7 - Tribunal File Number: DC96/8, Federal Court Number: NTD6018/98. Dangalaba 8 - Tribunal File Number: DC96/9, Federal Court Number: NTD6019/98. Larrakia - Palmerston - Tribunal File Number: DC94/1, Federal Court Number: NTD6007/98. Larrakia - Darwin - Tribunal File Number: DC96/7, Federal Court Number: NTD6017/98. Dangalaba 9 - Tribunal File Number: DC97/3, Federal Court Number: NTD6022/98. Larrakia No. 2 - Tribunal File Number: DC99/1, Federal Court Number: NTD6001/99.</p>	<p>Annie Marie Cowley</p>	<p>The Larrakia matter is comprised of the listed applications</p>

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<p>Dangalaba 10 - Tribunal File Number: DC97/6, Federal Court Number: NTD6026/98. Dangalaba 11 - Tribunal File Number: DC98/1, Federal Court Number: NTD6029/98. Kalaluk - Tribunal File Number: DC98/11, Federal Court Number: NTD6040/98. Lot 5976 East Point - Tribunal File Number: DC99/6, Federal Court Number: NTD6007/99. Leanyer (YBAC) - Tribunal File Number: DC00/7, Federal Court Number: NTD6007/00. Showgrounds - Tribunal File Number: DC01/26, Federal Court Number: NTD6026/01</p>		

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<p>Tribunal File Number: QC94/3; Federal Court File Number: QUD6001/98</p>	<p>John Liston</p>	<p>The Wik and Wik Way Peoples are native title holders to 3 consent determinations with the NNTT. Wik and Wik-Way Peoples (3 October 2000) ; Wik and Wik Way Native Title Determination No. 2 (24 March 2005); Wik and Wik Way Native Title Determination No. 3 (24 March 2005).</p>
<p>Application: Rubibi - Tribunal File Number: WC99/23, Federal Court Number: WAD6006/98 Determination: Rubibi # 6 - Tribunal File Number: WC95/28; Federal Court File Number: WAD91/98</p>	<p>Sandra Barkla</p>	<p>The Rubibi litigated determination was handed down on the 7th November 2001</p>