

Native Title in the News - February 2011

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
06/02/2011	VIC	Cattle in Alpine National Park	The Gunaikurnai people of Victoria have expressed their concerns over not being consulted about the return of cattle to the Alpine National Park. Gunaikurnai Elder, Uncle Albert Mullett, said that under the native title agreement, the government must consult with native title holders on activities that affect the environment and water across the land, which stretches from Warragul to the Snowy River. Several of the government's cattle grazing trial sites fall within this area.	<i>Sunday Age</i> (Melbourne VIC, 6 February 2011), 10.
08/02/2011	NT	Katherine Regional Land Council	A group of traditional owners from the Jawoyn and other major clans have held a meeting with the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, Jenny Macklin to seek permission to set up a breakaway Katherine Region Land Council. Minister Macklin stated that a 'proper process' must be followed before she could make any decision on the request for a new land council. 'I have met some of the people concerned and now discussions need to take place with the Northern Land Council'.	<i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin NT, 8 February 2011), 3, 11.
11/02/2011	ACT	Revolve in Native Title Bid	The ACT Government has accused recycling operator Revolve of nuisance tactics after the business attempted to delay vacating its leased Hume residence, stating the land belongs to the Ngambri people. Revolve managing director, Kay Hewitt, rejected this claim stating, 'we believe we have a right to be there, not only because of the common law native title but because of what has happened to Revolve in the past'. Chief Executive of the Department of Land and Property Services, David Dawes, said the ACT Government would seek to take formal possession of the land and have Revolve's application dismissed.	<i>Canberra Times</i> (Canberra ACT, 12 February 2011), 5. <i>Canberra Times</i> (Canberra ACT, 11 February 2011), 1.
11/02/2011	QLD	Wild Rivers Laws	Senator Nigel Scullion, the Nationals deputy leader, reintroduced the Wild Rivers Bill into the chamber on 10 February 2011. Although it was passed by the Upper House last June, the draft laws were not considered by the House of Representatives before the Federal election and have expired.	<i>Cairns Post</i> (Cairns QLD 11 February 2011), 13. <i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin, NT 11 February 2011), 15. <i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin, NT 14 February 2011), 6.
16/02/2011	WA	Legal Challenge Rejected	The Federal Court has rejected Goolarabooloo man Joseph Roe's latest legal challenge against negotiations over the \$30 billion gas hub to be built at James Price Point. Mr Roe lost his challenge against a decision by the claim group to remove him as a named	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth WA, 16 February 2011), 10. <i>The Age</i> (Melbourne VIC, 16 February 2011), 4. <i>Northern Territory</i>

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			applicant in the native title group involved in the negotiations with the state and federal governments and Woodside Energy Ltd.	<i>News</i> (Darwin NT, 16 February 2011), 29.
17/02/2011	National	Native Title Tribunal Appointment	Attorney-General Robert McClelland has announced the re-appointment of Dr Gaye Scultorpe as a full-time member of the National Native Title Tribunal.	<i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Maulua Bay NSW, 17 February 2011), 33.
17/02/2011	QLD	Dundubara Aboriginal Corporation to Become Respondent	Dundubara Aboriginal Corporation for Social Justice from Bundaberg have stated that they plan to become respondents to a native title claim by the Butchulla people which is over a large part of Hervey Bay up to Burrum Heads in Queensland.	<i>News-Mail Bundaberg</i> (Bundaberg QLD, 17 February 2011), 7.
23/02/2011	WA	Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Releases Mining Information	Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) has released a guide to uranium mining. YMAC Chief Executive Simon Hawkins said since Western Australia announced it was supporting uranium mining there was a lot of concern about its impact on traditional owners' country. The guide is available from the YMAC website: http://www.yamatji.org.au/	<i>Pilbara News</i> (Pilbara WA, 23 February 2011), 8.
23/02/2011	SA	Kingston District Council Removes Itself as Respondent	Kingston District Council has resolved to withdraw from the Ngarrindjeri native title claim extending to the Granites. The native title claim by the Ngarrindjeri people is mainly over the Coorong area but extends to the Kingston District via the Granites. CEO Martin McCarthy told the January council meeting that Kingston District Council was only a minor group in the proceedings as it has practically no impact on development north of the township of Kingston.	<i>South East Coastal Leader</i> , (Kingston SA 23 February 2011), 2.
25/02/2011	NT	Phosphate Mine Agreement	An agreement has been signed between the Central Land Council, the Arruwurra Aboriginal Corporation and Minemakers Australia Pty Ltd. for a phosphate mine at Wonarah, 250km east of Tennant Creek. David Ross, Director of the Central Land Council, said the mine which will operate for at least thirty years and potentially longer, will provide economic opportunities for Aboriginal people in the region. Barkly MLA Gerry McCarthy said the mine was the beginning of a 'new social and economic chapter' for the region.	<i>Central Advocate</i> (Alice Springs NT, 25 February 2011), 3. <i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin, NT February 25 2011), 2. <i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin, NT February 26 2011), 5.