

<u>Date</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Subject</u>		<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Tribunal # & Fed Court #</u>
27-Jun-06	VIC	Aboriginal groups work with Catchment Authority	Indigenous groups, the Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative, the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and Geelong's Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative have pledged a memorandum of understanding to work with the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) on natural resource management in South West Victoria. The MOU will provide a framework to 'balance land and water management with heritage values'.	MOU pledged	Colac Corangamite Extra, 27-Jun-06, pg 3.	
28-Jun-06	NSW	land claim made in Carrathool Shire	An Aboriginal land claim has been lodged over a residential lot in Carrathool Shire. The Director for Operations said that 'the council has not recommended a proposed use for the site' and that 'it was recommended that Council advise the Department of Lands that [the lot] is not needed for any residential or planned essential public purpose.'	NA	Hillston Ivanhoe Spectator, 28-Jun-06, pg 3.	
28-Jun-06	VIC	Shire continues to support western bridge route	The Murray Shire is 'unwilling to accept advice from the Yorta Yorta Nation council of elders' that a western route was 'not an option'. However the council said that it based its decision after receiving advice from the Bangerang traditional owners that there was no 'significant Aboriginal heritage' that will be obstructed.	NA	Riverine Herald, 28-Jun-06, pg 3.	
28-Jun-06	NT	Borroloola land claim resolved after 30 years	The Borroloola land claim has been finally resolved. The lands were part of the 'first ever land claim lodged under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976. This is a significant achievement for the Yanyuwa people who have 'persevered' with the claim for over 30 years. Mal Brough said that the 'finalisation of the land claim shows once again how effective the Land Rights Act has been in returning land to its traditional owners'.	Land returned to traditional owners	Media Release, 28-Jun-06, pg 47.	

29-Jun-06	SA	Council may participate in ILUA	The Grant District Council said that it "would be pleased to participate in developing an Indigenous Land Use Agreement' with the Tatiara District Council.	NA	Border Chronicle, 29-Jun-06, pg 12.	
29-Jun-06	WA	Relationship committee goes bush	The Traditional Owners Relationship Committee held its first meeting on traditional land. The Committee was formed after the signing of the Participation Agreement between Traditional Owners and Argyle Diamonds. The Committee's role is to 'ensure a positive relationship is maintained between Argyle Diamonds and the Traditional Owners and the monitor the implementation of the Management Plans.' The agreement is designed to promote better working relations in order to achieve the goal of a 50 per cent Indigenous workforce.	NA	Kimberly Echo, 29-Jul-06, pg 15.	
29-Jun-06	QLD	Chalco meets Beattie to bid for Cape York bauxite	Australian representatives from the Chinese Aluminium corporation Chalco met with the Queensland Premier in a 'bid for development rights to up to \$25 billion of bauxite at Aurukun on Cape York'. The Premier has said that the 'Government would examine the proposal in detail to see whether it me the requirements about job numbers and long-term economic benefits for the Indigenous community'.	NA	Australian, 29-Jun-06, pg 20.	

01-Jul-06	WA	WA faces choice between heritage and economic gains	The current China driven resource boom has forced the Western Australian government to choose between protecting valuable rock art on the Burrup Peninsula and the economic interests of the companies who have invested or will invest in infrastructure in the area. The rock art is currently protected under the State's Heritage Legislation but will not receive the highest level of protection under the National Heritage Register. The Western Australian Government opposes the listing since it could have 'potentially grave consequences for the resource players'. National Trust Director Tom Perrigo has frankly stated: 'Would England move Stonehenge for a mine or Egypt sell its pyramids for oil?' We have something older than both of them and we are planning to destroy them'.	State is considering application for state Aboriginal heritage protection to be lifted	Weekend Australian 1-Jul-06, pg 25.	
01-Jul-06	WA	Justice Wilcox mentions soccer in native title claim	Justice Murray Wilcox used the analogy of soccer after an argument over the definition of unity in a native title claim over the metropolitan area of Perth. One of the claims was lodged by Corrie Bodney on behalf of the Ballaruk and Didjerak family over the land and sea from Swanbourne to City Beach. The other claim was lodged by the Noongar Land Council and covers the whole of the South-West and surrounding islands.	Hearing to deal with technicalities set for August	Subiaco Post, 1-Jul-06, pg 10.	Federal Court file no.: WAD149/98; Tribunal file no.: WC95/86; Tribunal file no.: WC03/6; Federal Court file no.: WAD6006/03
03-Jul-06	NT	Jabiluka faces owners veto	Traditional owners continue to oppose uranium mining in Jabiluka. Energy Resources of Australia which is 68 per cent owned by Rio Tinto 'signed an agreement with the local Mirarr people undertaking not to go ahead with any development without their consent'. Graham Dewar head of the Mirarr representative body the Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation said that 'nothing has changed' and that 'the Mirarr were looking at other opportunities such as tourism to replace current royalties from ERA's nearby Ranger mine'.	NA	Australian, 3-Jul-06, pg 29; National Indigenous Times, 13-Jul-06, pg 13.	

03-Jul-06	NSW	Darug people return to traditional land	The Darug people have gathered at a celebration of their culture on the Nurragingy reserve in Blacktown. The Darug once belonged to clans like the Burrumattagal, Kameygal and Warmuli but have been unsuccessful in native title claims for parcels of vacant Crown land from Bondi to the Blue Mountains. A Macquarie University academic said that having to show that you practise traditional culture is a problem for claimants 'in south-east Australia because the courts are taking a very narrow interpretation of traditional culture'. For the Darug, Blacktown is a powerful image of their culture and is the site of Governor Macquarie's Native Title Institution for the education of Aborigines. The white convict who was assigned to the project, Robert Lock also married the daughter of Yarramundi the chief of Boorooberongal.	NA	Sydney Morning Herald, 3-Jul-06, pg 7.	Tribunal file no: NC96/6; Federal Court file no: NSD6004/98
04-Jul-06	SA	Native title stumbling block for Oyster town	The Oyster Town project has been blocked by native title. There were plans to excavate the site and use the history to attract tourists to the area. The site was earmarked for the project after a pre-disturbance survey conducted by the Flinders University. Eyre Regional Development Board development officer Peter Mitchell said that it was 'disappointing that the project had not attracted funding' and that there was a 'Native title issue which doesn't allow...excavation at all'.	NA	Port Lincoln Times, 4-Jul-06, pg 7.	
04-Jul-06	QLD	Development held up by native title claims	The long term industrial development of the Charters Towers and Dalrymple council areas is being 'held up by native title claims' if 'unallocated state land is not opened up'. State Development Charters Towers officer James Doyle said that the region needed to be promoted as an area for development. Currently the Flinders Shire Council has reached an Indigenous Land Use Agreement with the Yirandali Native Title Group.	NA	Northern Miner, 4-Jul-06, pg 7.	Tribunal file no.: QC00/1; Federal Court file no.: QUD6001/00; Federal Court file no.: QUD6001/01; Tribunal file no.: QC01/1; Current ILUA - National Native Title Tribunal File No: QI2003/011

05-Jul-06	QLD	Historic alliance formed to opposed Wild Rivers legislation	Indigenous leaders, landowners and graziers have formed a 'historic alliance to continue their fight against the State Government's devastating wild rivers legislation'. The group is urging the Premier to 'heed the call from his Deputy Anna Bligh for an immediate 12 month moratorium on all declarations' saying that the legislation has the 'potential to shut down economic development in north Queensland'. Cape York Land Council Chairman Michael Ross said that the 'alliance between the Pastoralists and Indigenous People in Cape York is a testament to the fact that we know what is best for our shared future'. The legislation restricts waterways and floodplains which Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson finds contradictory. He said that 'they seem to be saying to us 'we can't trust you'. But the reason we have a pristine Cape York is because our people have looked after it for thousands of years'. He also warned: 'the way this policy will work out, Indigenous people will die on welfare [with] no prospect for development, no prospect for jobs, no prospect for developing the lands th	Alliance formed	Media Release, 5-Jul-06, pg 1; Cairns Post, 5-Jul-06, pg 3.	
05-Jul-06	QLD	TSRA announces \$56.8m budget	The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) has announced a budget of \$556 832 500 'directed towards bringing positive outcomes for the region's people during the 2006-2007 financial year'. TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris said that the TSRA has a 'commitment to achieve a better quality of life and to develop an economic base for Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people living in the region'. The funds will be used to achieve the TSRA's long term goals to gain recognition for Indigenous peoples, achieve a better quality of life for people living in the region, develop sustainable economic opportunities, gain better health and community, ensure environmental protection and assert native title rights and interests.	NA	Torres News, 5-Jul-06, pg 4.	

05-Jul-06	VIC	Natural resource management brings groups together	The Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) , Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative have 'pledged to work together in a memorandum of understanding (MOU). The MOU will 'provide a framework for Corangamite CCMA and Aboriginal community organisation to balance land and water management with cultural heritage values'. CCMA Indigenous natural resource management facilitator Greg Edwards said that the 'MOU was about sharing knowledge to protect the environment for future generations'. CCMA is funded by the Australian and Victorian governments as a part of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and the Natural Heritage Trust.	MOU signed	Ballarat Courier, 5-Jul-06, pg 26.	
05-Jul-06	SA	Parkland in Walkerville may be relinquished	Parkland in Walkerville many be relinquished by the Walkerville Council to 'avert any legal or development costs'. The land which is a part of traditional Kaurna land may be offered to the State Government to avoid being involved in any legal concerns. One lawyer noted that the council was 'being cautious because it risked facing increased development costs if it built on native title land. She said that ' there's also a risk, if you choose to see it like that that you will become embroiled in wider social issues'.	NA	Standard Messenger, 5-Jul-06, pg 1.	Tribunal file no. SC00/1; Federal Court file no. S6001/00.
05-Jul-06	NT	McArthur River delay may risks mine closure	X-strata has said that the Northern Territory government must decide whether the McArthur River open pit mining project will be approved of face a loss of \$523 to the economy. Previous attempts to gain approval to expand the mine have been knocked back by the government based on environmental grounds. Some Indigenous groups have opposed the 'open-pit development because it was too disruptive and some had doubts about the company's ability to safely divert the river'.	NA	Australian Financial Review, 5-Jul-06, pg 55.	

06-Jul-06	WA	Private developer sought to provide infrastructure for Ord Stage II	The Western Australian Government is seeking 'expressions of interest in providing infrastructure for Ord Stage II'. Proposals will be assessed on 'how these benefits are maximised and delivered to the local community, particularly Aboriginals'. Resources minister John Bowler said that 'the agreement between the state and the Miriuwung Gajerrong people will facilitate their greater participation in the development of the region'. However some doubt whether the Growing East Kimberly campaign will achieve anything following similar announcements back in 1997.	NA	Kimberly Echo, 6-Jul-06, pg 1.	
06-Jul-06	WA	Cross examination of elders causes outrage	Goolarabooloo (Rubibi member) Joseph Roe has been angered by the way that 'elderly people were forced to prove their existence and their right to existence on their country'. He said that Indigenous elders were placed on a 'roller coaster ride of hope and despair, tears and anger and relief' and now they have been 'thrust back onto the legal process that shows no respect for their age and frailty'. According to him, the contested land in the Rubibi 5A claim area was the current Government's mess and anger should not be directed at the Rubibi people.	NA	Broome Advertiser, 6-Jul-06, pg 6.	Tribunal file no: WC99/23; Federal Court file no: WAD6006/1998; Tribunal file no: WC04/6; Federal Court file no: WAD223/2004

06-Jul-06	WA	Contested lots of land explained	Kimberly Land Council Executive Director Wayne Bergman has clarified the legal position of the lots of land discussed in the Rubibi claim. He said that the 'determination covered pastoral leases and unallocated crown land blocks. As such the court has not made any finding in relation to the 140 lots'. The State has conceded that the grant of freehold land over the land was invalid and as a consequence native title was never extinguished. He said that the Rubibi community was trying to negotiate with the State but the 'State's recent appeal of the Rubibi determination has [made this] more difficult'. According to him this problem could be easily resolved by agreement between the Rubibi people and the State.	NA	Broome Advertiser, 6-Jul-06, pg 7.	
07-Jul-06	VIC	ILUA struck between Dja Dja Wurrung and developer	A 'landmark' ILUA has been signed between the Dja Dja Wurrung and the development industry. The ILUA 'allows Forest Resort to be issued a Crown lease by the State of Victoria to expand its golf course on to...land currently subject to a native title claim by the Dja Dja Wurrung people'. As a part of the ILUA the Dja Dja Wurrung people will be given employment and training opportunities and interpretive story boards, signage and art will feature throughout the development. The claim group has also been recently involved with the Mineral's Council of Australia in drawing a template ILUA that 'covers mineral exploration in area of...Crown land and national park around and beyond the Castlemaine area'.	ILUA signed	Castlemaine Mail, 7 Jul-06, pg 5.	Tribunal File No.: VI2005/007
12-Jul-06	VIC	Native Title demystified in a booklet	The National Native Title Tribunal has produced a publication of the "Historical Accounts of Aboriginal People in the Buloke Shire, Victoria" which provides an overview of Indigenous history in the area in support of an information seminar held at the Wycheproof Resource Centre on native title claims.	NA	North Central News, 12-Jul-06, pg 7; Buloke Times, 7-Jul-06, pg 8.	

07-Jul-06	VIC	Alternative proposal for convincing ground development	Michael Maher has submitted an alternative proposal for his Convincing Ground development which will allow 'a six-hectare reserve on the foreshore for the Aboriginal cultural heritage of the Convincing Ground, while going ahead with the...original subdivision'. The proposal has been opposed by Aboriginal and heritage groups for its 'high cultural inks to a Aboriginal massacre and the state's earlier whaling station'.	NA	Portland Observer, 7-Jul-6, pg 5.	
08-Jul-06	VIC	Gunditjmara representatives to make statement on pulp mill	A Gunditjmara representative is expected to make a statement regarding the proposed Heywood pulp mill. This follows earlier threatened interlocutory injunction by Sandra Onus of the Yigar clan of the Gunditjmara Native Title claim group. She was 'furious that the company had not met with the clan members...to discuss the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites, flora and fauna issues'.	NA	Hamilton Spectator, 8-Jul-06, pg 6.	Tribunal file no.: VC99/7; Federal Court file no.: VID6004/98
08-Jul-06	WA	WA Government hands over \$7 million in compensation	The Western Australian Government has 'handed over almost \$7 million in compensation to traditional owners of land in East Kimberly'. The money is the 'first instalment of a landmark \$56 million deal with the Miriuwung Gajerrong' aimed to develop the Ord River region.	NA	Daily Telegraph, 8-Jul-06, pg 16; National Indigenous Times, 13-Jul-06, pg 3.	
08-Jul-06	WA	WA Government criticised over native title deal	Indigenous leader Patrick Dodson has criticised the Western Australian Government in its negotiations with the Miriuwung Gajerrong people. He said that the 'state has found it difficult to deal with Aboriginal issues, concepts like extinguishment of native title and... the proper feel for the culturally appropriate way to negotiate.' Mr Dodson found that its 'agencies have emerged from a culture that has not always been sympathetic to Aboriginal interests and indeed sometimes been absolutely hostile'. According to him 'sometimes it appeared from [his] side of the negotiation fence that the state had tendency to err in favour of the larger corporate players and leave Aboriginal interests last in the queue.'	NA	Weekend Australian, 8-Jul-06, pg 6.	

10-Aug-06	WA	Mining company denies allegations				
10-Jul-06	NSW	Coal and Allied will present draft cultural heritage plan	Coal and Allied will be presenting a 'draft cultural heritage plan for its proposed Mount Pleasant mine to a meeting of indigenous representatives'. If the plans endorsed the 'plan would be the model for Coal and Allied's future management of cultural heritage issues at all its Upper Hunter mines.'	Draft cultural heritage plan announced	Newcastle Herald, 10-Jul-06, pg 14.	
10-Jul-06	VIC	Former ATSIC chairman linked to \$40m development plan	Geoff Clark, former ATSIC chairman 'is behind a \$40 million proposal to build a boutique hotel and golf links on 40ha of beachfront land on Victoria's west coast'. He says that the proposal would reflect 'the Federal Government's policy of encouraging Aborigines to establish business on remote holdings'. The land was bought from the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust and the proposal is designed to 'generate funds and employment for the Framlingham community and any decision would ultimately give the trust a say in both the building and the running of the venture'. GHi plans have been dubbed as a 'mighty cultural contradiction'. Mr Clark is currently the chief executive of the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust which owns the land said: 'we either stand still as a community and become simply curiosity value or we get involved in ongoing economic viability and provide employment and generate some income for the Aboriginal community'. The land has a 'spiritual link to Aboriginal mythology' and also has a 'significant' wetland area.	NA	Border Mail, 11-Jul-06, pg 9; AAP Newswire, 10-Jul-06; Geelong Advertiser, 11-Jul-06, pg 4; Launceston Examiner, 11-Jul-06, pg 5; Adelaide Advertiser, 11-Jul-06, pg 8; Herald Sun, 11-Jul-06, pg 4; Warrnambool Standard, 11-Jul-06, pg 4; Weekend Australian, 15-Jul-06, pg 10.	

11-Jul-06	VIC	Native title stumbling block for Native Title claim lodged over Mornington Peninsula and Port Phillip Bay	The Bunurong people have lodged a claim over land including Mornington Peninsula and Port Phillip Bay on June 15. The four claimants are associated with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation whose spokeswoman said the 'group had lodged the claim in order to be given a say in the preservation of the Aboriginal heritage in the area'. Even though native title cannot be claimed on freehold land, the group 'may win the right to be consulted on the future use of some of the land and waters covered by the claim'.	Native title claim lodged	Bayside Leader, 11-Jul-06, pg 11.	Tribunal file no.: VC06/2; Federal Court file no.: VID667/06.
11-Jul-06	VIC	Gunditjmara claim draws slowly closer to end	The Gunditjmara people and the State Government have reached an agreement in principle which could end their 10 year 'battle' to claim land in South West Victoria.	Directions hearings will be heard early August	Warrnambool Standard 11-Jul-06, pg 7.	Tribunal file no.: VC99/7; Federal Court file no.: VID6004/98
11-Aug-06	NT	Petition aims to delay land rights vote	Parliament has been presented with a petition calling the senate to delay voting on the proposed amendments to the Land Rights Act. The changes will alter laws on communal ownership and the establishment of land councils that administer that land. Labor and the minor parties say that the changes are 'paternalistic and will strip Aborigines of their property rights and have been rushed through without adequate consultation of the support of Indigenous leaders'. The changes can also coerce indigenous people to lease back the land in exchange for basic services such as housing and health facilities.	NA	Bendigo Advertiser, 11-Aug-06, pg 8.	
12-Jul-06	NSW	Inquiry demanded into Douglas Area 7 project	The Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Collective is demanding an inquiry into the long wall mining at Douglas Area 1 project claiming that 'BHP did not consult them about cultural and historically significant sites'. General manager of the collective Chris Illert said that 'we have been fighting these environmental issues, because the Aboriginal people are the last ones with the connection to the land, are closer to nature and still worried about the environment'.	Inquiry demanded	Campbelltown-Macarthur Advertiser, 12-Jul-06, pg 16.	

12-Jul-06	VIC	Aboriginal group lodges claim over Port Phillip Bay	An Aboriginal group have lodged a native title claim over Port Phillip Bay, the Mornington Peninsula and Docklands. The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation lodged the claim said that 'it is not a land grab, and they only want a say in what happens to their ancestors in land'. Corporation executive secretary Sonia Murray said that 'if the claim was successful, governments would have to consult with the council on major projects'.	Native title claim lodged	Melbourne Leader, 12-Jul-06, pg 1, 3.	Tribunal file no.: VC06/2; Federal Court file no.: VID667/06.
12-Jul-06	VIC	Traditional owners recognised during NAIDOC week	Management committees were presented with plaques of recognition for the Lakes Entrance Recreation Reserve, Nowa Nowa Public Hall, Bairnsdale Recreation Reserve and East Gippsland Rail Trail. Acting regional director for the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) David Tainish said 'that as a key land manager in the region, DSE recognises the need to include and involve indigenous communities in the management of public land'.	NA	Lakes Post, 12-Jul-06, pg 3.	
12-Jul-06	WA	Noongar count down to official handover of Roelands Mission	Local Noongar people are anticipating the official handover the Roelands Mission after it was purchased by the Indigenous Land Corporation for more than \$1 million. The Roelands Mission was 'set up with a land donation in the 1940s and for decades used to house Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their parents.' Former Roelands Mission resident Frances Kahn said that 'when [the mission] is fully restored and set up...people would be able to visit and see examples of indigenous culture' and that 'it was now 'being turned into a positive aspect of the lives of Aboriginal people'.	Roelands Missions to be handed back	Bunbury Mail, 12-Jul-06, pg 5.	

12-Jul-06	VIC	Wimmera claim had over 400 parties	Chris Loorham, Tribunal Case Manager discussed the recent Wimmera resolution which involved over 400 people with interests in the claim area who became a part of the negotiations. They included local state and Federal councils, utilities, holders of leases and licence permits for mining as well as forestry, agriculture, beekeeping, fishing tourism and recreation bodies.	NA	North Central News, 12-Jul-06, pg 7.	
13-Jul-06	WA	Sales negotiations for Dongara site fallen through	MG Kallis will need to 'head back to the drawing board...after sales negotiations for the Dongara site fell through'. The company had been in negotiations with PMB Corporation to build a resort but discussions were unsuccessful. Irwin Shire CEO John Merrick said that if the Shire 'paid any claimants five per cent of the proceeds from the development, they could avoid the native title process and get the development underway'.	NA	Mid-West Times, 13-Jul-06, pg 1.	
14-Jul-06	WA	Australian Mines strikes gold	Australian Mines has discovered gold near its underground nickel mine between Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Kambalda. It is estimated that the prospect contains 132 266 tonnes at 2.88g/tequivalent to 12 245 ounces of gold. The depth of the deposit and its close proximity to Australian Mines operations makes the site ideal. Native title negotiations in relation to the mine have been completed.	Mining negotiations completed	Kalgoorlie Miner, 14-Jul-06, pg 7.	
14-Jul-06	NSW	Land councils shake on training opportunities	The Charles Sturt University and Indigenous Communities have entered into a partnership to 'increase the skills of people involved in local and regional Aboriginal land councils'. The university's professional development unit has been 'contracted to design a training and development strategy to make land councils more effective and efficient in carrying out their work'. Associate Professor Greg Walker said that the partnership was an important step in 'efforts to develop targeted business-related courses for indigenous people'.	Training partnership formed	Daily Liberal, 14-Jul-06, pg 4.	

15-Jul-06	WA	Cleared out wins WA Premier's Prize	<i>Cleared Out</i> by Sue Davenport and Peter Johnson has won the Western Australian Premier's book Awards. The book, published by AIATSIS tells the story of 'first contact between a group of Martu women and children and white Australia in 1964.'	NA	Canberra Times, 15-Jul-06, pg 17.	
15-Jul-06	VIC	Developer stands firm amidst heritage claims	Claims of an Aboriginal group have stopped the development of land, that was purportedly the site of a historic massacre, after the 'State Government backed the grouped, despite council permits and permission from another part of the local Aboriginal community to subdivide the property'. There is continuing controversy as to whether the Convincing Ground massacres occurred on the site. The land has been added to the Victorian Heritage Register 'due to its large holding of historical archaeological material'. The report states that the 'land is of significance to Aboriginal people but claims of an Aboriginal massacre on the site have not been proven'.	NA	Herald Sun. 15-Jul-06, pg 11; Warrnambool Standard, 15-Jul-06, pg 8.	
17-Jul-06	WA	Celebrations planned for Wave Hill walk-off	The original Wave Hill walk off occurred 40 years ago when Aboriginal stockmen walked off the Lord Vesty owned station, marking the beginning of Australia's land rights movement. The event will be commemorated by the Gurindji people and other clans in the remote communities of Kalkaringi and Daguragu in a two day festival. Clan elders regard the festival as the 'most important event held on their land since the historic walkoff'.	NA	Age, 17-Jul-06, pg 7; Sydney Morning Herald, 17-Jul-06, pg 5.	

22-Jul-06	NSW	Indigenous owners not consulted in land sale	The Australian Government is trying to sell land at Hill 60 without consulting traditional owners according to the chair of the Wadi Wadi Coomaditchie Aboriginal Corporation. Wadi Wadi elder Allan Carriage said that the 'military took control of Hill 60 and the surround during World War II forcing the Aboriginal community into a settlement at the Coomaditchie. He said his people were falsely promised they could return after the war'. Senator Concetta Fierravanti-Wells has asked her Federal Government colleagues to review the decision.	NA	Illawarra Mercury, 22-Jul-06, pg 12.	
24-Jul-06	SA	Exco resources secures agreement	Exco Resources has secured 'key native title agreements for its White Dame gold mine in South Australia'. It had reached agreement with all claimants from the Adnyamathanha people at White Dam.	Mining agreement reached	West Australian, 24-Jul-06, pg 31.	Tribunal File No.: SAD6001/98; Federal Court File No.: 99/1.
24-Jul-06	WA	Aboriginal workers cash in on mining boom	The resources boom is attracting Indigenous workers. But there are 'barriers to entry for people characterised by lack of skills', 'poor literacy rates' and the soaring cost of living in boom towns such as Port Headland. Ngarda the biggest Indigenous employer in the area has a 85 per cent Indigenous workforce and offers entry level positions to train Indigenous workers. However Director of Ngarda, Barry Taylor said that 'trying to get an Aboriginal person on to a mine is onerous'.	NA	Australian, 24-Jul-06, pg 6.	

21-Jul-06	NSW	Mines talks ongoing in Upper Hunter	NSW Minerals Council Chief Executive, Nikki Williams has refuted claims that meetings with Indigenous Groups have 'failed to implement a solid action plan' in relation to 'partnership opportunities which allow Indigenous groups to participate with the benefit from the mining industry'. The Aboriginal People's Engagement with the Mining Industry in the Hunter Valley - A Regional Partnership approach 2006 and Beyond reiterated that the 'minerals industry in the Upper Hunter Valley will actively engage and participate in a regional partnership approach'. However 'despite the sound motivations, investment in time and effort and genuine cooperation of all parties...there [were] complex issues, some of which will take time to resolve.'	NA	Muswellbrook Chronicle, 21-Jul-06, pg 8.	
26-Jul-06	QLD	Compromise on Wild Rivers	Six rivers, the Gregory, Settlement, Fraser, Hinchinbrook, Staaten and Morning Inlet have been declared to be protected under the Wild Rivers Act. However a compromise has been reached with two kilometre buffer zones (High Preservation Areas) which are limited to low impact activities. Where mineral deposits are found 'Ministerial approval..would be required to demonstrate the importance of the deposit and prove that they could extract it without harming the river system'. The amended legislation also allows fodder, essential infrastructure, clearing of regrowth on existing cropped and the extraction of sand and gravel from rivers for 'essential community needs'. However Agforce still believes that the 'philosophy behind the legislation limited the future aspirations and opportunities of local communities'.	Wild Rivers Act Amended	Tablelands Advertiser, 26-Jul-06.	

27-Jul-06	SA	Mining operations cleared for Woomera	Oxiana will be '[permitted to conduct operations in the Woomera Prohibited Area following the signing of an access agreement with the Government'. The Deed of Access was the 'first of its kind allowing industry access to a Defence area for ongoing commercial operations'. An 'Indigenous Heritage Management Plan is being developed to guide the processes for managing Defence's activities in the Prohibited Area'.	NA	Army, 27-Jul-06, pg 4; Airforce, 27-Jul-06, pg 9.	
27-Jul-06	NATIONAL	Canberra Investment Corporation joins Indigenous program	The Canberra Investment Corporation has joined Reconciliation Australia, ANZ Bank, BHP Billiton and Centrelink to develop plans for Indigenous people as a part of the National Program of Action. The development company often 'liaises with the traditional owners to ensure sacred sites or finds are left undamaged'. It also has a partnership with the Larrakia Land Development Corporation to build a new suburb. Corporation Chief Tony Carey said that 'as developers it is part of our business to recognise and respect the relationship traditional owners have with the land we are working on'. The National Program was launched in Melbourne by Prime Minister John Howard.	NA	Canberra Times, 27-Jul-06, pg 19.	

27-Jul-06	QLD	Yalanji native title decision due	A final decision on a claim by the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people will be handed down after fourteen years of negotiations between indigenous communities, the government, councils and other interested parties. The final draft of the native title claim is expected this month. A map has been shown by the Tribunal with the national park estate doubling from 80 000 ha to 162 000 ha 'to be held and managed by the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people as Aboriginal freehold land'. Tribunal member Graham Fletcher said that the 'parties are in the process of developing indigenous land use agreements about the practical relationships regarding their rights in the broader area'. The current leasing arrangements on the land would not change but some areas will be restricted from the public.	Native title decision due	Port Douglas & Mossman Gazette, 27-Jul-06, pg 3.	Tribunal File No.: QC 94/13; Federal Court File No.: QUD6008/98.
27-Jul-06	QLD	More funds made available for land tenure resolution	An additional \$1 million a year has been made available from 2006-07 'to resolve the tenure of 20 parcels of state-owned land on Cape York Peninsula'. The funding is a part of the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water's <i>Blueprint for the Bush</i> package which will use the funds to 'satisfy the Cape York Heads of Agreement that these properties be converted to term leases, National Park or Aboriginal Land Act freehold land'.	NA	Queensland Country Life, 27-Jul-06, pg 22.	

27-Jul-06	QLD	Growing Donnybrook-Balingup population creates demand for residential land	Native Title claims along with State Government infill sewerage scheme delays' have placed additional pressure on Donnybrook-Balingup to deal with its growing population. Shire Council chief executive John Attwood said that the 'town was working through Native Title claims on crown land surrounding the shire's townships'.	NA	South Western Times, 27-Jul-06, pg 8.	<i>Gnaala Karla Booja</i> Tribunal File No.: WC 98/58; Federal Court File No.: 6224/98; <i>South West Booja</i> Tribunal File No.: WC 98/63; Federal Court File No.: WAD 6279/98; <i>Single Noongar Claim (Area 1)</i> Tribunal File No.: WC 03/6; Federal Court File No.: WAD 6006/03.
28-Jul-06	WA	Rock art versus an iron will	Fortescue Metal's Pilbara mining plans have been opposed by an Indigenous groups lead by prominent author Sally Morgan who plans to 'block his plans to build a railway close to sensitive rock art in the Woodstock Abydox area of the Pilbara'. Mr Forrest claims that the Pilbara Native Title Service was 'breaching the terms of an agreement reached last year to facilitate his project by assisting Aboriginal opposition to the railway line'. He said that the "philosophy of the PNTS is to prise money from mining companies and then control the money through what they call charitable trusts and boards that they happen to sit on and then dole it out to people who...don't actually have the incentive to improve our situation". In a report written by Philip Hunter from Ebsworth & Ebsworth, it was found that 'some rogue native title claimants and third parties are hampering the speedy resolution of negotiations between miners and native title claimants'. Fortescue has also 'unsuccessfully tried to cut PNTS out of negotiations with native title claimants amid an ongoing dispute between the company and the land council over t	NA	Australian Financial Review, 28-Jul-06, pg 30; for a more detailed report see also 'Brand New Day' published in the AFR Magazine 28-Jul-06, pg 41.	