

Native Title in the News June 2010

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
2/06/2010	WA	Environmental groups attacked by Kimberly Land Council Chief	Kimberly Land Council CEO, Wayne Bergmann, has accused environmental groups of racism, accusing them of trying to turn Indigenous people and their land into museum exhibits. At the National Native Title Conference in Canberra, Mr Bergmann said that environmentalists were guilty of a 'new paternalism' by denying them the right to develop their landholdings.	<i>West Australian</i> (Perth WA, 2 nd June 2010), 32. <i>Australian</i> (Australia, 2 nd June 2010), 5.
3/06/2010	QLD	Native title deal finalised	The Girramay people have completed the registration of four Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) in Far North Queensland. The registration of the ILUAs brought into effect the native title determination made by the Federal Court of Australia on December 10, 2009. The determination recognised the Girramay people's non-exclusive rights over 16 parcels of unallocated state land, from Cardwell to Bilyana and Murray Upper area. The four ILUAs accompanied the determination and were developed to establish how respective rights will be carried out on the ground.	<i>Tully Times</i> (Tully QLD, 3rd June 2010), 5.
5/06/2010	AUS	Native title reforms	Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Macklin, is considering appointing a new commonwealth officer to check that native title agreements are sustainable and will benefit all Indigenous communities, including future generations. Aboriginal leaders have labelled the idea as 'paternalistic' and 'racist'; because it seeks to tell Indigenous groups how to spend money collected from their own lands. A discussion paper is available for download from the FaHCSIA website.	<i>Weekend Australia</i> (Australia 5 th June 2010), 8. <i>Australian</i> (Australia, 4 th June 2010), 8. <i>Australian</i> (Australia, 3 rd June 2010), 7.
5/06/2010	NSW	Native title holders accused of squandering compensation money	Native title holders who won the first native title claim on the Australian mainland have been accused of wasting the \$740,000 in compensation money they received from the NSW Government. Reports reveal the Dunghutti Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) is in severe financial hardship after losing more than \$545,000 last financial year, including almost \$400,000 in undocumented expenses, and more than \$115,000 the year before.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> (Sydney NSW, 5 th June 2010) 14.

Native Title in the News June 2010

<p style="text-align: center;">10/06/2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Native title agreement signed</p>	<p>Pilbara Traditional Owners and Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) have signed a land access agreement covering the entirety of the Puuti Kunti Kurrama and Pinikura (PKKP) native title claim area after more than 2 years of litigations and ongoing negotiations. PKKP Country covers approximately 6,567 square kilometres of land south of Karratha, WA.</p>	<p><i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Malua Bay 10th June 2010), 7. <i>North West Telegraph</i>, (South Hedland WA, 16 June 2010), 22. <i>North West Telegraph</i>, (South Hedland WA, 23 June 2010), 26. <i>Pilbara Echo</i>, (Pilbara WA, 19 June 2010), 16.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">12/06/2010</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">QLD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Cape Alumina in legal review</p>	<p>Cape Alumina has abandoned its \$400 million Pisolite Hills project. The move comes after the QLD Government last week announced the Wenlock River Basin would be declared under Wild Rivers legislation, giving it special environmental protection. The protection means mining will be outlawed in a 500 metre radius around the streams that flow into the Wenlock River.</p> <p>Cape Alumina chairman, George Lloyd, said the Government's decision to declare the Wennlock River a wild river had made the project unviable. 'The decision has been taken on purely political grounds and with no consideration for the future economic wealth of Queensland, the welfare of the Aboriginal people of Mapoon and Traditional Owners' he said.</p>	<p><i>Business News</i> (QLD 12th June 2010), 117. <i>North West Star</i> (Mount Isa QLD, 14th June 2010), 12. <i>Townsville Bulletin</i> (Townsville QLD, 12th June 2010), 81. <i>Border Mail</i>(Albury-Wodonga 12th June 2010), 42. <i>Weekend Post</i> (Cairns QLD, 12th June 2010), 3. <i>Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin</i> (QLD 12th June 2010), 117. <i>Canberra Times</i> (Canberra ACT, 12th June 2010), 7. <i>Australian</i> (Australia 9th June 2010), 3. <i>Sunshine Coast Daily</i> (Maroochydore QLD, 9th June 2010), 7. <i>Western Cape Bulletin</i> (Weipa QLD, 9th June 2010), 3.</p>

Native Title in the News June 2010

15/06/2010	WA	Native title dispute	<p>A native title dispute in WA has delayed a Woodside-led gas processing centre being developed. Woodside, the WA government, Kimberly Land Council and a group representing Traditional Owners of the Kimberly region have been negotiating for over a year. Negotiations with Traditional Owners and Woodside were stopped last Friday as advised by the KLC due to legal action brought against it by rival native title claimants, the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabbir people.</p> <p>A documentary entitled 'Momentum', produced by National Indigenous TV (NITV), premiered on Goolarri TV in June. The film explores the continuous fight over the proposed James Price Point LNG centre.</p>	<p><i>Northern Territory News</i> (Darwin NT, 15th June 2010), 15. <i>West Australian</i> (Perth WA, 12th June 2010), 4. <i>Broome Advertiser</i> (Broome WA, 10th June 2010), 3. <i>Broome Advertiser</i>, (Broome WA, 17 June 2010), 1. <i>West Australian</i>, (Perth WA, 19 June 2010), 17.</p>
18/06/2010	WA	Native title claim progresses	<p>The Esperance Nyungar native title claim has progressed forward after the Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) held a meeting with claimants to discuss a settlement offer from the Western Australia Government. If the offer is accepted it will mean that the claim, which was first lodged in 1996, will be negotiated with a view to obtaining a consent determination of native title without the need for litigation. The claim mainly affects Crown Land, also includes the town of Esperance and stretches to some land in the Shire of Ravensthorpe.</p>	<p><i>Esperance Express</i>, (Esperance WA, 18 June 2010), 3.</p>
21/06/2010	QLD	Sands of time tick down to save North Straddie	<p>Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh, announced that most of North Stradbroke Island will be turned into national park and mining will be phased out by 2027. Two percent of the island is currently national park, with mining leases controlling at least half. The only areas outside the proposed national park will be the existing townships, some areas of land set aside specifically for the Quandamooka people and a recreation precinct. There is an agreement with the Quandamooka people to negotiate an Indigenous land use agreement over the next 12 months.</p>	<p><i>Northern Star</i>, (Lismore NSW, 21 June 2010), 14. <i>Australian</i>, (Australia, 21 June 2010), 7. <i>Gold Coast Bulletin</i>, (Gold Coast QLD, 21 June 2010), 25. <i>Courier Mail</i>, (Brisbane QLD, 19 June 2010), 81. <i>Bayside Bulletin</i>, (Brisbane QLD, 22 June 2010), 1.</p>

Native Title in the News June 2010

23/06/2010	QLD	Traditional owners of local land recognised	<p>Isaac Regional Council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Barada Barna people, which covers nearly a third of the council's local government area. The MoU also covers sections of land in the Central Highlands Regional Council and Mackay Regional Council areas. The MoU is the first step towards finalising an Indigenous land use agreement (ILUA).</p>	<i>Miners Midweek</i> , (Mackay QLD, 23 June 2010), 3.
24/06/2010	QLD	Native title win	<p>The Ganggalidda and Garawa Peoples have been acknowledged as native title holders of Burketown during a Federal Court hearing. They will now be able to practise their traditional customs in some areas of the 5810 square kilometres of land and waters in Far North Queensland.</p> <p>The Traditional Owners negotiated with parties to develop two agreements which allow native title holders to practise their traditional customs whilst pastoralists continue to work on the same country. Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson, Thomas Wilson, said yesterday's determination represented an important milestone for the Ganggalidda and Garawa Peoples.</p>	<i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 24 June 2010), 5. <i>North West Country</i> , (Charters Towers QLD, July 2010), 13.
23/06/2010	QLD	Torres Straits Sea Claim decision to be handed down	<p>The decision regarding the Torres Strait Regional Sea Claim was handed down in Cairns by Justice Finn of the Federal Court of Australia. The claim was made on the basis that Torres Strait Islanders are one people; one society, whose members between them hold all the native title rights and interests in the seas of the Torres Strait according to traditional laws and customs. The claim is over a large area of sea, covering most of the waters in the Torres Strait.</p>	<i>Torres News</i> , (Thursday Island QLD, 23 June 2010), 1. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (24 June 2010), 6.

Native Title in the News June 2010

27/06/2010	VIC	In a battle that's far from black and white, a town's 'backyard' is to become a national park	<p>One hundred and fifty thousand hectares of new national park and reserve has been declared along the Murray River in Northern Victoria. The Barmah State Forest is the southern section of Australia's biggest red gum forest. It will become one of four new national parks and will be jointly managed by the traditional owners of the area.</p> <p>For the Yorta Yorta, who lost a long-running native title battle in 2002, the new deal is not just about connections to the land. It is also a social justice package that will bring about a huge shift in the people's social and economic status.</p>	<p><i>Sunday Age</i>, (Melbourne VIC, 27 June 2010), 1. <i>Shepparton News</i>, (Shepparton VIC, 30 June 2010), 1.</p>
-------------------	------------	--	--	--