

Native Title in the News March 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
4/03/2009	NT	NTCA discuss Native Title, medivac at AMG	The Katherine branch of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association held its annual AGM meeting last week. It was attended by people from the pastoral industry in the Katherine region. With possible native title resolutions, a number of stations in the Katherine region are expected to be affected.	<i>Katherine Times</i> , (Katherine NT 4 March 2009), 11.
5/03/2009	NT	Where are the mining millions?	Australia's Central Land Council (CLC) has failed to reveal to Parliament the details that were requested by NT Senator Nigel Scullion about mining royalty payments. In the last three years \$23.5million was paid to Aboriginal people.	<i>Alice Springs News</i> , (Alice Springs NT, 5 March 2009), 1.
5/03/2009	NSW	Tough but fair for land dealings	Developers wanting to do business on Aboriginal land in NSW will potentially face tougher but clearer conditions under proposed changes to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , (Sydney NSW, 5 March 2009), 5.
6/03/2009	AU	Aborigines told to swap land rights for new homes	Under the Rudd Government's controversial plan, Aboriginal people living in remote areas throughout Australia will not receive a portion of \$2 billion in new housing money unless they sign away their land rights for at least 40 years. NSW Indigenous leaders have called the plan authoritarian and insulting.	<i>Sydney Morning Herald</i> , (Sydney NSW, 6 March 2009), 8.

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10/03/2009	AU	Green light for Aboriginal deals	Aboriginal landowners across NSW will be able to initiate deals with developers and unlock the value in up to \$2 billion worth of land under major reforms planned by the Rees Labor Government.	<i>Australian</i> , (Australian, 10 March 2009), 4.
13/03/2009	QLD	Funding to develop Aboriginal communities	Representatives of Rio Tinto Coal Australia Pty Ltd were in Barcaldine to speak with the Wangan and Jagaligou peoples who have native title claims over their Balir Athol and Clermont mines.	<i>Longreach Leader</i> , (Longreach QLD, 13 March 2009), 7.
15/03/2009	NT	Cox Peninsula land claim on hold	Development of the Cox Peninsula and Federal approval of the Kenbi Land claim may not be resolved anytime soon, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has indicated.	<i>Sunday Territorian</i> , (Darwin NT, 15 March 2009), 2. <i>Northern Territory News</i> , (Darwin NT, 12 March 2009), 2.
18/03/2009	VIC	Delay in decision on native title	A decision on a radical revamp of Victorian native title has been delayed due to the Victorian bushfires. Cabinet is now expected to consider a confidential report in April, at least a month later than planned.	<i>Age</i> , (Melbourne VIC, 18 March 2009), 13.

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18/03/2009	QLD	Meeting for group under administration	Meetings will be held on Monday March 23, to cancel the constitution of a Hope Vale registered native title group that has been placed under special administration.	<i>Cooktown Local News</i> , (Cooktown QLD, 18 March 2009), 4.
19/03/2009	NSW	Native title claim on skate facility	Skateboarders at Brunswick Heads will get their own skate park as soon as a native title claim at the site is settled.	<i>Tweed Sun</i> , (Tweed Heads NSW, 19 March 2009), 68.
20/03/2009	VIC	Bid to resolve Howlong claim	Howlong's medical centre project is being delayed by an Aboriginal lands right claim that has been unresolved and apparently forgotten about since 1995.	<i>Border Mail</i> , (Albury Wodonga VIC, 20 March 2009), 21. <i>Border Mail</i> , (Albury Wodonga VIC, 19 March 2009), 13.
24/03/2009	VIC	Geelong Advertiser	The city of greater Geelong has called for possible native title claimants at the site of an extended Lara Shopping centre. The City Council is looking to change a portion of Austin Park from Crown Land to freehold title to facilitate the expansion of Lara's town centre.	<i>Geelong Advertiser</i> , (Geelong VIC, 24 March 2009), 9.

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26/03/2009	WA	LNG forum postponed	The Broome Shire has delayed its community forum on a planned Kimberley gas development in order to facilitate attendance by a greater number of stakeholders.	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 26 March 2009), 3. <i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 26 March 2009), 9.
27/03/2009	AU	Native Title Amendment Bill introduced	Attorney-General Robert McClelland introduced the <i>Native Title Amendment Bill 2009</i> (Cth) into Parliament last week. The Bill will give the Federal Government authority over the whole process of native title claims. The Government claims that this will ensure greater efficiency	<i>Lawyers Weekly</i> , (National AU, 27 March 2009), 4.

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31/03/2009	SA	Native title's big victory	<p>Traditional owners of the Flinders and Gammon ranges have been handed rights over 41,000sq km of land, in the state's largest native title claim. The Federal Court yesterday awarded the Adnyamathanha people non-exclusive rights over a vast section of the state's mid-north, including the Flinders Ranges National Park.</p>	<p><i>Advertiser</i>, (Adelaide SA, 31 March 2009), 15. <i>Dailey Liberal</i>, (Dubbo NSW, 31 March 2009), 7. <i>Herald Sun</i>, (Melbourne VIC, 31 March 2009), 10. <i>Northern Territory News</i>, (Darwin NT, 31 March 2009), 10. <i>Sunraysia Daily</i>, (Mildura VIC, 31 March 2009), 11. <i>News - Mail</i>, (Bundaberg QLD, 31 March 2009), 10. <i>Gympie Times</i>, (Gympie QLD, 31 March 2009), 6. <i>Daily News Tweed Heads</i>, (Tweeds Heads, 31 March 2009), 10. <i>Barrier Daily Truth</i>, (Broken Hill NSW, 31 March 2009), 7. <i>North West Star</i>, (Mount Isa QLD, 31 March 2009), 9. <i>Australian</i>, (Australia, 30 March 2009), 6.</p>
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