

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
1-Nov-06	NATIONAL	New licenses double petroleum exploration area in SA	Eight new licences have been granted to SAPEX doubling the area explored for petroleum in South Australia after concluding land access agreements with the Yankunytjatjara/Antakirinja native title holders, the Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara native title claimants, the Arabunna native title claimants and the Government. Seven of the licenses cover the Arckaringa Basin and the other, St Vincent's Basin. The licenses are 'clear evidence of the high level of interstate and global interest in exploring for oil and gas in SA'. Mineral resources Development Minister Paul Holloway said: 'before the Arckaringa Basin PELs could be granted, and pursuant to the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993, it was necessary to conclude native title land access agreements over the areas to be licensed'. He said 'all involved in this successful outcome should be congratulated...SA continues to lead the nation in attaining native title agreements that are fair to the native title claimants and sustainable for economic development projects'.	Mining Chronicle, Nov-06, pg 13.
1-Nov-06	WA	Praise for mining contribution	Resources Minister John Nowler has 'praised the contribution of Aboriginal people to WA's booming mining industry' at the Second Australian Aboriginal Enterprises in Mining and Exploration Conference in Perth. He said: 'it is widely recognised that employment and enterprise are central to achieving permanent improvements on the living standards of Indigenous communities and individuals'. He also said 'while creating a greater number of jobs, it is also important we create the conditions in which Aboriginal people can engage fully in economic development'.	Geraldton Guardian, 1-Nov-06, pg 7; Pilbara News, 1-Nov-06, pg 10.
2-Nov-06	WA	Nyungar council established	The Esperance Nyungars now have 'a united voice' through the Esperance Nyungar Aboriginal Corporation (ENAC) which has been established as a part of the 'Goldfields Land and Sea Council and will become a local organisation caring for the interests of the Esperance Aboriginal community'. The 'corporation will offer advice and assistance on housing, education and healthcare needs as well as working with local groups to promote Aboriginal [interests] through community and environmental projects'.	Esperance Express, 2-Nov-06, pg 5.
2-Nov-06	NSW	Sad day for land rights in the dead of night	The review of the NSW Land Rights legislation has found that it did not provide a 'democratic and representative structure for Aboriginal people in NSW'. The review was announced in May 26 2004 and since then the former Aboriginal Affairs Minister and Deputy Premier Andrew Refshauge has 'sacked the 13-duly elected members of the then state council of the peak Aboriginal organisation, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council' and appointed a taskforce to conduct the review. He was later replaced by Milton Orkopoulos and 'by this time the review was well underway with a massive consultation exercise undertaken by the NSWLA and to a lesser extent the government with the network of 120 NSW local Aboriginal land councils, the commissioning of numerous independent studies and the release of two issues papers.' 'After months and months of inaction and increasingly hollow promises of further government consultation. Orkopoulos walked into the NSW Parliament in the dead of night - at 11:05 pm on October 23 - and introduced a 90 plus page bill with a short second reading speech'. Liberal shadow Minister for Aboriginal affairs Brad Hazzard said: that is the Minister's problem and his government's problem: a lack of transpar	National Indigenous Times, 2-Nov-06, pg 3; 'New era for NSW land councils' Quirindi Advocate' 8-Nov-06, pg 22; 'Underneath the radar: the inside story of a major land rights victory' National Indigenous Times, 30-Nov-06, pg 5.

2-Nov-06	NSW	Talks begin on native title in central QLD	Talks have 'begun between 16 Queensland councils and three Indigenous groups on a native title deal covering an area of the state two thirds the size of Tasmania'. The beginning of the negotiations was marked by a ceremony in Bundaberg. Bundaberg Mayor Kay McDuff said that 'mediation was the best way to handle such claims. "we think an agreement can be reached which enables the peaceful coexistence of all interests in land, including native title rights, local government interests and the rights and interests of the general public".	National Indigenous Times, 2-Nov-06, pg 9.
2-Nov-06	WA	Piper joining Freehills	Chloe Piper has been 'appointed special council in the Perth office of Freehills, in a national role. Ms Piper has significant experience in native title and Indigenous cultural heritage matters as well as all aspects of mining, oil and gas and infrastructure developments'.	Business News, 2-Nov-06, pg 2.
2-Nov-06	NSW	Mourning the passing of an Aboriginal	Paul Behrendt has 'died at his home on the NSW north coast on Monday night, a day before his 67th birthday'. He was a Eualeyai/Kamillaroi man and has become 'a recognised expert on the Kamillaroi language, history and culture and recorded much of his knowledge for the archives at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies'. He was also appointed as a teaching fellow at the University of NSW and was involved in the Link-Up program that 'helped reunite members of the Stolen generation with their families'. He has also been 'immortalised in several books including the Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia and the Lost Friend'.	National Indigenous Times, 2-Nov-06, pg 12.
2-Nov-06	NT	NT land permit appeal rejected	The Northern Territory Government has 'refused to amend existing' laws which means that 'journalists covering court proceeding on Aboriginal land will have to continue to apply for permits'. A group of journalists had previously written to the NT government claiming that the permit system 'violated the principle that court be open to the public, with some hearings held in remote Indigenous communities where the media and public can be prevented from attending'. NT Attorney General Syd Stirling said that the government 'did not agree that legislative amendment was necessary'. He said: 'the NT's four Aboriginal land councils, which were responsible for processing permit requests, had assured the government any interests parties wanting to attend the court sitting on traditional land would be given permission'.	National Indigenous Times, 2-Nov-06, pg 9.
3-Nov-06	QLD	No satisfaction for rocker	Geodynamics has said that it has not received a reply from the State Government about two lease applications. The company 'which is trying to tap energy from hot underground rocks, had been offered the tenements in April'. In its quarterly report it notes that the 'delay might be due to "native title issues"'. Natural Resources Minister Craig Wallace said that he will 'work through the issues such as native title with Geodynamics'.	Courier Mail, 3-Nov-06, pg 83.
4-Nov-06	QLD	Cape still waiting for park status	Twelve years ago the premier Wayne Goss 'announced Labor would turn the state's largest rainforest wilderness on Cape York Peninsula into a national park'. Wilderness spokesman Lyndon Scheiders said 'it was time the government came good on its promise'. He said 'twelve years it enough. I understand native title issues take a long time but its time the Government and traditional owners worked this out'.	Courier Mail, 4-Nov-06, pg 33.
6-Nov-06	QLD	Agreement may open coast land	The council and the Port Curtis Coral Coast (PCCC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding which may open up 'land space in Tannum Sands...for residential and commercial use through an historical native title agreement with Caliope Shire Council'. Under the agreement, a 'portion of the blocks made available for development by the Queensland Government would be handed over to native title claimants'.	Gladstone, 6-Nov-06, pg 5.

6-Nov-06	WA	Indigenous apprenticeship quota	Goldfield Executive Director Brian Wyatt has said that a 'quota for Aboriginal apprentices in the mining and exploration industry should be set in the Goldfields'. He said: 'neither the Federal nor the State Governments have coherent, comprehensive visions for Aboriginal Affairs or the participation of Aboriginal people in the economy'. He said 'without engagement, without genuine collaboration, our lack of participation and the social problems that result will continue to worsen'.	Kalgoorlie Miner, 6-Nov-06, pg 5.
7-Nov-06	WA	Appeal slammed	Lawyer and human rights advocate, Irene Watson 'has criticised the State Government's native title appeal' saying that it was 'an example of the way Australia's colonial past still affected the way that Aboriginal people were treated'. She said: 'what are the possibilities of equality, when Australia's colonial foundation makes imperative the Australian Government's stake in retaining inequality and its oppression of Aboriginal people?'	Canning Times, 7-Nov-06, pg 4; 'Appeal attacked' Fremantle Gazette, 7-Nov-06, pg 3; 'Aboriginal lawyer slams title appeal' Melville Times, 14-Nov-06, pg 22; 'Appeal over title criticised' Southern Gazette, 21-Nov-06, pg 21; 'Native Title Appeal Slated' Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 76.
7-Nov-06	NSW	No support for land claim	A land claim lodged by the Forster Local Aboriginal Land Council 'has failed to win the support of Great Lakes Council'. Land under the claim is Unreserved Crown land (proposed road) located near the Nabic Aerodrome. The council rejected the claim because 'several privately owned parcels of land in the vicinity only have access to their property via the road'.	Manning River Times, 7-Nov-06, pg 5.
7-Nov-06	VIC	Land dispute still simmering	Property developer Michael Maher 'expects the controversial Convincing Ground land dispute to go to a hearing next year after the State Government places its plan for the site in the Gleneg planning scheme'. It was unlikely that the issue would be resolved through mediation with Planning Minister Rob Hulls intervening 'to finalise the contentious plan'. The plan 'blocks development on an area recognising the first recorded massacre of Aboriginal people in the 1830s and the Convincing Ground's whaling station'.	Warrnambool Standard, 7-Nov-06, pg 4.
7-Nov-06	NT	Aborigines appeal ruling	The Yankunytjatjara people are appealing a compensation test case which was dismissed by Sackville J in March. The claim groups are seeking 'compensation for the extinguishment of their native title rights and interests after the town of Yulara near Uluru, was built.'	Australian Financial Review, 7-Nov-06, pg 8; 'Appeal over Uluru tourist town' Courier Mail, 7-Nov-06, pg 12; 'Yulara compo on appeal' Northern Territory News, 8-Nov-06, pg 7; 'Aboriginal appeal failed in Yulara, Uluru compensation bid' Northern Territory News 16-Nov-06, pg 9.
8-Nov-06	VIC	Native Title consensus	After 'months of failed mediation' the 'Federal Court will hear the Gunditjmara Native Title Group's application to strike out the [Framlingham Aboriginal trust] from the decade long case on Monday'. The 'Gunditjmara Native Title Group and the state have reached an in-principle agreement recognising Gunditjmara native title rights and interests in most of the claimed land in western Victoria'. The agreement has been supported by the Commonwealth and a hearing date has been set for December 19	Warrnambool Standard, 10-Nov-06, pg 3; 'Dispute over land claim: mediation talks fail', Portland Observer, 8-Nov-06, pg 3; 'Native title case continues' Hamilton Spectator, 14-Nov-06, pg 2; 'Native title claim in mediation' Warrnambool Standard 29-Nov-06, pg 10; 'Native title claim continues in court' Portland Observer, 27-Nov-06, pg 5.

8-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Legal activism undermines our rights	Alan Moran, Director of the Institute of Public Affairs says that 'the adverse effects of "legal activism: are seen in Australian legal decisions on native title. The first of these, Mabo, was delivered by the High Court in 1992.' Moran said: 'in its legal adventurism, the Mabo High Court sought to prevent people from becoming concerned about the family home' while Wik 'sought to slice off another chunk of long-defined property rights.' According to him 'a further twist was introduced by a decision regarding native title to Perth by another militant judge, Murray Wilcox'. He said that the 'truth is that legal activists have tried to change property law in order to offer increased funding to Aborigines...these decisions divert Aboriginal people from participating in mainstream Australian economic activity. Many with Aboriginal ancestry see greater gain from pursuing title over other people's assets.'	Courier Mail, 8-Nov-06, pg 25.
8-Nov-06	NSW	Hill 60 to become public space	The Federal Department of Defence has offered the land at Hill 60, Port Kembla which is 'a site of significance for the Indigenous community of the Illawarra which was resumed by the Department of Defence for wartime operations in 1941'. Wollongong Lord Mayor Alex Darling said 'it is pleasing to see the department recognise this land is important to all local residents, but most particularly our Indigenous people, and follow through by making this offer to council.'	Wollongong Advertiser, 8-Nov-06, pg 11.
8-Nov-06	NSW	Coalition backs inquiry	During an inspection of the Nepean River at Menangle, the NSW Opposition environment spokesman Michael Richardson stated that the Coalition will commission an 'inquiry into the impact that long wall mining has on local rivers...if [it] wins the next election'. The announcement has been 'welcomes by the Friends of the Nepean River and the Northern Illawarra Aboriginal Collective (NIAC) Incorporated'.	Campbelltown - Macarthur Advertiser, 8-Nov-06, pg 8.
9-Nov-06	NT	Brough gives Tiwi monetary value	Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has 'given a monetary value for land on a remote island community north of Darwin, set to become the first in Australia to allow for home ownership on Aboriginal land'. He told the community that the 'islands would only get a new school if it agreed to a 99 year lease'. He said: 'this was because private investors would be needed to run the school and they would only sign up if there was a connection between the new school and 99 year leases' and that 'we are not going to spend \$10 million on something nobody owns'.	Daily Liberal, 9-Nov-06, pg 8; 'Town 'held to ransom' on school' Northern Territory News, 10-Nov-06, pg 3; 'School for lease row' Sunshine Coast Daily' 10-Nov-06, pg 14; 'Lease demand for Indigenous school raises island's ire' Ballarat Courier, 10-Nov-06, pg 13; 'Careful what you wish for: confusion and concern reign over Brough's land lease plan' National IndigenousTimes, 16-Nov-06, pg 3.
9-Nov-06	QLD	Plans to alter Act welcome	The Wild Rivers Act has been changed in order to provide a "balanced approach" promised by the Government. Cape York Council Chairman Michael Ross said 'the amendments went some way to allaying the fears of the Indigenous community but more were needed'. He said: 'we haven't finished our negotiations yet in the area of economic development for communities'.	Cairns Post, 9-Nov-06, pg 24.
10-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Report to clear the way for nuclear industry	The Australian government will release a report 'The Uranium Industry Framework' that 'calls for Canberra and the states to work towards uniform national regulations governing all exploration, mining and transport of uranium'. It is expected to reignite tension between Canberra and states such as Western Australia which bans uranium mining and nuclear activities by calling for all layers of government to work towards common "best practice" rules for the industry'. The report has been written by John White who is a 'prominent Melbourne industrialist responsible for the concept of nuclear fuel "leasing" - where companies mine uranium, convert yellowcake to nuclear fuel rods, export them overseas and then take back and store the nuclear waste'.	Age, 10-Nov-06, pg 3; 'Call for Uranian shake-up' North West Star, 15-Nov-06, pg 2.

11-Nov-06	NT	Renewed push for Territory Statehood	A Federal Government committee, 'at the suggestion of Federal Attorney General Philip Ruddock' is 'visiting Alice Springs this week to gather information on recent moves towards a second stab at statehood'. In its submission to the committee the Central Australia Aboriginal Congress said 'Aboriginal people made up a large chunk of the Territory's population' and that the NT government has failed to 'discuss an "acceptable constitution" with Aboriginal groups...adding that there needed to be a recognition of Aboriginal law and the protection of land rights to secure local support'. Committee chairman Peter Slipper said 'the question of statehood is a complex matter for the people and government of the Territory and the committee is conscious that many of these issues need to be worked through by the Territorians'. Issues on the agenda include 'industrial relations and mineral and uranium resource issues...along with the future ownership and management of commonwealth national parks'. Northern Land Council chairman John Daly warned: 'aborigines - who make up 30 per cent of the Territory's population - would continue to reject statehood until there were good faith negotiations with the NT Government over land rights, education and housing'.	Adelaide Advertiser, 11-Nov-06, pg 2; 'NT statehood is back: Ruddock returns contentious issue to national spotlight', Sunday Territorian, 12-Nov-06, pg 4; 'Indigenous support a must to move to statehood', Northern Territory News, 15-Nov-06, pg 7; 'History 'could repeat itself' on Territory statehood vote', 22-Nov-06, pg 10; 'Our statehood winds blowing' Northern Territory News, 18-Nov-06, pg 20.
11-Nov-06	NSW	Doubling pay in last days	Milton Orkopoulos 'more than doubled payments to an Aboriginal land administrator, Peter Hillig, providing him with more than half a million dollars'. Former NSW Aboriginal Land Council CEO and Darkinjung chairman Jeffrey Bradford said 'he had never seen such generous provisions in a letter of appointment'. Mr Orkopoulos' replacement as Aboriginal Affairs Minister Reba Meagher acknowledged that the appointment was 'controversial'.	Daily Telegraph, 11-Nov-06, pg 5; 'New Minister replaced Orkopoulos' Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 8.
14-Nov-06	NT	Aborigines appeal	The Larrakia people are appealing 'against the native title ruling that denied them native title over large parts of Darwin'. The Federal Court had dismissed the claim in April 'by nine Larrakia families over 575sq km of crown land in Darwin and Palmerston after finding that the 'Larrakia had not maintained a continuous observance of traditional laws and customs since sovereignty'. During the first day of the hearing NLC lawyer Stephen Gaegler SC said that the 'judgment had failed to deal with the concept of a "body of people united by a notion of custom"'. The Federal Government 'has made a last minute attempt to defeat a native title claim over parts of Darwin in what has been labelled a radical attempt to wind back native title'. It is 'intervening in an appeal by the Larrakia people to overturn the rejection of their native title claim over parts of Darwin. It is not only trying to defeat the appeal but also arguing that the original judgment did not make a strict enough interpretation of native title law'.	Sydney Morning Herald, 14-Nov-06, pg 2; 'Larrakia land claim appeal begins' Northern Territory News, 15-Nov-06, pg 4; 'Last minute bid to defeat title claim' Age, 22-Nov-06, pg 8.
14-Nov-06	VIC	Land rights link is lost	One of the last remaining fathers of Aboriginal land rights' "Hoppy" Mick Rangjari died November 12. He was 'one of the 200 Aboriginal stockmen and their families at Wave Hill who chose to return to the bush rather than continue as servants at the British owners station'.	Border Mail, 14-Nov-06, pg 6; 'Land rights activist fought for equality' Herald sun, 14-Nov-06, pg 13; 'Bushman Hoppy passes on' Warrnambool Standard' 14-Nov-06, pg 2.
14-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Govt axes two key research centres	The award winning Tropical Savannas Co-operative Research Centre (which coordinates environmental and Indigenous research across one-third of the continent) and the Australian Weeds Management Co-operative Research Centre 'have failed to win funding from the federal Department of Education and Science to extend their research programs for a further seven years'. Both organisations will be wound up over the next two years with no 'national science body to coordinate research into Australia's \$1.5 billion weed problem or to investigate new environment-based employment opportunities for Aboriginal people in northern Australia'. Opposition Aboriginal affairs spokesman Peter Garrett said that the loss the Savannas centre was "a tragic and short sighted decisions" that will 'further deprive Aboriginal people of opportunities to be involved in business enterprises based on sustainable land management'. Greens agriculture spokeswoman Rachel Siewert said that the 'government' decision to dump two of Australia' pre-eminent national research centres showed a diminishing commitment to good research'. Federal Agriculture minister Peter Mc Gauran said that it was a "simple fact" that not all applicants would "be su	Canberra Times, 14-Nov-06, pg 2.

14-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Canberra backs report clearing way for nuclear industry	The Federal Government has welcomed the recommendations of a report the Uranium Industry Framework, produced by a 'government backed think tank' which includes a 'two year plan to remove obstacles to uranium mining and comes just weeks before the release of a report by the Federal Government nuclear energy task force'. The framework 'recommends streamlining environmental and other standards as well as setting up a single national body to oversee the domestic transport of uranium'. It also 'suggests that access to land for exploration and mining could be improved through legislative reform.' The framework also 'urges greater engagement with the Aboriginal community'. Resources minister Ian MacFarlane says that 'while Australia holds around 40 per cent of the world's low cost uranium resources, we account for only 23 per cent of the world's uranium production'.	Age, 14-Nov-06, pg 7; 'Shake-up needed on uranium mining' Daily Liberal, 14-Nov-06, pg 11; 'Uranium 'shake up' necessary', Courier Mail, 14-Nov-06, pg 56; 'Uranium industry wants mining shake-up' Illawarra Mercury, 14-Nov-06, pg 21.
14-Nov-06	NT	Park owners' efforts rewarded	Traditional owners of the West MacDonnell National Park have been 'congratulated after winning an award for conservation efforts in the area' from the World Wildlife Fund as one of 'our top 10 protected areas under the National Reserve System'. Central Land Council Director David Ross said that the 'traditional owners deserved their award which was presented to them and the NT government by the WWF'. My Ross also 'called on the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough to follow through on the original agreement for the land and schedule the land for Aboriginal freehold title as quickly as possible'.	Northern Territory News, 14-Nov-06, pg 7.
14-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Expanding uranium report a gamble	Democrats Leader and Energy spokesperson Senator Allison said the Uranium Industry Framework Report 'recommendations were a gamble and leading Australia unnecessarily into the nuclear cycle'. She said 'Australia is fooling itself if it believes nuclear power is about to expand' and that the 'Government should be promoting nuclear disarmament not working to put more uranium on the market'. Senator Allison said that 'removing stable control over nuclear material transport would no doubt take away impediments the state might put in the way of high level waste storage'. She also said that the 'proposed 'information package' to Indigenous land owners is a whitewash'.	Media Release, 14-Nov-06, pg 1.
15-Nov-06	TAS	Aborigines are evicted from island	The Indigenous Land Corporation is 'evicting Tasmanian Aborigines off a Bass Strait island over which ILC has a lease'. This more is 'extraordinary considering the Tasmanian Parliament only last year passed land rights legislation vesting freehold to the island in Tasmanian Aborigines'.	Hobart Mercury, 15-Nov-06, pg 22.
16-Nov-06	QLD	Land resource partnership	The Burnett Mary River Group (BMRG) has 'established an agreement with the Indigenous Traditional Owner Working Group (TOWG) to improve natural resource management in the area'. The partnership will 'formalise communications between the BMRG and the traditional owners who members include the Butchalla, Bailai Djaku-nde and Jangarie Jangerie Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, Jlnibara, Kabi Kabi, Taribelang Bunda, Wakka Wakka and Wulli Wulli people'.	News Mail, 16-Nov-06, pg 4; 'Saving resources the goal' Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 71.
16-Nov-06	QLD	Park anger plan	In a public meeting at the Mount Isa City Council chambers, 'tempers flared' as residents 'tried to save their neighbourhood park and asked the Mayor Ron McCullough why 'outlying parts of the city were not being developed'. He said that the council 'could not expand outwards in many places because of native title restrictions'. He also said that the 'city's downturn was over and the council "had a job to prepare the city for the future".'	North West Star, 16-Nov-06, pg 1.

16-Nov-06	QLD	Waiting on the green light: for power and water at Lady Annie	Work to get power and water to part of CopperCo's proposed Lady Annie mine should start early next year'. According to Copper Co exploration and business development general manager Simon Pooley, the 'work fell under an ancillary agreement for a mining lease for transport which was signed with representatives of the Kalkadoon people, who are the native title holders, in early October'.	North West Star, 16-Nov-06, pg 4.
16-Nov-06	NT	We won't hand back contaminated land: Bishop	Under proposed legislation, 'Aboriginal elders may no longer have to be consulted before their land is turned into a radioactive waste dump under controversial new legislation'. The legislation 'could clear the way for Aboriginal land to be nominated for use as a radioactive waste repository without the consent of traditional owners...it will also remove the right to a judicial review or procedural fairness'. The legislation 'comes amid speculation that the Northern Land Council is considering a radioactive waste dump at the Muckaty Cattle Station in the Northern Territory'. Labor Senator Trish Crossin said the bill "would absolve the Government from any responsibility to traditional owners of a site". The Northern Land Council 'supports the bill saying provisions that stop a site selection being overturned - even if the rules about consulting traditional owners have not been followed - are not different from existing arrangements for certain mining leases'. It said that the legislation 'would simply stop green groups and other parties delaying developments'. However the Central Land Council says 'the legislation' diminishes the	National Indigenous Times, 16-Nov-06, pg 9; 'Bill set to cut traditional owners out of waste dump consultations' Age, 28-Nov-06, pg 2; 'NT nuke site plan blasted' Northern Territory News, 20-Nov-06, pg 2.
16-Nov-06	WA	RTZ-CRA Gumala sign \$60m deal	Pilbara iron-ore miner RTZ-CRA 'signed a historic accord with the Gumala Aboriginal Corp likely to be worth more than \$60 million, this week, 10 years ago, ensuring the group's entitlement to its rich Yandicoogina iron ore deposit'. A memorandum of understanding was signed by 'three communities represented by Gumala - the Bunjima, Niapaili and Innawonga people' which provides for the 'transfer of 26 000 hectares of land and aimed to preserve Aboriginal access to unused parts of the 30 000 ha mining lease'. Benefits from the agreement 'should take the form of community development, training, employment and business development'.	Business News, 16-Nov-06, pg 34.
16-Nov-06	WA	Nyungar group looks at farms	The Esperance Nyungar Aboriginal Corporation 'is preparing to take ownership of farms vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust'. It aims to 'involve Esperance Nyungar people in land management and heritage protection'. Chairman Allan Bullen said 'together with the reserves and the other land management initiatives, the transfer of the ALT farms to our control will help provide our people a platform for building a secure future for generations of Experience Nyoongar to come'.	Kalgoorlie Miner, 16-Nov-06, pg 5.
16-Nov-06	NSW	Fingal plan approached with caution	Plans 'by local Aborigines to enter a joint venture partnership to develop an upmarket housing estate on a 20 hectare site' near the Fingal town have been approached with caution by the Fingal Resident's Association. Under the plan 'some of the profits from the development which could be worth up to \$80 million will be diverted to the land council to help the Indigenous community become more self-sufficient and to improve other freehold land on the Fingal Peninsula granted under native title laws'.	Border Tweed Mail, 16-Nov-06, pg 10.
16-Nov-06	WA	Tiwest in landmark native title deal	Tiwest, producer of mineral sands and titanium dioxide 'has made a native title agreement with native title claimants north of Perth'. Under the agreement 'Tiwest' will provide apprenticeships, traineeships, work experience, create business opportunities and help develop a cultural awareness program'. Tiwest Corporate Services general manager David Charles said 'Tiwest and Yues people wanted to establish a new benchmark'.	Central Midlands & Central Coast Advocate, 16-Nov-06, pg 3.

17-Nov-06	NT	Centre's resources are in big demand	Applications for mining exploration have 'more than doubled in a year' reflecting a 'high demand for Central Australia's natural resources'. Central Land Council Director David Ross said 'commodity prices have gone through the roof, its as simple as that'. The CLC 'processes permit applications when companies want to explore on Indigenous land'.	Centralian Advocate, 17-Nov-06, pg 6.
19-Nov-06	NSW	Court action remains	The NSW Supreme Court has 'refused an application from the New South Wales State Government to strike out a compensation [claim] by Dorothy Lawson. He 'action followed a Federal Court ruling that in the case of Lake Victoria, west of Wentworth, Native Title rights had been extinguished...when the state of NSW sold the land to the state of South Australia'. She 'argues that...the state of NSW has had not carried out the requirements of the Aboriginal Protection Act 1909 which required the state to advise people at the time that their rights had been extinguished'. Justice MacCready 'agreed with Mrs Lawson's argument that to date the Federal Court had not yet addressed the question of the fiduciary obligation by the state to the Aboriginal people of the day'. The current Barkindji claim is yet to be registered.	Mildura Independent Sunday Star, 19-Nov-06, pg 1.
22-Nov-06	VIC	VNPA calls for Yorta Yorta to manage park	The Victoria National Parks Association (VNPA) 'wants the Yorta Yorta people to be joint managers of the river red gum national park at Barmah'. VNPA Charlie Sherwin said 'Aboriginal traditional owners in Victoria have been overlooked for too long...it is time to give real opportunities to the Yorta Yorta people by agreeing to the first ever jointly managed national parks in Victoria.'	Riverine Herald, 22-Nov-06, pg 2.
22-Nov-06	WA	Rock art wrong report	National Trust spokesman Robin Chapple said 'the Department of Environment and Conservation plan. Which set aside 60 per cent of the Burrup Peninsula land area for conservation was wrong'. He said that the 'Burrup peninsula Land Use Plan and Management Strategy only accounted for the northern end of the Burrup'.	Pilbara News, 22-Nov-06, pg 3.
22-Nov-06	NT	Permit plan	The 'time for public discussion about the Federal Government's plan to reform the Aboriginal land permit system has been extended to the end of February'.	Northern Territory News, 22-Nov-06, pg 5; 'Permits deadline' Centralian Advocate, 28-Nov-06, pg 7.
22-Nov-06	NT	Grote agreement paves way for head lease	Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough has 'hailed as "historic" an agreement signed by the Aboriginal people of Groote Eylandt, the Australian Government and mining and exploration company GEMCO'. The agreement was 'aimed at boosting economic opportunities and allowing home ownership on Aboriginal land on the remote Northern Territory Island'. The parties 'are now expected to work towards a town head lease over the town of Angurugu.. part of the Government's Aboriginal land reform agenda'.	Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 9.
22-Nov-06	NSW	Moratorium sought on river mine	A traditional owner of lake Cowal 'has demanded a moratorium on gold mines in the Murray-Darling Basin'. He and 'other Wiradjuri people are fighting with Canadian company Barwick Gold about its bore field on the north-east side of Lake Cowal, which he says is close to a Wiradjuri sacred site and internationally significant wetland'. He said "we are demanding a moratorium on gold mining at Lake Cowal to conserve the remaining water resource. Water is more precious than gold".	Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 30.
22-Nov-06	QLD	Mapping their future: wet tropics 'eternal project' is under way	Indigenous people from the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area in far north Queensland attended a workshop 'hosted and co-ordinated by the Aboriginal Rainforest Council (ARC)' to discuss the future of the project which was aimed to 'allow members of the 18 rainforest tribal groups between Townsville and Cooktown to take control of the protection and management of their own cultural knowledge and heritage'.	Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 13.

22-Nov-06	WA	Back to country: Northern Kimberly Coast natural, cultural values, assets documented	The final report of the Saltwater Country Project, funded by the Natural Heritage Trust and undertaken by the Kimberly Land Council and WA Department of Indigenous Affairs and administered by the Rangelands Co-ordinating Group (RCG) was handed over to the Agriculture and Food Minister Kim Chance. Mr Chance 'commended the important role played by traditional owners and said 'The altwater Country Project has provided an opportunity for these traditional owners to articulate their values on the natural and cultural resources of the region's coastal and marine environment, allowing for better planning and management in the future'.	Koori Mail, 22-Nov-06, pg 28.
22-Nov-06	QLD	Traditional owners given remote land	The Melsonby Aboriginal people have been handed back '11 000 ha Cape York property, including a 9000 ha national park'. Environment Minister Lindy Nelson Carr said 'this is a historic occasion where we are recognising the natural and cultural conservation values of this special part of Cape York'. She said 'we are acknowledging past Indigenous connection to land and making a positive move towards placing the ownership and management of a special part of Cape York in the hands of Aboriginal people'.	Cairns Post, 22-Nov-06, pg 10; 'Melsonby hand-over' Cooktown Local News, 22-Nov-06 pg 7
23-Nov-06	NSW	Land claim puts sale on hold	Six parcels of land in Lightning Ridge for freehold transfer are now subject to a claim lodged by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council. A spokesperson for the Department of Lands said 'all disposal action on the claimed lands has ceased pending finalisation of the claims'.	Lightning Ridge News, 23-Nov-06, pg 1.
23-Nov-06	NATIONAL	Australia can learn from NZ land policy	A new Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research Discussion Paper <i>Maori Land and Development Finance</i> outline a policy debate in New Zealand about how to 'balance development of Indigenous owner land against the need to protect distinctive cultural elements that are critical to the Maori landowners relationships with each other and with their land holdings'. This report coincides with the 'recent amendments to the Aboriginal Land rights (Northern Territory) Act in August 2006 [which] seek to advance development opportunities, arguably at the expense of the land owners' autonomy and priorities'.	Canberra Times, 23-Nov-06, pg 21.
23-Nov-06	NT	Aboriginal Cancer doubles near uranium mine	A study conducted by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies has found that 'cancer cases among Aborigines near Australia's biggest uranium mine appear to be almost double the normal rate'. The study also 'found there had been no monitoring in the past 20 years of the Ranger mine's impact on the health of local Indigenous people. Yet since 1981 there has been more than 120 spillages and leaks of contaminated water at the mine'. The study 'compares Aborigines diagnosed with cancer in the Kakadu region with the cancer rate among all Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory from 1994 to 2003'. The mine's operators, Energy Resources of Australia 'denied that people living in Jabiru and other communities near the mine were being exposed to abnormal levels of radiation'. Last month, ERA, 'which is majority owned by Rio Tinto announced it would extend the life of Ranger by six years to 2020'. The Northern Territory Government 'says the cancers found in nearby Aboriginal communities are of the type caused by lifestyle and not radiation'.	Age, 23-Nov-06, pg 4; 'Higher cancer rate near Ranger mine' Australian, 23-Nov-06, pg 5; 'uranium mine blamed for high Aboriginal cancer rate' Sydney Morning Herald' 23-Nov-06, pg 7; 'Cancer report spurned' Age, 24-Nov-06, pg 6; 'Cancer Link to mine rejected' Maitland Observer, 24-Nov-06, pg 9; 'Uranium mine 'no link' to cancer' Adelaide Advertiser, 24-Nov-06, pg 6; 'No Uranium cancer link' Daily Telegraph, 24-Nov-06, pg 15; 'Report claims uranium mine and cancer link' Northern Territory News, 24-Nov-06, pg 2; 'Dispute over uranium mine report' Sydney Morning Herald, 24-Nov-06, pg 2.
23-Nov-06	WA	Land and Sea Council staff revolt	Former Yamatji Land and Sea Council chairperson Wayne Warner said that that 'no no longer wanted to be associated with the Council because of what he called unacceptable management issues'. His concerns 'have been strongly echoed by at least 20 current staff members who signed a petition stating that 'the Employees are concerned about the loss of key and highly experienced operation staff and the potential for more departures if matters remain unresolved'. The petition related to a 'formal complain lodged by the Council's Principal Legal Officer Helen Lawrence' stating that she 'had very serious concerns about [the Executive Director's] performance'. Mr Warner said 'it was imperative the concerns of current and former staff members are acted on by the Governing committee," the entire future of the Yamatji people rests on the YLSC"'.	Mid-West Times, 23-Nov-06, pg 5.

24-Nov-06	WA	Goldfields Land and Sea Council celebrate their 22nd birthday	Members of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council will meet in Kalgoorlie for their annual general meeting 'marking 22 years of operation'. It was been the region's native title representative body for the last 19 years and was 'the only NTRB in Australia and the sole WA Aboriginal Corporation to reach the finals of the 2005 Indigenous Governance Awards'. Executive Director, Brian Wyatt said 'with GLSC support, Indigenous people are gaining an increasing role in management of vacant Crown land and conservation areas; gaining ownership of former ALR reserves and getting government reserves and other lands entrusted to their care'.	Golden Mail, 24-Nov-06, pg 19.
25-Nov-06	WA	Native Title rights won	The 'Miriuwung Gajerrong and Kija people have won exclusive native title rights over four community lease areas and shared rights and interests with pastoralists on pastoral lease land'. Kimberly Land Council executive Wayne Bergmann said 'the resolution of the claim shows what can be achieved by parties working together'. He said 'I acknowledged the leadership shown by the pastoralists involved in recognising the benefit of developing mutually beneficial long term relationships with traditional owners' and congratulated the 'Office of Native Title for their commitment and persistence in ensuring an outcome could be reached that satisfies the needs of all parties'. The native title holders 'have the right to live and camp' on pastoral leasehold land as well as 'hunting and fishing rights and the right to engage in cultural practices on the land'. They 'also have the right to make decisions about using the land in accordance with traditional law and custom'. Dr Henry Esbenschade Native Title Director of the Pastoralists and Graziers Association of WA said 'the pastoral industry is working towards understanding more of the operational effects so outcomes can be beneficial to both the native title holders and to the pastoral leases for a range of benefit	Title claim' Burnie Advocate, 25-Nov-06, pg 22; 'Native title grant in WA' Launceston Examiner, 25-Nov-06, pg 19; 'Native title granted' Sunday Mail Adelaide, 26-Nov-06, pg 28; 'Title granted' Adelaide Advertiser, 25-Nov-06, pg 19; 'Koori Kimberly claim a success' Coffs Coast Advocate, 25-Nov-06, pg 20; 'Native title granted in Kimberly' Cairns Post, 25-Nov-06, pg 22; 'Aborigines celebrate Kimberly land coup' Canberra Times, 25-Nov-06, pg 7; 'Native title claim' Courier Mail, 25-Nov-06, pg 11; 'Kimberly native title grant' Daily Telegraph, 25-Nov-06, pg 13; 'Courts grant native title' Geelong Advertiser, 25-Nov-06, pg 19; 'Aborigines win big land claim' Illawarra Mercury, 25-Nov-06, pg 9; 'Aussie watch' Queensland Times, 25-Nov-06, pg 18; 'Tribes win title' Sydney Morning Herald, 25-Nov-06, pg 10; 'Aborigines win rights over Packer land' Weekend Australian, 25-Nov-06, pg 9; Long-running Kimberley native title land claim granted' West Australian, 25-Nov-06, pg 9; 'Successful Kimberley native title claim a reality' National Indigenous Times, 30-Nov-06, pg 12; 'Native title a shared right
25-Nov-06	QLD	Native title deal for boom council	The Jagera people signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ipswich city Council 'that provided goodwill persists will result in an Indigenous land use agreement'. The Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapal people 'lodged a native title claim over 6000 square kilometres of land stretching from Brisbane to Toowoomba and Esk to Boonah'. Caroline Bonner Bray, spokeswoman for the Jagera people said 'this is just a small step in the right direction in building a strong partnership for the future'. Ipswich Mayor Paul Pisasale said he would 'use his position as chairman of the Western Region Organisation of Councils to urge other local governments to follow the pattern of negotiation'. The MOU 'sets out a framework for negotiations on the land under the claim in the Ipswich City Council area'. The MOU will 'allow negotiations directly between the council and the Jagera over matters such as infrastructure development and cultural heritage without going through the courts'. Ipswich Deputy Mayor Victor Attwood said 'despite the regions' growth boom, landowners, businesspeople and developers should hold no fears about the claim'. Under the agreement the 'Jagera people would help developers identify important sites and work out r	Weekend Australian, 25-Nov-06, pg 9; 'Ipswich claims a first' National Indigenous Times, 30-Nov-06, pg 12; 'Tears of joy' Queensland Times, 28-Nov-06, pg 6; 'Native title first claimed by Ipswich' North West Star, 28-Nov-06, pg 5; 'Historic pact on native title' Ipswich News, 30-Nov-06, pg 1.
28-Nov-06	QLD	Miners rush to stake claims	Four Indigenous land use agreements have been made for 'small scale mining and exploration over large parcels of country from the historic Palmer River goldfields to the tin deposits around Mt Garnet and Irvinebank'. The agreements 'come on top of one about to be negotiated with the Wakaman people at Chillagoe to allow for a major expansion of the Perth-based mining company Kaga Zinc's interests'. The company has also established agreements with the 'Gugu-Badhun and Bar Barrum people for the mine sites in the Mt Garnet area'. The latest small scale agreement is being negotiated with the Bar Barrum people in the Herberton area. The 'first small mining tenements on the Palmer River goldfields are expected to be granted before Christmas after the Western Yalanji agreement was registered in June'.	Cairns Post, 28-Nov-06, pg 8.

28-Nov-06	WA	Title claim nears a decision	A 'three year wait for the decision on the Wongatha native title claim north of Kalgoorlie may be over next month'. The Goldfield Land and Sea Council has 'received notification recently from the court to expect a decision in the week of December 18'. Executive Director Brian Wyatt said he was 'optimistic about a favourable decision from the court because of the substance of the claimants connection to land'.	Kalgoorlie Miner, 28-Nov-06, pg 1.
28-Nov-06	NT	Communities slam permit change	All the Aboriginal communities 'consulted on plans to scrap the permit system have rejected the proposal'. Central Land Council Director David Ross said 'people are wondering why it's necessary to fix something that has not been a problem' and hopes the Government is taking that on board.	Northern Territory News, 28-Nov-06, pg 5; 'NT permit scrap rejected' National Indigenous Times, 30-Nov-06, pg 12.
28-Nov-06	QLD	Native title fight: Isa mayor and MP at odds	Mt Isa has become 'landlocked with nowhere to expand'. Cr McCulloch said 'the State Government needed to take up the problem of a land shortage in Mount Isa and resolve native title problems'. He said that the 'State Government had the power to declare the land "essential" for public purpose and cut through red tape'. Mount Isa MP Betty Kiernan said that 'if the land was acquired for a public purpose, council could work through native title as part of the development process and the land could be sold'. She said 'it was better for councils to do urban development rather than the State Government because they were responsible for zoning, development applications and town plans'.	North West Star, 28-Nov-06, pg 1.
30-Nov-06	NT	brough blocks land-lease plan	Aboriginal Affairs Minister Mal Brough has 'rejected a plan by the Northern Territory's biggest Aboriginal community [Wadeye] to lease its own land in a move that would have seen the traditional Indigenous owners retain ultimate control'. In a draft land ownership proposal, 20 year leases were provided on community owner land, with an option to renew. However, 'details of the lease plan were at odds with the Government's changes to land tenure on Aboriginal-owned land'. Mr Brough said 'the commonwealth's preferred model was the most transparent, appropriate and economically viable'. Warren Snowdon, member for Lingiari and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Northern Australia and Indigenous Affairs said that Mal Brough wasn't 'interested in anything Aboriginal people come up with if it doesn't fit what he's already decided to best for them'. He said 'rejecting them hands down because their idea isn't consistent with the government's approach makes a mockery of the idea of partnership and that [the] community should be encouraged and supported in their initiative instead of being blackmailed'.	Australian, 30-Nov-06, pg 2; 'Town leases: just do it...myyyyy way!' Media release 30-Nov-06, pg 23.
30-Nov-06	NSW	Angels Beach development blocked for second time	A housing development at Ballina's North Angels Beach has been blocked for a second time. The NSW Land and Environment Court has ruled 'the development consent granted for the project was void and that no work should proceed'. Local Aboriginal Elders had 'opposed the development on behalf of the Numbahjing claim within the Bundjalung nation, on the grounds that the site was of high significance to Aboriginal people'.	Ballina Shire Advocate, 30-Nov-06, pg 4.
30-Nov-06	NSW	Keane welcomes land rights support	The 'father of Land Rights' Maurice Keane has 'welcomes the bipartisan support of the parliament for an improved version of NSW's most important piece of Indigenous legislation'. He said that the new legislation 'paved the way for the return of elected leadership' and that 'it is essential that the Aboriginal people maintain control of the peak body which is a multi-million dollar enterprise'.	National Indigenous Times, 30-Nov-06, pg 7.
30-Nov-06	VIC	Call to strip land councils' power	A report written by the Centre for Independent Studies <i>Indigenous governance at the cross roads: The way forward</i> has said that 'corruption and widespread dysfunction typify the running of Indigenous communities because there was no clear governance structures'. Author John Cleary said 'second rate governance has contributed to the dysfunction of 1200 remote communities in which 120 000 Australians are living miserable lives'	Warrnambool Standard, 30-Nov-06, pg 9.