

## Native Title in the News November 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
3/11/2009	QLD	<b>Native title dismissed</b>	The Federal Court has dismissed three native title claims affecting the Central Highlands Regional Council area. The claims by the Ghungalu and Kangoulu People were dismissed on September 1 due to failure to comply with directions orders.	Blackwater Herald, (Blackwater QLD, 3 November 2009), 6. <i>Morning Bulletin</i> , (Rockhampton QLD, 3 November 2009), 10
4/11/2009	QLD	<b>Missing link sorted</b>	Cairns Regional Council has agreed to acquire all native title rights over a small area of the Cairns Esplanade to create a reserve. Councillors were told the matter was a longstanding issue which came about during Esplanade re-development.	<i>Cairns Sun</i> , (Cairns QLD, 4 November 2009), 9.
4/11/2009	VIC	<b>Wait on native title claims slammed</b>	Australian of the Year Mick Dodson has called for a drastic overhaul of Australia's education system and native title legislation. Professor Dodson announced his concerns whilst delivering this year's La Trobe University Sir John Quick lecture at the Bendigo Town Hall.	<i>Bendigo Advertiser</i> , (Bendigo VIC, 4 November 2009), 1.
4/11/2009	WA	<b>Court rejects native title</b>	The Federal Court dismissed two native title claims over Dampier, Karratha, Wickman and Point Samson last week after the State Government applied to have the claims rejected. The claim was made by the Wong-goo-tt-oo people over these towns but was dismissed after the court ruled the claim could not be sustained in law.	<i>Pilbara News</i> , (Pilbara WA, 4 November 2009), 7.

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5/11/2009	SA	<b>Wilcherry Hill on target</b>	Ironclad's Wilcherry Hill project is on target for mining and production of iron in 2010. Recent drilling has revealed high levels of direct shipping ore at the site, north of Kimba. The company's in-house pre-feasibility study is on track for completion by the end of the year, with native title, heritage clearances and approvals currently proceeding on schedule.	<i>Eyre Peninsula Tribune</i> , (Cleve Sam 5 November 2009), 2.
5/11/2009	WA	<b>Native title negotiations winding up</b>	Years of negotiations between the State Government and Broome's traditional owners could be finalised by the end of the month paving the way for the expansion of Broome. It is understood that the package of native title agreements being negotiated will empower the Yawuru people, giving them authority in Broome's economic, environment and cultural development. Last week Yawuru man and Indigenous leader Professor Pat Dodson announced the Yawuru people had agreed to sign the native title agreement with the State Government.	<i>Broome Advertiser</i> , (Broome WA, 5 November 2009), 1.
7/11/2009	QLD	<b>Step closer to native title claim</b>	Two north-west Queensland Aboriginal groups have moved closer to securing a native title claim on a segment of land in the lucrative minerals field. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was this week signed between the Balarnu Waluwarra and Wangkayujuri people and Mount Isa City, Boulia and Cloncurry Shire Councils. The negotiated native title interest will require the creation of an Indigenous Land Use agreement for almost 24,000sq km in three local government areas.	<i>Townsville Bulletin</i> , (Townsville QLD, 7 November 2009), 15.
13/11/2009	SA	<b>Uranium fallout over native title</b>	Joint venture partners of what is expected to be Australia's next uranium mine are locked in a legal dispute over a native title agreement. Alliance Resources, a 25 percent stakeholder is accusing Quasar and Heathgate of exclusion while negotiating a native title agreement to possibly combine the Four Mile Project with Heathgate's Beverley mine.	<i>Australian</i> , (AU, 13 November 2009), 25. <i>Advertiser</i> , (Adelaide SA, 13 November 2009), 1. <i>Age</i> , (Melbourne VIC, 13 November 2009), 5. <i>Advertiser</i> , (Adelaide SA, 13 November 2009), 85. <i>Australian</i> , (13 November 2009), 22.

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26/11/2009	SA	<b>Karno's dreaming of recognition for his people</b>	The Ramindjeri people have lodged a native title claim over Kangaroo Island in a bid for recognition as the traditional keepers of the land and on Fleurieu Peninsula.	<i>Islander</i> , (Kingscote SA, 26 November 2009), 1.
27/11/2009	NT	<b>Top End town handed back to first owners</b>	One of the longest-running native title claims in Australian history has been settled by a township being handed back to traditional owners. Jabiru, 220km east of Darwin. The township will now be leased back to the Federal Government rent free for 99 years. It will remain part of Kakadu National Park. The native title claim was originally lodged in 1997.	<i>Northern Territory News</i> , (Darwin NT, 27 November 2009), 4.
27/11/2009	WA	<b>Telescope land deal</b>	Native title claimants have struck an agreement that will allow the world's most powerful telescope to be built on their land in Western Australia. The Wajarri people announced yesterday they had signed an agreement for the Pathfinder Telescope to be erected. The site is near the town of Meekatharra.	<i>Canberra Times</i> , (Canberra ACT, 27 November 2009), 7. <i>Border Mail</i> , (Albury-Wodonga VIC, 27 November 2009), 12.
27/11/2009	WA	<b>Native title fight</b>	A legal battle is looming between local Aboriginal groups over entitlements to a multibillion dollar port at Oakajee. The Mallard family, of the Nanda group, believe they have been unfairly left out of native title discussions. Bill Mallard said he had procured substantial funds to take legal action against the Naaguja claimant group. Mr Millard also claimed his ancestors hailed from the proposed Okakajee site and that he has historical documents to prove his ancestry.	<i>Geraldton Guardian</i> , (Geraldton WA, 27 November 2009), 2.