

NATIVE TITLE IN THE NEWS

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DATE	STATE	SUBJECT	SUMMARY	SOURCE
13/11/2013	Qld.	Mamu celebrate native title win	The Mamu people have formally been recognised as native title holders over lands in northern Queensland. The Federal Court Determination comes after the claim was first lodged in 2001. Mamu elder, Victor Maund, said securing native title rights had been a long journey. 'It's taken us all this time to get here,' Mr Maund said.	The Cairns Post (Cairns Qld., 1 November 2013) The Stringer (Fremantle WA, 2 November 2013) National Indigenous Times (Malua Bay NSW, 13 November 2013), 6
1/11/2013	WA	Agreement signed	The Badimia people in Western Australia's Mid-West have signed a deal with mining company Minjar Gold. The agreement is designed to protect Badimia heritage and allow traditional owners to receive a share of the profits of the mine.	ABC News (Sydney NSW, 1 November 2013)
1/11/2013	Aus.	Funding reinstated	The Federal Government has reinstated the Native Title Respondent Funding Scheme (NTRFS), a move that has been welcomed by pastoralists and cattle producers in northern Australia. The scheme offers financial support to assist landholders in responding to native title applications. The NTRFS was discontinued by the former Labor Government in January 2013.	The Australian (Canberra ACT, 1 November 2013) ABC Rural (Sydney NSW, 4 November 2013) Beef Central (Bulimba Qld., 4 November 2013) SBS News (Sydney NSW, 4 November 2013) Western Magazine (Dubbo NSW, 5 November 2013) Farm Weekly (Victoria Park WA, 10 November 2013) Tennant Creek Times (Tennant Creek NT, 22 November 2013)
3/11/2013	SA	Mirning people accept terms of claim	The Mirning people of western South Australia held a meeting to discuss the terms put forward by the SA Government to settle their long standing native title claim. The claimant group voted in favour of accepting the terms and the claim will now proceed as a native title consent determination.	West Coast Sentinel (Ceduna SA, 3 November 2013)

4/11/2013	Qld.	Moratorium expected on traditional fishing	The Federal Government is set to announce a moratorium on traditional fishing practices over parts of Queensland's Great Barrier Reef. Tourism operators and conservationists have expressed concern over the practices permitted under the <i>Native Title Act</i> (Cth).	The Australian (Canberra ACT, 4 November 2013)
6/11/2013	Qld.	Controversy over sand mining lease extension	Legal representatives for the Quandamooka people have indicated they may seek court action over a move by the State Government to extend sand mining leases until 2035. Queensland South Native Title Services Principal Legal Officer Tim Wishart states that 'It is our view that the passage of the Bill and the grant of any renewal of the mining leases based on the exercise of a power created by the Bill would breach the Orders of Justice Dowsett and the ILUA.'	<i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 6 November 2013), 3 Bayside Bulletin (Cleveland Qld., 14 November 2013) Bayside Bulletin (Cleveland Qld., 14 November 2013) <i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 20 November 2013), 8
6/11/2013	NT	'Short-form' native title process hailed a success	The Northern Land Council (NLC) has hailed the newly negotiated 'short-form' native title process a success after a number of native title determinations were handed down in Mataranka. The new process was negotiated between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments, the NT Cattlemen's Association and the NLC, and is aimed at fast tracking native title claims.	<i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 6 November 2013), 4 <i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Malua Bay NSW, 13 November 2013), 14
7/11/2013	Aus.	Fishing rights upheld in High Court	The High Court has ruled that a father and son were entitled to fish for abalone under the <i>Native Title Act</i> (Cth). The Narrunga men, Owen and Daniel Karpany from South Australia's York Peninsula had been charged with having undersized greenlip abalone. The ruling overturns an earlier court ruling which found that the men's native title rights had been extinguished by the <i>Fisheries Act (1971)</i> .	ABC News Indigenous (Sydney NSW, 7 November 2013) Herald Sun (Melbourne Vic., 7 November 2013) The Australian (Canberra ACT, 7 November 2013) SBS News (Sydney NSW, 7 November 2013) ABC News (Sydney NSW, 7 November 2013) <i>National Indigenous Times</i> (Malua Bay NSW, 13 November 2013), 7 <i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 20 November 2013), 3
12/11/2013	WA	WA Government acquires land at James Price Point	Aboriginal communities in Western Australia's north will receive a substantial benefits package as the State Government acquires land at James Price Point to develop gas fields in the Kimberley. Premier Colin Barnett confirmed the State Government acquisition, which triggers a \$10 million economic development fund and a \$20 million housing fund as negotiated with the Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr native title claim group. Meanwhile environmentalists and traditional owners have vowed to continue to oppose the development of a gas hub at James Price Point.	WA Today (Perth WA, 12 November 2013) 9 News National (Sydney NSW, 12 November 2013) ABC News (Sydney NSW, 12 November 2013) The West (Perth WA, 13 November 2013) <i>Koori Mail</i> (Lismore NSW, 20 November 2013), 9 Sydney Morning Herald (Sydney NSW, 23 November 2013)

13/11/2013	Vic.	Dja Dja Warrung sign ILUA	The Dja Dja Warrung People have signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the State Government, which they say is the final step in recognising them as traditional owners of lands in central Victoria. Chair of Dja Dja Warrung native title group, Graeme Atkinson, says the final agreement comes after years of intense negotiations.	SBS News (Sydney NSW, 13 November 2013) Brisbane Times (Brisbane Qld., 14 November 2013) Bendigo Advertiser (Bendigo Vic., 15 November 2013) News.com (Sydney NSW, 15 November 2013) Koori Mail (Lismore NSW, 20 November 2013), 14
18/11/2013	NSW	Confusion surrounding native title decision	New South Wales farmers have expressed confusion about the Goomalle native title decision, heard in the NSW Court of Appeal in August 2012, which determined that grazing licenses on Crown land are unlawful. The NSW Government has responded by introducing legislation which is set to be debated in the Upper House of Parliament.	ABC News (Sydney NSW, 18 November 2013)
20/11/2013	NSW	Councils consider position	NSW Councils within the claim region of the Awabakal and Guringai native title claim are to consider their position as respondents to the claim. The native title claim covers the entire Central Coast region as well as areas in the Hunter Valley and Sydney's northern beaches.	ABC News Indigenous (Sydney NSW, 20 November 2013) Daily Telegraph (Sydney NSW, 22 November 2013)
25/11/2013	Qld.	Native title in north Queensland	The Ewamian Peoples have been recognised as native title holders over lands in north Queensland. The two determinations cover more than 29,000 square kilometres of land south-west of Cairns. The determination comes 20 years after the claim was first lodged with the Federal Court.	9 News National (Sydney NSW, 25 November 2013) The Stringer (Fremantle WA, 26 November 2013)
27/11/2013	Qld.	National Parks handed back to traditional owners	Seven national parks in Queensland's Cape York Peninsula have been handed back to traditional owners following 21 years of negotiations. The 354,800 hectare area covers Cape Melville, Jack River and Flinders Group National Parks. The National Parks will now enter a joint management operation agreement between the traditional owners and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Services.	Herald Sun (Melbourne Vic., 27 November 2013) Brisbane Times (Brisbane Qld., 27 November 2013) Cairns Post (Cairns Qld., 28 November 2013) ABC News (Sydney NSW, 28 November 2013) Newsport (Port Douglas Qld., 28 November 2013)