

National Native Title Conference 2016



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Justice denied:

Winning the battle, losing the war.

The battle for economic independence and self-determination by the Wik and Wik Way people.

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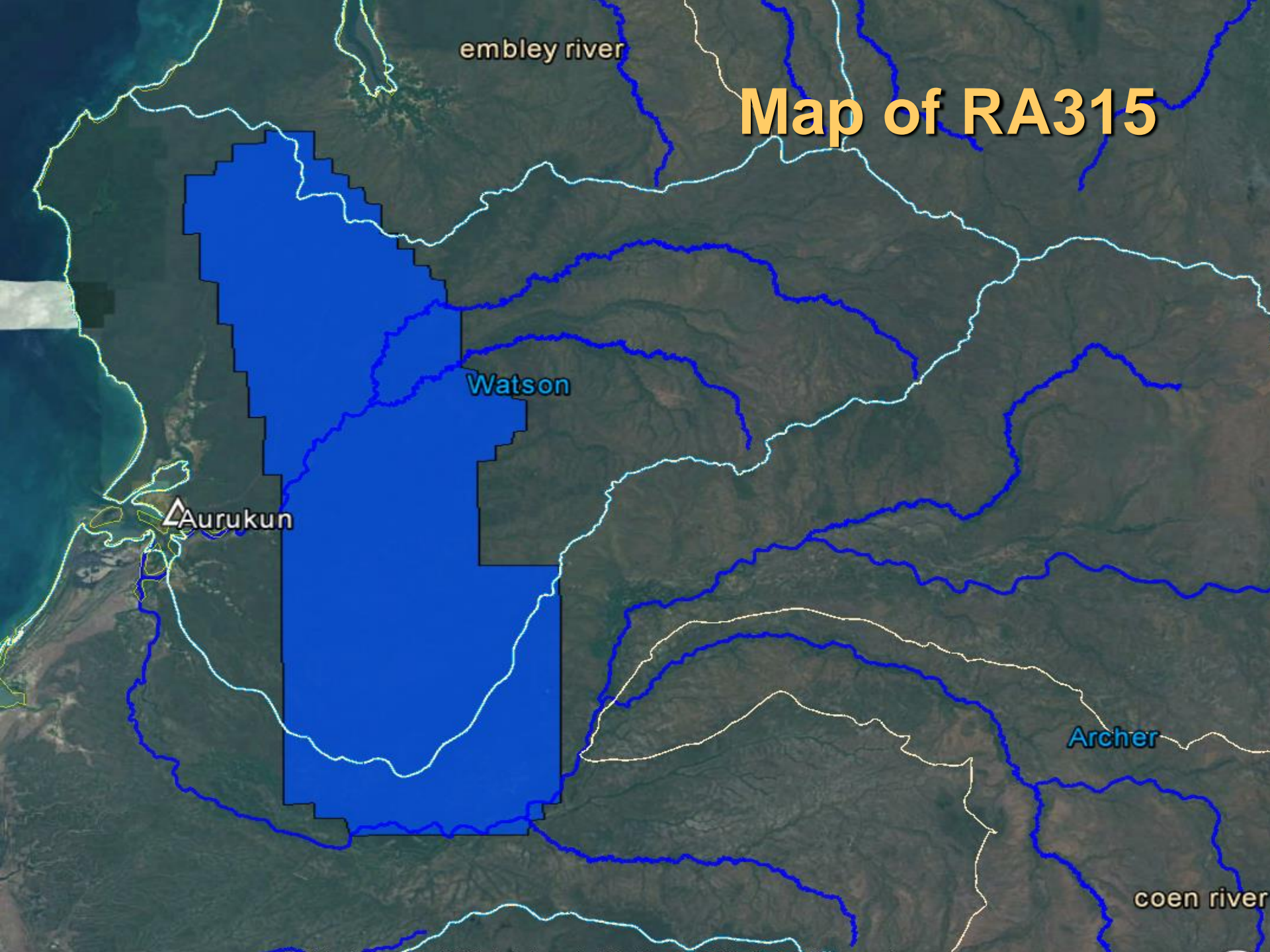


Background

Ngan Aak-Kunch Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (NAK), is responsible for 25,000 square km of land and waters – much of it is exclusive native title and Aboriginal freehold



Map of RA315



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Watson

Archer

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A history of lost opportunities

- Strategic warehousing of the Aurukun resource
- Introduction of the Aurukun Provisions
- Restricted Area 315 (RA315)
- Rights under the Native Title Act 1993
- Effect of the Aurukun Provisions



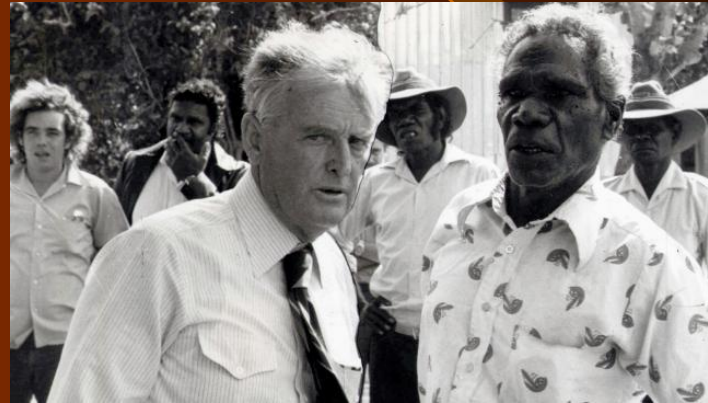
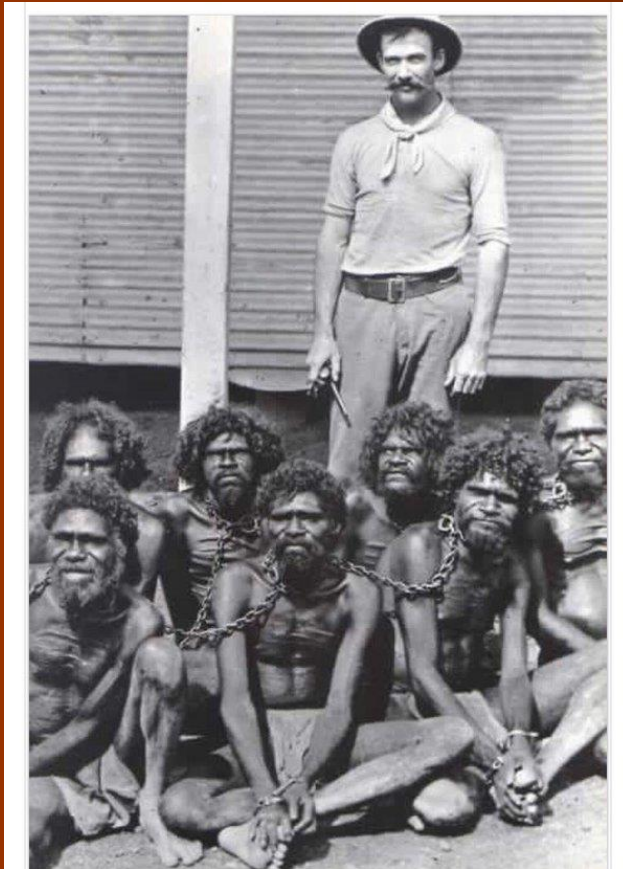
An opportunity to reset the agenda

- The two-key approach to securing project consent
- Joint responsibility and participation
- Progression from Landlord to Proponent
- Aurukun Bauxite Project ILUA
- Award of the tender to Glencore
- Aurukun Agreement



High Court Challenge

Aurukun Provisions and the Racial Discrimination Act



Legislative amendments

Mineral Resources (Aurukun Bauxite Resource) Amendment Bill 2016 (Qld)



The status quo remains

The Aurukun Provisions were removed but Glencore's appointment as preferred proponent remains in place

This is a disgrace when thinking of Wik people's fight, lost elders, there fight to sit at the table... all to no avail



Conclusion

- Two Key approach must be at the core of government decision making
- Native Title Act must work for Traditional Owners

