

## Native Title in the News July 2009

Date	Sate	Subject	Summary	Source
07/2009	VIC	<b>New framework for native title settlement</b>	The Victorian branch of the Minerals Council has welcomed the new native title settlement framework. Executive Director Chris Fraser said the Framework was a welcome step forward in resolving native title in Victoria and would facilitate agreement making between the minerals industry and traditional land owners.	<i>Australian Mining Review</i> , (National, July 2009), 4.
1/07/2009	WA	<b>Land access deed signed with Innawonga Bunjima and Iron Ore Holdings</b>	A native title agreement has been reached between WA company Iron Ore and Innawonga and Bunjima people covering the central Pilbara. The claim includes parts of the Karijini National Park and covers about 19,567sqkm.	<i>Pilbara News</i> , (Pilbara WA, 1 July 2009), 8. <i>Australian</i> , (National, 25 June 2009), 18. <i>Yamaji News</i> , (Geraldton WA, July 2009), 15.
1/07/2009	QLD	<b>Kuuku Ya'u people granted first native title agreement over Queensland seas</b>	Queensland's Kuuku Ya'u people have become the first Indigenous peoples to have their traditional rights recognised through a native title agreement. At a Federal Court hearing at Portland Roads, Justice Andrew Greenwood recognised the Kuuku Ya'u people's exclusive rights.	<i>Western Cape Bulletin</i> , (Weipa QLD, 1 July 2009), 5. <i>Cooktown Local News</i> , (Cooktown QLD, 1 July 2009), 8. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 9 July 2009), 8.
3/07/2009	WA	<b>Relief for native title claimants</b>	Nyungar Aboriginal Corporation Alternate Director has expressed relief after the town's native title claim, which mainly affects unallocated crown land around Esperance, successfully retained its registered claim status for the second time.	<i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i> , (Kalgoorlie WA, 3 July 2009), 5.

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3/07/2009	QLD	<b>Native title talks begin</b>	Talks aimed at reaching an agreement on native title have begun between the Pitta Pitta and Kalkadoon people and Councils in Western Queensland. The claim submitted covers an area of 30,090 sq kms.	<i>Longreach Leader</i> , (Longreach QLD, 3 July 2009), 7.
10/07/2009	QLD	<b>State leads native title</b>	Natural Resource, Mines and Energy Minister Stephen Robertson has said that Queensland is leading Australia in dealing with native title issues. As part of NAIDOC week, Mr Robertson announced that Queensland has registered more than 200 voluntary Indigenous Land Use Agreements, over half of the current number.	<i>Gladstone Observer</i> , (Gladstone QLD, 10 July 2009), 8.
17/07/2009	NSW	<b>Wiradjuri to make native title claim</b>	A vast area of central west land including Wellington, Mudgee and Orange has been subject to a native title claim. The Director of the Gallangabang Aboriginal Corporation, Wayne Carr, has said that farmers should not see this as a threat. Mr Carr insists the claim is primarily directed towards compensation to invest in enterprises, capable of lifting education standards, creating Aboriginal businessmen and women for the future.	<i>Mudgee Guardian</i> , (Mudgee NSW, 17 July 2009), 6. <i>Wellington Times</i> , (Wellington NSW, 17 July 2009), 3.
20/07/2009	NSW	<b>Native title claim on water reservoir</b>	Cabone Council has received advice from the Department of Lands that an Aboriginal land claim has been submitted for a two lot site located near Gidley Street Reservoir. The claim is understood to have been made back in October 2006 and is now being assessed by the Department.	<i>Daily Liberal</i> , (Dubbo NSW, 10 July 2009), 7. <i>Central Western Daily</i> , (Orange NSW, 18 July 2009), 4.

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23/07/2009	SA	<b>No Choice on Four Mile: ATLA</b>	Adnyamathantha Traditional Land Association (ATLA) has said that it has no choice but to enter into negotiations with the mining company Quasa regarding the Four Mile Mine in South Australia. ATLA Chairperson, Vince Coulthard said that the Association had very little choice and that Aboriginal people were disempowered, despite the Native Title Act.	<i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 23 July 2009), 7. <i>Roxby Downs Sun</i> , (Port Augusta SA, 23 July 2009), 4.
24/07/2009	QLD	<b>Land use agreements</b>	Tablelands Regional Council will enter into Indigenous Land Use Agreements with two groups that have native title claims over land within the region. The Council resolved to enter into agreements with the Mamu and combined Delabel Malanbarra Yidinji peoples to decide how the land would be used in the future.	<i>Tablelands Advertiser</i> , (Mareeba QLD, 24 July 2009), 10.
29/07/2009	VIC	<b>No reward for miner</b>	Reward Minerals has been dealt a blow, with the Federal Government refusing to overrule a decision blocking its Lake Disappointment Potash mine. In May, the National Native Title Tribunal ruled the planned Potash mine could not proceed. Shares in Reward Minerals plummeted more than 20 per cent on the release of the news.	<i>Border Mail</i> , (Albury-Wodonga VIC, 29 July 2009), 19. <i>Advertiser</i> , (Adelaide SA, 29 July 2009), 55. <i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 29 July 2009), 17.
30/07/2009	NSW	<b>Native title after 16-year battle</b>	The Wik clan in Cape York have finally been granted access to their traditional lands, after a 16-year legal battle and a 30-year political battle. Federal Court Judge Justice Andrew Greenwood formally recognised the claim by the Wik and the Wik Way people to 1200sq km of land covered by Rio Tinto's bauxite mining lease.	<i>Maitland Mercury</i> , (Maitland NSW, 30 July 2009), 6. <i>Australian</i> , (Australia, 30 July 2009), 3. <i>Cairns Bulletin</i> , (Queensland QLD, July 2009), 2. <i>Summaries - Australian Financial Review</i> , (Australian, 29 July 2009), 14. <i>Border Mail</i> , (Albury-Woodonga VIC, 29 July 2009), 6. <i>Warrnambool Standard</i> , (Warrnambool VIC, 29 July 2009), 7.