

Subject	Summary	Source	Date	State	Outcome
A community experience	Three years of negotiation finally came to a close recently when the Nyikina and Mangala People of the Kimberleys signed an ILUA with the Shire of Derby West Kimberley. The signing took place at Oonkalkada near Derby in the presence of the groups elders, community leaders and local school students. This ILUA was the first agreement in the Kimberley region between an Indigenous group and a local government authority.	Koori Mail, pg 33	30-Nov-05	National	ILUA signed
TOs become native title respondents on spiritual links basis	The Appo family have joined as respondents in the Mamu native title claim on the basis that Daradgee (Daradji) is a law ground and burial place visited and maintained by Yidinji people. If respondent status is granted it will be the first time that it has been recognised for spiritual reasons. "It's a strong, spiritual women's place where the old aunties and grannies come back and visit and there is a lot of love and caring and sharing for the old people" said respondent applicant Gerald Appo.	Cairns Post, pg 10	30-Nov-05	Qld	TOs apply for respondent status
Follow guidelines, says GLSC	Royalty payments made to claimant groups by mining companies have been causing division amongst the Indigenous communities in relation to how the money should be spent. The State Government has urged the Goldfields Native Title claimants to follow correct processes for settlements and openly promotes comprehensive settlements of native title claims. The Goldfields Land and Sea Council has urged claimants to follow its guidelines for the distribution of mining royalties but admits it has no power to intervene in disputes.	Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 3.	24-Nov-05	WA	Questions over allocation of money

<p>Indigenous community agrees to mining in Gawler Ranges</p>	<p>An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) has been signed allowing minerals exploration to take place in the Gawler Ranges in South Australia. A special signing ceremony took place at the Waltumba camping site near Lake Gardner including Attorney- General Michael Atkinson, representatives of the Gawler Ranges Native Title Group, the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy (SACOME) and the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM).</p>	<p>West Coast Sentinel, pg 2</p>	<p>24-Nov-05</p>	<p>SA</p>	<p>ILUA signed</p>
<p>Land Council backs nuclear dump for NT</p>	<p>The Darwin-based Northern Land Council (NLC) has backed a controversial bid for a nuclear waste dump on its island. Chief Executive Officer Norman Fry from the NLC also rejected claims from Democrats leader Lyn Allison that the NLC will receive economic benefit from three mines in the area in return for the endorsement. Territory Chief Minister Clare Martin also displayed displeasure towards the Federal Government saying they had foisted the proposal on Territorians without consultation.</p>	<p>Australian, pg 1</p>	<p>23-Nov-05</p>	<p>National</p>	<p>Support given for nuclear waste dump</p>
<p>Comments invited to help 'fine-tune' native title act</p>	<p>Attorney-General Philip Ruddock has announced that a discussion paper setting out proposals to fine-tune the operation of the Native Title Act has been released. Stakeholders are invited to comment on the technical amendments within the next eight weeks, and welcome further suggestions for amendment. Mr Ruddock also said that these amendments were aimed at achieving better outcomes for all parties involved and was not a mechanism in which to minimise native title rights.</p>	<p>Media Release</p>	<p>22-Nov-05</p>	<p>ACT</p>	<p>Act to be amended</p>

<p>Feds rein in royalty cash to councils</p>	<p>If amendments occur to the Land Rights Act, the Central Land Council (CLC) may lose its core funding due to the implementation of a performance based system. At present, the CLC predominately fund themselves through mining royalties. The new arrangements will see financial benefits reduced by more than 50 per cent. CLC Director David Ross expressed disappointment at the change in funding procedures, however stated that the mining and exploration process would be streamlined.</p>	<p>Centralian Advocate, pg 6</p>	<p>22-Nov-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>Change to funding process</p>
<p>Worimi dispute enters Federal Court</p>	<p>Traditional owners are attempting to block the sale of land owned by the Worimi Aboriginal Land Council. Worimi man Gary Dates says that the land is a sacred women's site and should be vested in the living female descendants of the Worimi people.</p>	<p>Newcastle Herald, pg 14</p>	<p>18-Nov-05</p>	<p>NSW</p>	<p>Worimi TOs take land council to court</p>
<p>NT Land Rights Act reforms</p>	<p>Changes to the Land Rights Act will include: legislating to dismiss various claims; restrictions on royalty expenditure and installing the Commonwealth Office of Evaluation and Audit as watchdog; the transfer of some decision-making powers from the Commonwealth to the Territory Government; and a system to establish transferable leases on Aboriginal land.</p>	<p>Northern Territory News, pg 4</p>	<p>18-Nov-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>NT ALRA reforms process underway</p>

<p>Kooris to be consulted re. Shell Cove marina</p>	<p>A month after Traditional Owners went to the Land and Environment Court and failed to prevent development approval of the South Shellharbour Beach they have been invited to participate in consultation re. the heritage values of the area. Shell Cove project director Glenn Colquhoun said that previous investigations had shown that the key Aboriginal heritage areas were shell middens to the south of the development area that were already protected. However, the legal advocate for the protestors said that the area was also home to burials, reburials and a ceremonial site. "We will be keeping a close scrutiny of the process and if natural justice or procedural justice is denied, we will seriously consider returning to the Land and Environment Court" he said.</p>	<p>Illawarra Mercury, pg 14</p>	<p>17-Nov-05</p>	<p>NSW</p>	<p>Kooris will be consulted over Shell Cove marina development.</p>
<p>NSW Land rights up for review</p>	<p>NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Milton Orkopoulos announced that Indigenous leader Professor Jack Beeton and former National Party MP Wendy Machin will facilitate the consultation process of the Land Rights Act review. A review of the Act is due to be completed next year.</p>	<p>Coffs Coast Advocate, pg 9; Koori Mail, pg 28 (16-11-05); Narrabri Courier, pg 7 (15-11-05); Armidale Independent, pg 17 (16-11-05); Mt Druit St Marys Standard, pg 11 (16-11-05)</p>	<p>16-Nov-05</p>	<p>NSW</p>	<p>Review of NSW ALRA begins.</p>

Controversy over Naurungga claim	The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement has denied claims that it sold out the Naurungga people by negotiating an Indigenous Land Use Agreement despite the objections of some TOs. ALRM CEO Paddy Agius said that the Naurungga people were properly consulted and that they received far more than they would have had the claim proceeded to court. However, claimants Irene and Quentin Agius claim that they expected to participate in a mediation process that never eventuated to address their 18 objections to the terms of the ILUA.	Koori Mail, pg 28	16-Nov-05	SA	Naurungga claim controversy
MBAV warns of heritage costs	The Victorian Master Builders Association has warned that assessing building sites for Aboriginal cultural significance will add \$2000 to the cost of the average new home.	North West Property News, pg 2	14-Nov-05	VIC	Heritage surveys to increase building costs.
Work begins on Broome development	Work has begun on a new housing estate in Broome. The land release was made possible after negotiations between Rubibi native title claimants and the State Government. The project includes an environmental corridor running between Reid and Gubinge Rds. Significant cultural areas will be preserved and maintained by the traditional owners.	Broome Advertiser, pg 4	10-Nov-05	WA	Development goes ahead in Broome
Denying heritage status to Tent Embassy a flawed decision	The Australia Institute, a leftwing think-tank, has said that the decision of Federal Minister to overrule a recommendation from his own advisory board and not include the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the Commonwealth Heritage List is flawed. "Once again, the Minister has politicised the listing process...This is the culture wars in action" said Australia Institute spokesman Andrew Macintosh. Aboriginal elder and Embassy resident Neville Chappie Williams said "We'll see where we go from here but we're going to stay and fight to the end".	National Indigenous Times, pg 10	10-Nov-05	ACT	Tent Embassy refused heritage protection

NT Senator pressured to oppose n-dump	Traditional owners from Harts Range and Mt Everard are pressuring Country Liberal Party Federal Coalition Senator Nigel Scullion to cross the floor and vote against Federal Government plans to build a nuclear waste dump at one of three locations in the NT. "We don't want a nuclear waste dump in our backyard" said Mt Everard TO Benedict Stevens. Science Minister Brendan Nelson refused to meet with TOs who travelled to Canberra to voice their objections.	Canberra Times, pg 5; Labor Media Release, pg 61 (7-11-05)	08-Nov-05	NT	TOs object to proposed n-dump sites
New advocacy group for Goldfields: WA	A new advocacy group, the Northern Goldfield's Regional Aboriginal Council, has been formed in the wake of ATSIC's abolition. The group will lobby State and Federal Governments for better health, education, training and employment services for Aboriginal people.	Kalgoorlie Miner, pg 4	08-Nov-05	WA	Goldfields advocacy group established
NSW Govt seeks nominations for Indigenous Cultural Heritage Advisory Board	A new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee that will advise the Minister for Environment and Conservation on the identification, assessment and management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in NSW will be established and the Department is seeking nominations for members to be drawn from NSW Land Councillors, Elders, native title claimants and Aboriginal owners.	Wollondilly Advertiser, pg 12	08-Nov-05	NSW	New Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Board in pipeline
NWNCAC slams draft Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Bill	The exposure draft of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Bill is a "missionary, welfare piece of legislation and should not see the light of day until it is done right" says North West Nations Clans deputy chair Gary Murray. If passed, the Bill will allow for the establishment of a Government appointed Aboriginal Advisory Council, introduce a lot more red tape and lead to litigation said Mr Murray. The Bill is available on request from Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.	Sunraysia Daily, pg 15; Swan Hill Guardian, pg 5 (9-11-05); Sunraysia Daily, pg 8 (12 Nov 05)	05-Nov-05	VIC	New Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Bill drafted

Veterans, TOs hold talks	Traditional owners have agreed to enter into negotiations with Vietnam Veterans squatting on Kalpower Station. "This is a significant gesture of goodwill on the part of the traditional owners and I believe it should be received as such by the ...veterans" said Qld Premier Beattie.	Koori Mail, pg 4; Cooktown Local News, pg 16	02-Nov-05	QLD	TOs will negotiate with veterans
AP Land changes now law	Changes to governance arrangements of Anagu Pitjantjatjara Lands, including procedures for electing council chairman, have been passed by the SA Parliament and are now law despite vociferous opposition from many traditional owners and calls from Anagu chairman Yami Lester for the SA Premier to resign.	Koori Mail, pg 11	02-Nov-05	SA	APY governance changes now law
NTRBs wary of NT Review	Various NTRBs have expressed concern re. the make up of the Review of the Native Title System's steering committee and the reporting timeframe. ALRM Chairman Paddy Agius said "I hope our fears are misplaced". Goldfield's Land and Sea Council CEO Brian Wyatt said "Native title is about the rights of Aboriginal people, but Aboriginal people and their land are treated as expendable incidentals in this review structure".	Koori Mail, pg 14	02-Nov-05	Federal	Review process worries NTRBs
ILUA paves way for gypsum operation	Mining company Zinaback Pty Ltd have recently registered an ILUA with the Maiawali and Karawali people of Central-Western Queensland. The ILUA allows Zinaback to mine a 104-hectare area south-west of Winton, while providing compensation to the traditional owners. For mining to continue, it was essential for the agreement to be made as the existing lease was due for expiry. This agreement was also the first time Zinaback had taken part in the native title process in the seven years it had operated in central Queensland.	Quarry, pg 10	01-Nov-05	National	Registered ILUA

Traditional Owners support nuclear waste dump	<p>The Northern Land Council have announced that, following a week-long meeting, traditional owners have voted unanimously to nominate a site for the proposed nuclear waste dump. Traditional owners from the Central Land Council region meanwhile have steadfastly opposed Federal Government plans to build the dump in their lands.</p>	<p>North Queensland Register, pg 12</p>	<p>27-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>NLC bid for n-dump</p>
Islands to be handed back	<p>Most of the islands in the Gulf of Carpentaria will be handed back to traditional owners 28 years after a land claim was lodged. Senator Vanstone will recommend the grant of land, but the handover is still subject to the approval of the Governor-General.</p>	<p>Northern Territory News, pg 5; Federal Govt Media Release, pg 5; Katherine Times, pg 2 (9-11-05); Koori Mail, pg 12 (16-11-05)</p>	<p>07-Oct-05</p>	<p>NT</p>	<p>Islands returned to TOs</p>