

Native Title in the News October 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
1/10/2009	NSW	Native title delays SA's Four Mile mine	Australia's fifth uranium mine has been delayed because of a hitch in a native title agreement. The scheduled commissioning has been delayed until April next year or beyond. Primary Industry Resources SA (PIRSA) has requested more information about the native title agreement covering the mine area, about 550km north of Adelaide.	<i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 1 October 2009), 12.
10/10/2009	NSW	Wiradjuri Barrick Gold	Wiradjuri Aboriginal people have a native title agreement with Barrick Gold, which was negotiated during the development of the Cowal gold mine. It has led to the establishment of the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation (WCC), the agreement includes recourses for funding educational and training programs which ensures the local Wiradjuri benefit from the mining.	<i>Daily Advertiser</i> , (Wagga Wagga NSW, 10 October 2009), 28.
21/10/2009	WA	Pilbara anger at High Court dismissal of native title appeal	A recent decision by the High Court of Australia to dismiss an appeal by Pilbara traditional owners against mining company Fortescue Metals Group (FMG) has been criticised by native title representatives. According to native title representative body Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation the decision could potentially disenfranchise thousands of Indigenous people across the nation. The appeal was put forward in anticipation of an FMG mining application, encompassing 4320 hectares in the west Pilbara.	<i>North West Telegraph</i> , (South Hedland WA, 21 October 2009), 16. <i>Barrier Daily truth</i> , (Broken Hill NSW, 16 October 2009), 7. <i>National Indigenous Times</i> , (Malua Bay NSW, 29 October 2009), 7.

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23/10/2009	QLD	Native title win on Cape	<p>The Kowanyama community has become the third Aboriginal group to get a native title determination in Cape York this year. Justice Andrew Greenwood of the Federal Court recognised the Kowanyama People's exclusive native title rights to 2518sq km of land, about 460km north west of Cairns. The Kowanyama people will also be recognised as holding non-exclusive rights over 213sq km of sea, beach and tidal areas.</p>	<p><i>Cairns Post</i>, (Cairns QLD, 23 October 2009), 10. <i>Courier Mail</i>, (Brisbane QLD, 23 October 2009), 5. <i>Australia</i>, (AU, 22 October 2009), 8. <i>Cooktown Local News</i>, (Cooktown QLD, 29 October 2009), 7. <i>National Indigenous Times</i>, (Malua Bay NSW, 29 October 2009), 9.</p>
28/10/2009	NSW	Native title agreement	<p>Dirk Hartog Island, the site of the first recorded European landing on Australian soil, will become a national park after a native title agreement was struck between local Indigenous communities and the West Australian Government. Environment Minister Donna Faragher said yesterday that making almost the entire 63,000ha of island into a national park would allow the Malgana people to engage in its ongoing management and conservation.</p>	<p><i>Newcastle Herald</i>, (Newcastle NSW, 28 October 2009), 20. <i>Courier Mail</i>, (Brisbane QLD, 28 October 2009), 18. <i>Age</i>, (Melbourne VIC, 28 October 2009), 10. <i>Advertiser</i>, (Adelaide, 28 October 2009), 24. <i>Bendigo Advertiser</i>, (Bendigo VIC, 28 October 2009), 15. <i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i>, (Kalgoorlie WA, 28 October 2009), 4.</p>
30/10/2009	NT	New Indigenous housing deals	<p>The State Government is negotiating 40-years leases with Indigenous land holders to improve the roll-out of the Commonwealth's Indigenous housing program. The delivery of remote housing is faced with many issues and complexities ranging from native title to infrastructure. The Indigenous Land and Infrastructure Program Office had been set up to facilitate the delivery of 1114 new or refurbished houses in disadvantage communities over the next nine years.</p>	<p><i>Courier Mail</i>, (Brisbane QLD, 30 October 2009), 23. <i>National Indigenous Times</i>, (Malua Bay NSW, 29 October 2009), 7.</p>

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<p>10/2009</p>	<p>WA</p>	<p>Native title approval paves the way for junior explorer</p>	<p>WA-based Hemisphere Resources was given the green light for its Yandigoogina South iron project in early October following lengthy, but ultimately successful, native title negotiations. Following the approval, Hemisphere Resources would proceed with implementing drilling programs at Yandicoogina South as soon as the relevant permits were granted.</p>	<p><i>Australian Mining Review, (AU, 2009).</i></p>
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