

## Native Title in the News September 2009

Date	State	Subject	Summary	Source
1/09/2009	QLD	<b>Elder angry her people left out of dam talks</b>	The Gubbi Gubbi Aboriginal people have criticised the State Government's handling of pay-outs and preliminary work for the proposed \$1.5 billion Traveston Crossing Dam near Gympie. The community has accused the Government of disenfranchising their people by bypassing certain parts of the native title process.	<i>Courier Mail</i> , Brisbane QLD, 1 September 2009), 18.
2/09/2009	WA	<b>Rio in row over land-use deal</b>	Rio Tinto's plan on widening its Pilbara iron-ore operations might be stalled due to issues with native title holders from the Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation (NAC). Paul Hates, Chief Executive at NAC stated that Rio has breached its initial agreement by not paying money owing, despite stating that upfront payment would be made.	<i>Summaries - Australian Financial Review</i> , (National AU, 2 September 2009), 5.
3/09/2009	NSW	<b>Githabul divided over use of native title land</b>	After fighting to stop the Repco Rally, Githabul custodian Doug Williams will now perform a welcome ceremony at the event's launch. Mr Williams said that there is no official agreement in existence between the rally organisers and the Githabul people for the use of the land which is subject to a native title claim.	<i>Northern Star</i> , (Lismore NSW, 3 September 2009), 5. <i>Daily News Tweed Heads</i> , (Tweed Heads NSW, 1 September 2009), 2.
5/09/2009	NSW	<b>Mines get the all clear</b>	Barrick's Cowal Gold Mine has successfully appealed a New South Wales Land and Environment Court decision which had prevented the mine from being extended and modifications to its operations. Wiradjuri Elder and CEO of the Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Percy Knight welcomed the appeal court ruling. He said that their native title agreement with the Cowal Gold Mine is delivering real benefits to the Wiradjuri community.	<i>Forbes Advocate</i> , (Forbes NSW, 5 September 2009), 3. <i>Daily Advertiser</i> , (Wagga Wagga NSW, 4 September 2009), 1.

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5/09/2009	VIC	<b>Lack of funding slows native title resolutions</b>	Victorian Deputy Premier Rob Hulls said Victorian efforts to establish a new framework to resolve a backlog of native title claims was being hampered. He voiced his view that the Federal Government is turning its back on native title. The Federal Attorney-General's Department, however, is blaming the economic crisis.	<i>Hamilton Spectator</i> , (Hamilton VIC, 5 September 2009), 13.
12/09/2009	WA	<b>GLSC urges govts to try settlement</b>	The Goldfields Land and Sea Council is urging State and Federal Governments to consider redirecting funds from native title litigation processes to settling claims by agreement. The comments came after the State Government expressed its disappointment at a Federal Government decision to withhold a new native title funding agreement that would underline a cost-sharing arrangement for broader, more flexible native title settlements.	<i>Kalgoorlie Miner</i> , (Kalgoorlie WA, 12 September 2009), 13.
16/09/2009	WA	<b>Atlas signs native title mining agreement</b>	Mining company Atlas Iron has recently signed an important native title mining agreement with the Pilbara's Kariyarra people. The agreement will enable iron ore mining to proceed over the Kariyarra claim area covering approximately 17 052 square kilometres of land and sea. Atlas Managing Director David Flanagan said it was a great result and that the company looked forward to working with the Kariyarra people for many years to come.	<i>North West Telegraph</i> , (South Headland WA, 16 September 2009), 16. <i>Mining Chronicle</i> , (National AU, October 2009), 10.
16/09/2009	AU	<b>Laws aim to speed native title claims</b>	Native title claims are expected to be processed more efficiently under new laws passed by Federal Government. The amendments to the <i>Native Title Act 1993</i> give the Federal Court the power to manage the mediation of claims. The Court will be able to more forcefully pull into line reluctant parties if a matter becomes deadlocked.	<i>Northern Territory News</i> , (Darwin NT, 16 September 2009), 6. <i>Cairns Post</i> , (Cairns QLD, 15 September 2009), 10.

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23/09/2009	WA	<b>Native title claim resolved out of court</b>	The Barnett Government is on the verge of reaching an agreement with Aboriginal groups over large areas of Western Australia's south, a month after dropping a High Court appeal against a successful native title claim in and around Broome. Indigenous land groups praised the Barnett Government for their new cooperative approach. They noted that the Government appeared more focused on negotiated outcomes rather than long court battles.	<i>Australian</i> , (National AU, 23 September 2009), 9.
25/09/2009	SA	<b>Uranium mine facing delays</b>	Australia's fifth uranium mine has been delayed because of a problem with a native title agreement. Primary Industry Resources SA (PIRSA) has called for more information about a native title agreement of about 550 km covering the mine area north of Adelaide. The alliance resource and joint venture partner Quasar has been unable to meet the statutory registration requirement, which would allow the Minister to grant a mining lease.	<i>Independent Weekly</i> , (Adelaide, 25 September 2009), 24. <i>Northern Territory News</i> , (Darwin NT, 23 September 2009), 20. <i>North West Star</i> , (Mount Isa QLD, 23 September 2009), 12. <i>Australian</i> , (National AU, 22 September 2009), 20. <i>Advertiser</i> , (Adelaide SA, 22 September 2009), 37.
26/09/2009	VIC	<b>Boort on title talk agenda</b>	A native title claim on land in the Boort region will be one of the first in Victoria to test new State Government legislation. The Dja Dja Wurrung Land Aboriginal Corporation collectively resolved at a recent meeting to formally engage with State Government regarding the claim. Under the Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework announced in June, traditional owner groups can choose to negotiate directly with the State to settle their native title claim rather than go through the courts.	<i>Bendigo Advertiser</i> , (Bendigo VIC, 26 September 2009), 9.