

after the Warumungu Land Claim settlement on the Rockhampton Downs Station. This settlement makes a total of 64 parcels of land secured by the community since the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. (*Northern Territory News*. 20 March, p2)

The National Native Title Tribunal is preparing to begin processing Northern Territory mining and exploration tenement applications. Staff numbers in the Tribunal's Darwin office have been increased to prepare for the expected influx of over 1,000 mining and exploration tenement applications. (*NNTT Media Release*, 23 March)

The National Native Title Tribunal began mediation meetings to assist 8 native title applications in the Northern Territory reach agreements without the need for court proceedings. Landholders and other interest holders have 3 months to register as parties if they wanted to join the mediation. (*NNTT Media Release*, 5 April)

APPLICATIONS

National

The National Native Title Tribunal posts summaries of registration test decisions on their website at: <http://www.nntt.gov.au>

The following decisions are listed for March and April 2000.

Wiradjuri people	not accepted	Sec's 1706 / 1714	
Wiradjuri (Oberon)	not accepted	Hundred of Guy	accepted
Harry Douglas Pitt (Jnr)	abbreviated	Part NT Portion 4732 Hundred of Guy	accepted
Lot 1348 Katherine Part NT Portion 4732 Hundred of Guy	accepted	Sec's 1706 & 1714 Hundred of Guy	accepted
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The decision indicates whether an application has met or not met each of the conditions of the registration test against which it was considered.

'Abbreviated' decision indicates that the application has been tested against a limited number of conditions.

The applicant may still pursue the application for determination of native title. If an application does not pass the registration test the applicant may seek a review of the decision in the Federal Court.

Queensland

Kudjala People [NNTT Ref No QC00/1]

The Kudjala People's new claimant application was lodged in the Federal Court on 6 January 2000. The application covers an area north-west of Lake Dalrymple, in Dalrymple Shire and was lodged in response to a section 29 notice. (*NTN (Qld) Feb 2000, p2*)

Flinders Shire Council [NNTT Ref No QN00/1]

Flinders Shire Council lodged a non-claimant application in the Federal Court on 31 January 2000 covering a specific lot within the township of Hughenden in Central Queensland. (*NTN (Qld) Feb 2000, p2*)

Western Australia

The Wongatha native title claim has again passed the registration test. The claim had previously passed the test but the result was appealed in the Federal Court by the State Government. (*Koori Mail, 8 March, p21*)

Applications currently in Notification

Notification period is 3 months from the Notification start date.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

5 April 2000

Lot 5976 East Point DC99/6
Sec 4131 Hundred of Strangways
DC99/7
Howard River East DC99/8
Howard River East TQ DC99/9
Section 4131 Strangways (TQ) DC99/10
Sec2413 Hundred of Cavenagh DC99/11
Sec 2413 Hundred of Cavenagh (Risk)
DC99/12
Sec 2413 Hundred of Cavenagh (Ludwig)
DC99/13
Dangalaba 13 DC98/14

3 May 2000

Town of Katherine DC99/2
Tennant Creek DC99/3
Pine Hill Station DC99/4
Adelaide River DC99/5
Middle Arm DC99/14
Pine Creek DC99/15
Timber Creek DC99/16
Western Creek DC99/17
Myilly Point Larrakia DC99/18
Pine Creek No.2 DC99/19
Lot 1348 Katherine DC00/1

Notifications (cont'd)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

8 March 2000

Karajarri (Combined Application
WC00/2

5 April 2000

Gobawarra Minduarra Yinhawanga
WC97/43

Eastern Guruma WC97/89

Malgana 1 WC98/17

Leregon #2 WC98/21

Mayala WC98/39

VJ & CF Isaacs WC98/42

South West Boorah WC98/63

Birriliburu People WC98/68

Innowonga People WC98/69

Wanjina/Wunggurr-Willingin WC99/11

BAUMGARTEN WC98/11

19 April 2000

Ngadjungarra WC97/105

Wong-goo-tt-oo WC98/40

Nyangumarta People WC98/65

18 May 2000

Scotty Birrell & Ors (Combined
Application) WC98/28

Ning Bingi WC99/31

Pamela Simon WC99/32

Doris Fletcher WC99/34

Madigan Thomas & others WC99/37

Arnold Franks WC98/57

Wiluna (Combined Application)
WC99/24

Nyiyaparli People (Combined
Application)

WC99/4

Palyku (Combined Application WC99/16

Thudgari People WC97/95

Martu Idja Banyjima People WC98/62

NEW SOUTH WALES

22 March 2000

Darbinjung LALC (Non Claimant)
NN99/10

3 May 2000

NSW Government #55 (Non Claimant)
NN00/1

Council of the City of Lake Macquarie
(Non Claimant) NN99/8

VICTORIA

15 March 2000

Robinvale Aboriginal Community VC96/1

QUEENSLAND

23 Feb 2000

Western Yalanji #3 QC98/39

For further information regarding notification of any of the applications listed contact the National Native Title Tribunal on 1800 640 501.