

surprised' Premier Rob Borbidge declared he would think long and hard before going out on a limb again for Century Zinc (*CM, 17 July, p9*). Federal Aboriginal Affairs Minister John Herron also attacked Century Zinc over its handling of negotiations with Gulf Aborigines in relation to the zinc mine, saying the company should have operated within the provisions of the NTA from the beginning (*CM, 17 July, p1*). Federal Government sources claimed PM Howard was 'extremely annoyed' at the way CRA had unilaterally announced it no longer wanted specific legislation after seeking government intervention (*SMH, 17 July, p4*). Mr Yanner was also allegedly annoyed by the move, saying he had heard inside information that there was a deal going on between the top-level, so-called Aboriginal leaders in this country, the State and Federal Government and CRA (*CM, 17 July, p21*). Senator Cheryl Kernot said RTZ-CRA's decision was 'a fantastic example of good corporate behaviour' (*CM, 17 July, p8*). Some Gulf Aboriginal groups claimed ATSIC's intervention over the Century zinc mine had lost them the chance for employment and training (*North West Star, Mt Isa, 17 July*)*.

- The NNTT is likely to appoint two mediators, Hal Wootton QC and Rick Farley, to future negotiations between Century Zinc and Aboriginal Groups if interest groups so wished (*CT, 17 July, p2*). . Aboriginal leader Mr Murrandoo Yanner allegedly backed down on his refusal to participate in fresh negotiations over the mine and has agreed to take part in talks under the native title process (*CM, 26 July, pp1 & 2*).

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

AMPLA Bulletin , Volume 15, No 2, June 1996. This edition of the *AMPLA Bulletin* , published for the Australian Mining and Petroleum Law Association Limited, contains native title updates State by State provided by local contributors. *AMPLA Bulletin* is available from AMPLA Ltd, 4/360 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne, Vic 3000.

Cullen, Richard, "Rights to Offshore Resources after Mabo 1992 and the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)", *Sydney Law Review*, Vol.18(2) June 1996:124-151. This is one of the few published legal articles since the NTA was passed which focuses on the legal issues of the recognition of native title rights in the sea. In his view, there are some substantial legal obstacles to overcome.

Imtiaz Omar, "The Semantics of Mabo: An Essay in Law, Language and Interpretation," *James Cook University Law Review* , Vol 2 1995: 154-171. To be annotated next newsletter.

Land Rights Queensland , Issue 3, June-July 1996. The latest issue of *Land Rights Queensland* is now available and as usual provides coverage of the latest native title issues in Queensland and updates from various Land Councils. For copies contact the Editor, tel 07 3391 4677, fax 07 3391 4551.

Marks, Gary N and McDonell, Paula, "New Politics? The Mabo Debate and Public Opinion on Native Title in Australia", *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* , Vol.8, No.1. Gary Marks was, until recently, a research fellow in the Sociology Program at the Research School of Social Sciences, ANU, and Paula E McDonell is currently General Manager, Market Research, at Marketshare Pty Ltd, a private market research and marketing consultancy. Marks and McDonell examine the formation of opinions on Mabo with particular reference to 'new politics' as defined by Ronald Inglehart. The

Journal is available direct from Journals Subscription Department, Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6DP, UK or could be obtained through inter-library loans from the National Library of Australia.

Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund, fourth and fifth reports. The Joint Committee has just published its Fourth and Fifth Reports. The Fourth Report reviews the Annual Report 1994-95 of the NNTT. Under s.206(c) of the Native Title Act 1993 the Joint Committee is required to report to and direct the attention of both Houses of Parliament on matters that appear in or arise out of the NNTT's Annual Report. The Fifth Report reviews annual reports for 1994-95 prepared by ATSIC and the Indigenous Land Corporation pursuant to *the Land Fund and Indigenous Land Corporation (ATSIC Amendment) Act 1995* .

Report of the Queensland Land Tribunal, *Aboriginal Land Claim to Lakefield National Park* , April 1996, and *Aboriginal Land Claim to Cliff Islands National Park* , April 1996. Requests for and inquiries about these two reports should be addressed to the Senior Deputy Registrar, Land Tribunal, PO Box 127, Brisbane Roma Street 4003.

Sexton, Sean, "Law, Empowerment and Economic Rationalism", *Aboriginal Law Bulletin* , Vol 3, No 81, June 1996. This paper is a response to Siobhan McKenna's economic comparison of the NTA and the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act* (CAEPR Discussion Paper 79/1995). It warns against economic rationalism undermining the empowering aspects of the NTA.

Stevenson, Chris, 'National Native Title Tribunal Expedited Procedure Process', *AMPLA Bulletin* , Vol 15(1). Stevenson, a solicitor, steers miners through that part of the NTA which attracts 'the expedited procedure'.

Stevenson, M A, "Statutory Schemes of Native Title and Aboriginal Land in Queensland: the relationship of the *Queensland Aboriginal Land Act 1991* with the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993* and the *Native Title (Queensland) Act 1993* ", *James Cook University Law Review* , Vol. 2 1995:109-153. A comprehensive account and comparative evaluation of all the statutory land rights schemes operating in Queensland.

Sutherland, Johanna, *Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples: Studies, Policies and Legislation* , consultancy report commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of the Environment, Sport and Territories as part of the Commonwealth Coastal Action Program, 1996. This is an extremely useful overview of the topic, especially for those wishing to put the issue of native title sea rights into the contemporary legal and policy context. It takes up the story from Dermot Smyth's 1993 (pre-NTA) report for the Resource Assessment Commission's Coastal Zone Inquiry, *A Voice in All Places: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Interests in Australia's Coastal Zone*.

Meyers, Gary D (Ed.), *The Way Forward: Collaboration and Cooperation 'In Country'* , Proceedings of the Indigenous Land Use Agreements Conference, 26-29 September 1995, Darwin, Northern Territory, sponsored by ATSIC, CAR and the NNTT and published by the NNTT. A review of this book will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

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