

FROM THE NTRU



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The AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit has been busy this year working on lots of different projects and products. Below are links to some of the information and resources we provide. To find out more about what we are doing, please visit the [AIATSIS website](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/publications.html) and the [Native Title Research Unit pages](#).

Our publications

www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/publications.html

- [Native Title Newsletter](#)
 - Keeps organisations, practitioners and individuals involved in native title up to date with developments in native title
- [Land, Rights, Laws: Issues of Native Title](#)
 - Issues papers provide analysis of emerging issues in native title research in a condensed and accessible short form
 - » The latest issues papers are: [In the native title 'hot hub': expert conferences and concurrent expert evidence in native title](#) by Vance Hughston SC & Tina Jowett

The staff at AIATSIS and the Native Title Research Unit would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday period. We wish you all the best for your native title work in 2015.

» *Black and green revisited: understanding the relationship between Indigenous and environmental political formations* by David Ritter

• [Discussion papers](#)

- Contribute to a greater understanding of contemporary issues in Indigenous Studies, introducing new research topics and innovative approaches
- » The latest discussion paper - [What's needed to prove native title? Finding flexibility within the law on connection](#) by Nick Duff

Above: Artworks by Tony Hart at his trade stall during the Native Title Conference 2014. Credit: Andrew Turner, AIATSIS.

» An upcoming discussion paper – *Reflections on a native title anthropology field school* by Andrew McWilliam and Jodi Neale

• [Books](#)

- Develop topical themes in native title in a cohesive work of scholarship containing specialist analysis and review and integrating relevant research
- » The latest book — [Living with native title: the experiences of registered native title corporations](#) by Toni Bauman, Lisa M Strelein and Jessica K Weir (eds)
- » An upcoming book chapter on rights and interests - Strelein, LM (forthcoming), 'The right to resources and the right to trade' in S Brennan and M Davis (eds) *Native title: a vehicle for change and empowerment*

- [Native Title and Indigenous cultural heritage management bibliography](#) by Robert Williams and Pamela Faye McGrath
 - Provides a list of relevant legislation research and commentary on Indigenous cultural heritage management in Australia since the implementation of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)

Our Native Title information resources and services

- [What's New in Native Title](#)
 - Monthly round-up of native title information, publications and events designed to assist organisations, practitioners and individuals involved in native title to access news, information and resources from a broad range of sources
- [Native Title in the News](#)
 - Monthly summaries of newspaper articles and media releases relevant to native title
- [Native title information handbooks](#)
 - Provide a summary of resources and information relating to key areas of native title at national, and state and territory level
- [Native Title Collections Access](#)
 - The Native Title Research and Access Officer (NTRAO) provides information about the native title resources held in the AIATSIS Library and Audiovisual Archives. Contact the the NTRAO, Alexandra Muir, on 02 6261 4223 or alexandra.muir@aiatsis.gov.au

Our PBC resources

- [PBC Funding & Training Guides](#)
 - Provided to assist native title holders to access information and resources regarding funding and training opportunities that may be relevant to their PBCs at national, and state and territory level
 - Most recently we updated the [National PBC Funding & Training Guide](#)
- [PBC Website](#)
 - Designed as a resource for PBCs and for those engaging with them, the website provides information on legislation and policy, events,

resources and publications, training and running a PBC

- [PBC Profiles](#)
 - Are created for all PBCs in Australia. The profiles are organised by state and contain information about the organisation recognised as a PBC

Our legal resources

www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/projects.html#agreement

- Most of our legal and other resources are closely linked to NTRU projects. They comprise research resources, reference lists, bibliographies, reports, conference papers and many other useful resources – in fact too many to list them here, so please visit the [Research Projects](#) section of our website
- [Law and policy submissions](#)
 - Provide balanced advice to government on matters that affect Indigenous peoples and communities in the form of submissions to parliamentary inquiries and other review processes
 - Most recently AIATSIS provided submissions to
 - » [AIATSIS submission to Australian Law Reform Commission Review of the Native Title Act](#)
 - » [Submission to the Australian Heritage Strategy](#)
 - » [Inquiry into the Development of Northern Australia](#)
 - » [Inquiry into the Queensland Regional Planning Interests Bill 2013](#)

- Case summaries
 - All native title determinations, as well as some of the most relevant court decisions relating to native title, are summarised and published monthly in [What's New in Native Title](#)
- Extended case summaries
 - Are provided for particularly significant cases either in the [Native Title Newsletter](#) or under the native title jurisprudence section of the [NTRU website](#)

The Annual National Native Title Conference

www.aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/conference.html

- [The Annual National Native Title Conference](#) is going into its 16th year in 2015. It attracts a cross section of everyone with an interest in native title matters, with about half of the around 700 conference delegates every year identifying as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- National Native Title Conferences since 2000 are listed on the website and presentations / conference papers can be downloaded from the website

Feedback

The NTRU at AIATSIS is always interested in what you have to say about the information we provide and the work we do. If there is anything you think we could be doing better or provide more information about, please let us know at ntru@aiatsis.gov.au.

To help us to communicate and engage more successfully with all levels of stakeholders we are currently undergoing a full web audit. If your webpage links to AIATSIS or NTRU pages, please let us know so that we can do our best to ensure that your links are still working once our new website is launched in the first quarter of next year.