

National Native Title Tribunal

Darwin Office

Tribunal Publications

The following advice was received from the NNTT regarding arrangements for their Darwin Office.

"I refer to previous correspondence in relation to the establishment of the Tribunal's office in Darwin on a six month pilot basis. The Tribunal has decided to extend the pilot programme for a further six months, to 31 May 1997, at which time the Tribunal will again review the feasibility of maintaining an office in Darwin.

Ms Andrea McCallum is now the Regional Co-ordinator for the Northern Territory, but is returning to the Tribunal's Principle Registry in Perth at the end of November to carry out other aspects of her duties.

From 2 December 1996, the Darwin office will be staffed by Ms Bu Wilson, Senior Case Manager, and Mr Mark Price, Case Manager's Assistant. All Northern Territory applications will henceforth be managed from the Darwin office. It is to be hoped this will facilitate improved local contact with the Tribunal for parties to applications and key stakeholders.

If you wish to contact the Tribunal on broad regional issues such as community liaison requests, the assistance to applicant's policy, or other native title issues affecting the Northern Territory, please contact Andrea McCallum as the Regional Coordinator. Her contact details are as follows:

National Native Title Tribunal
GPO Box 9973
PERTH WA 6000
Tel: 1800 640 501 or (09) 268 7317

The Darwin office remains at:
National Native Title Tribunal
First floor, Commonwealth Law Courts
Cnr Mitchell & Herbert Sts
DARWIN NT 0800
Tel: 8981 2747

The Tribunal looks forward to continuing to serve its clients and develop working partnerships with its Northern Territory stakeholders from a local Darwin base over the next six months.

Yours sincerely
Merranie Strauss
Deputy Registrar".

The NNTT has recently released a number of publications which may be of interest to practitioners.

Their 1995/96 Annual Report contains details of the Tribunal's activities during the period of report, including reports on community liaison, education and participation, creative and flexible resolution, cultural concerns and corporate services. The appendices to the report contain a mediation summary, a section on the historical context of accepted native title determination applications and a directory to the corporate structure of the Tribunal.

In his report, the President of the National Native Title Tribunal, Justice R S French refers to the many and complex issues and processes surround the work of the Tribunal and says: "*The work of the Tribunal since its establishment on 1 January 1994 has taken place in a complex, difficult and changing political and legal environment. Consistent with the requirements of the Act its objective has been to facilitate the recognition of native title and to promote just agreements about native title and the use of indigenous lands and waters. It seeks to do so in ways that are fair, just, economical and prompt and to take into account the cultural and customary concerns of indigenous people and the interest of all others affected by native title issues. In doing so it has the objective of promoting informed discourse between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.*"

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Tribunal at a cost of \$12 which includes postage and handling, or across the counter at the Tribunal's Registries at a cost of \$5. In addition the Tribunal is in the process of putting up a range of documents, including the Annual Report onto the Internet at its address 'http://www.nntt.gov.au'.

Other recent titles from the Tribunal include:

- Mediation Review and Implementaion of Recommendation 1996
- Papers from Liaison Committee Consultations (Product of Working Groups)

Both of these are available at a cost of \$10 each.



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