

Review of the front page of the Land Rights Act!

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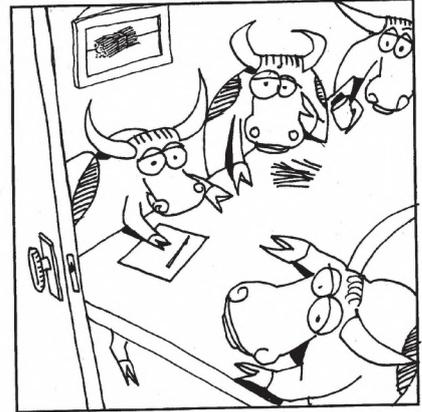
What follows is an extract of the transcript of a recent hearing in the High Court of Australia, where Mr Burmester QC, representing the Commonwealth, sought to hand up some pages from J Reeves QC, Building on Land Rights for the Next Generation, The Review of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, (1998):

"Kirby J: Who was Mr Reeves? Did Mr Reeves hold an office or is this a textbook?"

Mr Burmester: He was appointed specifically to report on and review the front page of the Land Rights Act in 1998."

With such a limited term of reference, one wonders why it took 9 months and resulted in a report comprising 618 pages.

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