The Register of Native Title Claims (RNTC) contains information about all claimant applications that have been registered. The Registrar is responsible for maintaining the RNTC.

Applications are registered when they meet the registration test conditions which are set out in sections 190B and 190C of the Native Title Act. When an application is registered, the applicants have procedural rights and other benefits, including the right to negotiate with governments or the right to be consulted about proposed developments (future acts). They may also oppose non-claimant applications that seek a determination as to whether or not native title exists in a certain area.

You can find summary information about all native title applications (registered and unregistered) on the Tribunal’s website (www.nntt.gov.au) under the ‘Applications and Determinations’ section, along with further information about the registration testing of claims.

To find out whether an area of land or water is, or may be, affected by a native title claim you can ask the Tribunal to search the RNTC. A charge may be associated with this service. The Tribunal is currently examining the legal and technical issues that need to be addressed in order to provide online access to the RNTC.