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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **\$6.1 MILLION FOR DUNGHUTTI NATIVE TITLE CLAIM**

The Dunghutti People have received \$6.1 million compensation for the acquisition of Native Title over an area of land at Crescent Head on the north coast of NSW.

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly, said the payment of compensation resulted from an agreement and a consent determination in the Federal Court in 1997, for the surrender of Native Title by the Dunghutti People over land originally intended for development at the Goolwah Estate at Crescent Head.

“The agreement with the Dunghutti People acknowledges their identity as traditional owners of Goolwah Estate before Native Title was surrendered,” the Minister said.

“The money was paid to the body corporate established under the agreement for the benefit of the Dunghutti People.

“This agreement demonstrates the co-operative manner of all parties to resolve Native Title claims without extensive litigation.”

The Dunghutti Peoples’ case is historically significant as it was the first Native Title consent determination on mainland Australia following the Mabo decision.

Mr Kelly said the land where Native Title was surrendered is subject to a residential development application.

“This will increase the population of the area and job opportunities for the residents of Crescent Head, including the Dunghutti People,” the Minister said.

“The NSW government looks forward to working co-operatively with the Dunghutti People on the proposed development.”