



Extract from the National Native Title Register

Determination Information:

Determination Reference: Federal Court Number(s): QUD6036/1998
NNTT Number: QCD2004/005

Determination Name: [Mye on behalf of the Erubam Le v State of Queensland](#)

Date(s) of Effect: 24/05/2005

Determination Outcome: Native title exists in the entire determination area

Register Extract (pursuant to s. 193 of the *Native Title Act 1993*)

Determination Date: 08/12/2004

Determining Body: Federal Court of Australia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not Applicable

REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE:

Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (Torres Strait
Islanders) Corporation RNTBC
Trustee Body Corporate
C/- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
Erub, Via Thursday Island
THURSDAY ISLAND Queensland 4875

Note: current contact details for the Registered Native Title Body Corporate are available from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations www.oric.gov.au

COMMON LAW HOLDER(S) OF NATIVE TITLE:

The Erubam Le People, being:

(a) the members of the Manai, Anson, George, Reuben, Thaiday, Gela, Nelson, Koko, Sailor, Pilot, Dorante, Gutchen, Sebasio, China, Murray, Lui, Pau, Sagiba, Idagi, Doolah, Benjamin, Athow, Cook, Ware, Salam, Cowley, Mye, Kiwat, Pitt, Sam, Ghee, Solomon, Kabay, Jacobs, Tamwoy, Wacando, Oroki, Ismael, Cedar, Santo, Whaleboat, John, Kabiare, Kanak, Sabatino, Ketchell, Bourne, Susan, Pensio, Anson, Baker, Steven, Alick, Nain, Oui, Sweeney (Morseau), Abednego, Savage, Guivarra, Charlie, Bedford, Kingey, Sipi families who are descended cognatically from one or more of the following people: Amani, Odi (I), Saimo, Narmalai, Nazir Mesepa, Meo, Deri, Ape, Odi (II), Demag, Rebes, Buli, Damui, Baigau, Dako, Malili, Nazir, Bambu, Dobam, Bobok, Nokep, Wadai, Arkerr Malili, Aukapim, Isaka, Kaigod, Kapen, Petelu, Ale, Epei, Bailat, Ema, Boggo Epei, Ikob, Annai, Eti, Aib, Wagai, Gedor, Dabad, Nazir, Kaupa, Nanai Pisupi, Sagiba, Nuku Idagi, Diwadi, Gewar, In, Aukapim, Timoto, Suere, Gemai, Pagai, Pai, Kapen, Kapen

Kuk, Spia, Konai, Ani, Morabisi, Koreg, Kuri, Damu, Wasi, Gi, Mamai, Sesei (I), Kakai, Sesei (II), Sida, Maima, Wakaisu, Whaleboat, Supaiya, Tau, Ulud, Waisie, Wasada, Wimet, Mogi, Yart, Ziai, Assau, Oroki, Zib, Nazir or Gaiba; and

(b) Torres Strait Islanders who have been adopted by the above people in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by those people.

MATTERS DETERMINED:

Note: The Indigenous Land Use Agreement (QI2004/037) referred to at Order 9 was registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements on 24 May 2005.

THE COURT ORDERS BY CONSENT THAT:

1. Native title exists in relation to the land and waters described in Schedule 1 and shown on the plan in Schedule 2 ("the Determination Area").

2. Native title is held by the people described in Schedule 3 ("the Native Title Holders").

3. Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, the native title is a right to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the Determination Area to the exclusion of all others.

4. Subject to paragraph 5, the native title in relation to Water is a non-exclusive right to:

(a) hunt and fish in or on, and gather from, the Water for the purpose of satisfying personal, domestic or non-commercial communal needs; and

(b) take, use and enjoy the Water for the purpose of satisfying personal, domestic or non-commercial communal needs.

The native title in relation to Water does not confer possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the Water on the Native Title Holders to the exclusion of all others.

5. The native title is subject to and exercisable in accordance with:

(a) the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Queensland including the common law; and

(b) traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by the Native Title Holders.

6. The nature and extent of the other interests in relation to the Determination Area are set out in Schedule 4.

7. The relationship between the native title and the other interests referred to in paragraph 6 is that:

(a) the other interests continue to have effect and the rights conferred by or held under the other interests may be exercised notwithstanding the existence of the native title; and

(b) the other interests and any activity done in exercise of the rights conferred by or held under the other interests prevail over the native title and any exercise of the native title.

8. If a word or expression is not defined in this order, but is defined in the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) then it has the meaning given to it in the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). In addition to the other words defined in this order:

(a) "High Water Mark" has the meaning given to it in the Land Act 1994 (Qld);

(b) "Local Government" has the meaning given to it in the Local Government Act 1993 (Qld);

(c) "Roads" means the roads shown on the plan in Schedule 2 and all other roads whether declared, notified, constructed, surveyed or taken under the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland including the common law, to be a road; and

(d) "Water" has the meaning given to it in the Water Act 2000 (Qld).

9. Paragraphs 1-7 will take effect on the agreement referred to in item (e) of Schedule 4 being registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

10. In the event that the agreement referred to in paragraph 9 is not registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements within six (6) months of the date of this order or such later time as this Court may order, the matter is to be listed for further directions.

11. Upon paragraphs 1-7 taking effect, the native title is to be held in trust by the Erubam Le Traditional Land and Sea Owners (Torres Strait Islanders) Corporation for the benefit of the Native Title Holders.

12. Each party to the proceeding is to bear its own costs.

SCHEDULE 1 - DETERMINATION AREA

The land and waters on the landward side of the High Water Mark of:

(a) Lot 4 on Plan TS156 being part of the island referred to as Darnley Island excluding the areas described as:

(i) Lease T on Deposited Plan 175712 in Lot 4 on Plan TS156; and

(ii) Lease F on Deposited Plan 150247 in Lot 4 on Plan TS156;

(b) Lot 63 on Plan TS66 referred to as Nepean Island;

(c) Lot 58 on Plan TS226 referred to as Tobin Cay;

(d) Lot 2 on Plan AP8356 referred to as Rebes or Black Rocks;

(e) Lot 57 on Plan TS225 referred to as Underdown Islet; and

(f) Lot 59 on Plan TS227 being part of the cay referred to as Bramble Cay.

Lot 5 on Plan TS160, Lot 6 on Plan TS181, Lot 64 on Plan TS285, Lot 1 on Plan TS80, Lot 7 on Crown Plan 899009, Lease T on Deposited Plan 175712 in Lot 4 on Plan TS156, Lease F on Deposited Plan 150247 in Lot 4 on Plan TS156 and all Roads are not subject to native title determination application Erubam Le (Darnley Islanders) #1 QG 6036 of 1998 and do not form part of the land and waters described above.

SCHEDULE 3 - NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS

The Erubam Le People, being:

(a) the members of the Manai, Anson, George, Reuben, Thaiday, Gela, Nelson, Koko, Sailor, Pilot, Dorante, Gutchen, Sebasio, China, Murray, Lui, Pau, Sagiba, Idagi, Doolah, Benjamin, Athow, Cook, Ware, Salam, Cowley, Mye, Kiwat, Pitt, Sam, Ghee, Solomon, Kabay, Jacobs, Tamwoy, Wacando, Oroki, Ismael, Cedar, Santo, Whaleboat, John, Kabiare, Kanak, Sabatino, Ketchell, Bourne, Susan, Pensio, Anson, Baker, Steven, Alick, Nain, Oui, Sweeney (Morseau), Abednego, Savage, Guivarra, Charlie, Bedford, Kingey, Sipi families who are descended cognatically from one or more of the following people: Amani, Odi (I), Saimo, Narmalai, Nazir Mesepa, Meo, Deri, Ape, Odi (II), Demag, Rebes, Buli, Damui, Baigau, Dako, Malili, Nazir, Bambu, Dobam, Bobok, Nokep, Wadai, Arkerr Malili, Aukapim, Isaka, Kaigod, Kapen, Petelu, Ale, Epei, Bailat, Ema, Boggo Epei, Ikob, Annai, Eti, Aib, Wagai, Gedor, Dabad, Nazir, Kaupa, Nanai Pisupi, Sagiba, Nuku Idagi, Diwadi, Gewar, In, Aukapim, Timoto, Suere, Gemai, Pagai, Pai, Kapen, Kapen Kuk, Spia, Konai, Ani, Morabisi, Koreg, Kuri, Damu, Wasi, Gi, Mamai, Sesei (I), Kakai, Sesei (II), Sida, Maima, Wakaisu, Whaleboat, Supaiya, Tau, Ulud, Waisie, Wasada, Wimet, Mogi, Yart, Ziai, Assau, Oroki, Zib, Nazir or Gaiba; and

(b) Torres Strait Islanders who have been adopted by the above people in accordance with the traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by those people.

SCHEDULE 4 - OTHER INTERESTS

The nature and extent of the other interests in relation to the Determination Area are:

(a) the interests of the Erub Island Council and the beneficiaries under deed of grant No. 21296129;

(b) the interests of the Commonwealth of Australia under registered leases Nos. 705779898 and 705779928;

(c) the interests of the Islanders Board of Industry and Service under registered lease No. 706712106;

(d) the interests of the State of Queensland in the following reserves, the interests of the persons in whom they are vested and the interests of the persons entitled to access and use those reserves for the respective purposes for which they are reserved:

(i) Reserve 113 over Lot 63 on Plan TS66; and

(ii) Reserve 198 over Lot 59 on Plan TS227;

(e) the interests of the State of Queensland under an indigenous land use agreement dated 22 November 2004

between it and George Mye;

(f) the interests of Ergon Energy Corporation Limited, being:

(i) rights and interests as the owner and operator of electricity generation, transmission and distribution facilities within the Determination Area;

(ii) rights and interests in exercising its statutory powers and responsibilities;

(iii) rights to enter the Determination Area by employees, agents or contractors of Ergon Energy Corporation Limited to enable access to its facilities in, and in the vicinity of, the Determination Area or otherwise as required in the exercise of their powers or the performance of their responsibilities; and

(iv) the rights and interests under an indigenous land use agreement between the Native Title Holders and Ergon Energy Corporation Limited dated 25 November 2004;

(g) the rights and interests of Telstra Corporation Limited, being:

(i) rights and interests as the owner or operator of telecommunications facilities installed within the Determination Area and as the holder of a carrier licence under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth);

(ii) rights and interests created pursuant to the Post and Telegraph Act 1901 (Cth), the Telecommunications Act 1975 (Cth), the Australian Telecommunications Corporation Act 1989 (Cth), the Telecommunications Act 1991 (Cth) and the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth);

(iii) rights to enter the Determination Area by employees, agents or contractors of Telstra Corporation Limited in the performance of their duties, to enable access to its telecommunications facilities in, and in the vicinity of, the Determination Area; and

(iv) rights and interests under an indigenous land use agreement between the Native Title Holders and Telstra Corporation Limited dated 29 November 2004;

(h) the interests of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority, including:

(i) rights and interests as a statutory authority exercising powers and functions under the Lighthouses Act 1911 (Cth); and

(ii) rights and interests under a Deed of Agreement dated 20 September 2002 between it and the representatives of the Native Title Holders;

(i) the interests of the State of Queensland in the education facilities referred to as the Darnley Island State School located within the area described as Lease S on Deposited Plan 151792 in Lot 4 on Plan TS156 including

(i) rights to use, operate and maintain the facilities;

(ii) rights to control access to and use of the facilities; and

(iii) rights of its employees, contractors, agents, representatives, licensees, permittees and invitees to enter the Determination Area for the purposes of accessing the facilities;

(j) the powers of the Erub Island Council under the Community Services (Torres Strait) Act 1984 (Qld) to discharge the functions of Local Government over the area under deed of grant No. 21296129 and exercise the powers of good rule and government thereof in accordance with the customs and practices of the inhabitants of that area;

(k) the interests, powers and functions of the Torres Shire Council as Local Government for Lot 63 on Plan TS66, Lot 58 on Plan TS226, Lot 2 on Plan AP8356, Lot 57 on Plan TS225 and Lot 59 on Plan TS227;

(l) the interests recognised under the Treaty between Australia and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea concerning Sovereignty and Maritime Boundaries in the area between the two Countries, including the area known as Torres Strait, and Related Matters signed at Sydney on 18 December 1978 as in force at the date of this order including the interests of indigenous Papua New Guinea persons in having access to the Determination Area for traditional purposes; and

(m) any other interests that may be held by reason of the force or operation of the laws of the Commonwealth of Australia or the State of Queensland including the common law.

REGISTER ATTACHMENTS:

1. SCHEDULE 2 - NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION PLAN, 3 pages - A4, 08/12/2004

Note: The National Native Title Register may, in accordance with s. 195 of the Native Title Act 1993, contain confidential information that will not appear on the Extract.