



# Extract from the National Native Title Register

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## Determination Information:

**Determination Reference:** Federal Court Number(s): SAD6001/1998  
NNTT Number: SCD2014/001

**Determination Name:** [Vincent Coulthard and Ors v State of South Australia and Ors](#)

**Date(s) of Effect:** 25/02/2014

**Determination Outcome:** Native title exists in parts of the determination area

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

**Determination Date:** 25/02/2014

**Determining Body:** Federal Court of Australia

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not Applicable

### REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE:

Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC  
Agent Body Corporate  
c/- Johnston Withers  
17 Sturt Street  
ADELAIDE South Australia 5000

*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](http://www.oric.gov.au)*

### COMMON LAW HOLDER(S) OF NATIVE TITLE:

6. The Native Title Holders are those living Aboriginal persons who are described in Schedule 3 who:
- (a) identify as Adnyamathanha; and
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**MATTERS DETERMINED:**

**BY CONSENT THE COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING DETERMINATION OF NATIVE TITLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 87A OF THE NATIVE TITLE ACT:**

1. In this determination, including its schedules, unless the contrary intention appears, the words and expressions used have the same meaning as they are given in Part 15 of the Native Title Act.

2. In this determination, the "Determination Area" means those parts of the area of the Adnyamathanha #1 Claim as are described in Schedule 1, Part 2 (and shown in the maps forming part of that Schedule), apart from those excluded areas which are described in Paragraph 18 and in Schedule 2.

3. In this determination including its schedules, in the event of an inconsistency between a description of an area in a schedule and the depiction of that area on the maps in Schedule 1, the written description shall prevail.

**Existence of Native Title**

4. Subject to Paragraphs 13 to 18 herein, native title exists in the Determination Area.

5. Native title does not exist in relation to the areas and resources described in Paragraphs 13, 17 and 18 herein.

## **The Native Title Holders**

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### **Native title rights and interests**

7. Subject to Paragraphs 8, 9, 10 and 11, the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests held by all Native Title Holders in relation to the Determination Area are rights to use, stay on and enjoy the land and waters of the Determination Area, being:

- (a) The right to access and move about the Determination Area;
- (b) The right to live, to camp and to erect shelters on the Determination Area;
- (c) The right to hunt and fish on the Determination Area;
- (d) The right to gather and use the natural resources of the Determination Area such as food, plants, timber, resin, ochre and soil;
- (e) The right to cook and to light fires for cooking and camping purposes on the Determination Area;
- (f) The right to use the natural water resources of the Determination Area;
- (g) The right to distribute, trade or exchange the natural resources of the Determination Area;
- (h) The right to conduct ceremonies and hold meetings on the Determination Area;
- (i) The right to engage and participate in cultural activities on the Determination Area including those relating to births and deaths;
- (j) The right to carry out and maintain burials of deceased native title holders and of their ancestors within the Determination Area;
- (k) The right to teach on the Determination Area the physical and spiritual attributes of locations and sites within the Determination Area;
- (l) The right to visit, maintain and preserve sites and places of cultural or spiritual significance to Native Title Holders within the Determination Area;

(m) The right to speak for and make decisions in relation to the Determination Area about the use and enjoyment of the Determination Area by Aboriginal people who recognise themselves to be governed by the traditional laws and customs acknowledged by the Native Title Holders;

(n) The right to be accompanied on to the Determination Area by those people who, though not Native Title Holders, are:

(i) spouses of Native Title Holders; or

(ii) people required by traditional law and custom for the performance of ceremonies or cultural activities on the Determination Area; or

(iii) people who have rights in relation to the Determination Area according to the traditional laws and customs acknowledged by the Native Title Holders.

8. Subject to Paragraph 9, the native title rights and interests described in Paragraph 7 do not confer possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the Determination Area on the Native Title Holders to the exclusion of others.

9. The nature and extent of native title rights and interests in relation to each part of the Determination Area referred to in Schedule 4 (being areas where extinguishment of native title rights and interests over the areas therein prior to 25 July 1997 is to be disregarded in accordance with section 47A or section 47B of the Native Title Act) are an entitlement against the whole world to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the land and waters of that part.

10. The native title rights and interests are for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal use.

11. The native title rights and interests are subject to and exercisable in accordance with:

(a) the traditional laws and customs of the Native Title Holders;

(b) the valid laws of the State and Commonwealth, including the common law.

For the avoidance of doubt, the native title rights and interests expressed in Paragraph 7(f) is subject to the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (SA).

### **Nature and extent of the other rights and interests and Relationship with Native Title**

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

(a) The rights and interests within the Determination Area created by the pastoral leases described in Schedule 5;

(b) the interests of the Crown in right of the State of South Australia;

(c) the interests of persons to whom valid or validated rights and interests have been granted or recognised by the Crown in right of the State of South Australia or by the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to statute or otherwise in the exercise of executive power;

(d) rights or interests held by reason of the force and operation of the laws of the State or of the Commonwealth;

(e) the rights to access land by an employee or agent or instrumentality of the State, Commonwealth or other statutory authority as required in the performance of his or her statutory or common law duties (in accordance with any valid legislation);

(f) the rights and interests of Telstra Corporation Limited:

(i) as the owner or operator of telecommunications facilities within the Determination Area;

(ii) 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), including:

(1) to inspect land;

(2) to install and operate existing and new telecommunications facilities;

(3) to alter, remove, replace, maintain, repair and ensure the proper functioning of its existing and any new telecommunications facilities, including cabling, customer terminal sites and ancillary facilities; and

(iii) for its employees, agents or contractors to enter the Determination Area to access its facilities, in and in the vicinity of, the Determination Area in the performance of their duties;

(iv) under any leases, licences, access agreements or easements relating to its telecommunications facilities in the Determination Area;

(g) the rights and interests of Epic Energy South Australia Pty Ltd (formerly Tenneco Gas South Australia Pty Ltd) (“Epic”):

(i) as:

(A) holders of Pipeline Licence No. 1 (PL1) issued pursuant to the Petroleum Act 1940 (SA) on 12 March 1969 and renewed on 27 March 1990 pursuant to the Petroleum Act 1940 (SA) and continuing in force by the operation of clause 2 of the Schedule to the Petroleum Act 2000 (SA); and

(B) owner of the pipeline the subject thereof by virtue of having been a purchaser of the pipeline (as purchaser is defined in section 16 of the Natural Gas Authority Act 1967 (SA) as amended by the Pipelines Authority (Sale of Pipelines) Amendment Act 1995 (SA) (“Sale Legislation”) from the former Pipeline Authority of South Australia (“PASA”, now the Natural Gas Authority of South Australia (“NGASA”)) pursuant to a Sale Agreement dated 30 June 1995 under the Sale Legislation;

(ii) where the licensed pipeline was established pursuant to the Natural Gas Authority Act 1967 and is located within a statutory easement established by section 9 of the Sale Legislation and section 28 of the Sale Legislation provides:

“(1) The creation of the statutory easement under this Act, or the grant of a pipeline lease, does not affect any native title that may exist in the land to which the easement or lease relates.

(2) The statutory easement or a pipeline lease under this Act does not derogate from pre-existing rights of Aboriginal people to enter, travel across or stay on land subject to the easement or lease.”;

(iii) the statutory easement entitles Epic, inter alia, to install, maintain and operate the pipeline and to carry out authorised purposes including the installation, operation, inspection, extension, alteration, repair and removal of the pipeline or associated equipment and the carrying out of maintenance work on the pipeline or associated equipment;

(iv) for Epic, its employees, agents and contractors (or any of them) to enter the Determination Area to access Epic’s rights and interests and to do all things necessary to exercise those rights and interests and perform all obligations in the vicinity of the Determination Area in performance of their duties;

(h) the rights and interests of the “Producers” as defined in the Cooper Basin (Ratification) Act 1975 (SA):

(i) as holders of Pipeline Licence No.2 (PL2) granted to the Producers on 26 November 1981 under the Petroleum Act 1940 (SA) and renewed on 3 May 2003 under the Petroleum Act 2000 (SA) and continuing in force by the operation of clause 2 of the Schedule to the Petroleum Act 2000 (SA);

(ii) created pursuant to the Stoney Point (Liquids Project) Ratification Act 1981 (SA);

(iii) granted to the Producers pursuant to the former PASA (now NGASA) and the Producers' Right of Way Agreement dated 26 November 1981;

(iv) for the Producers' employees, agents or contractors to enter the Determination Area to access the Producers' rights and interests and to do all things necessary to exercise those rights and interests in the vicinity of the Determination Area in performance of their duties.

(i) the rights and interests:

(i) of Perilya Freehold Mining Pty Ltd and Australian Coloured Oxides Pty Ltd, as holders of exploration licence EL 4211, granted pursuant to the Mining Act 1971 (SA) and as holders of any renewal or any subsequent exploration licence granted pursuant to the Mining Act 1971 (SA);

(ii) of Perilya Limited and Minotaur Operations Pty Ltd, as holders of exploration licence EL 4388, granted pursuant to the Mining Act 1971 (SA) and as holders of any renewal or any subsequent exploration licence granted pursuant to the Mining Act 1971 (SA); and

(iii) for the holders of the interests in paragraphs (i) and (ii), their respective employees, agents or contractors to enter the Determination Area to access those interests and to do all things necessary to exercise their rights in respect of those interests in the vicinity of the Determination Area.

(j) the rights, interests and entitlements of SA Power Networks (a partnership of Spark Infrastructure SA (No.1) Pty Ltd, Spark Infrastructure SA (No.2) Pty Ltd, Spark Infrastructure SA (No.3) Pty Ltd, CKI Utilities Development Limited and PAI Utilities Development Limited) and its related and successor entities, including its rights, interests and entitlements:

(i) to exercise its entitlements and discharge its obligations as the owner and/or operator of electricity infrastructure (as defined in the Electricity Act 1996 (SA)) ("Electricity Act") and telecommunications facilities and infrastructure on the Determination Area including but not limited to the electricity infrastructure identified in SCHEDULE 6 ("Existing Infrastructure");

(ii) to exercise its entitlements and discharge its obligations as the holder of a licence under the Electricity Act and/or as an electricity entity under the Electricity Act;

(iii) to exercise its entitlements and discharge its obligations as the holder of a carrier licence under the Telecommunications Act 1997 (Cth);

(iv) to install new electricity and telecommunications infrastructure on the Determination Area ("New Infrastructure") and modify, maintain and repair Existing Infrastructure;

(v) under easements, leases or licences (whether registered, unregistered, statutory or otherwise) relating to Existing Infrastructure or New Infrastructure on the Determination Area ("Easements");



(vi) to provide its employees, agents or contractors with access to Existing Infrastructure, New Infrastructure and the Easements on the Determination Area; and

(vii) to the extent permitted by law, to restrain any person from performing any act, or compel any person to perform any act, for the purposes of ensuring that SA Power Networks complies with its obligations under any law, including, but not limited to, excluding any person from entering an area containing Existing Infrastructure or New Infrastructure for the purposes of maintaining the safety of any person and the security and protection of such infrastructure; and

(k) the rights and interests of The Flinders Ranges Council:

(i) under the Local Government Act 1934 (SA) and the Local Government Act 1999 (SA);

(ii) as an entity exercising statutory powers in respect of land and waters within the Determination Area; and

(iii) in relation to dedicated land placed under its care, control and management pursuant to the Crown Land Act 1929 (SA) or the Crown Land Management Act 2009 (SA).

13. Native title rights and interests do not exist in respect of those parts of the Determination Area being any house, shed or other building or airstrip or any dam or other stock watering point constructed pursuant to the pastoral leases referred to in Paragraph 12(a). These areas comprise the land on which the improvements of the kind referred to herein have been constructed prior to the date hereof and include any adjacent land or waters the exclusive use of which is necessary for the enjoyment of the improvements referred to.

14. For the avoidance of doubt, Paragraph 13 does not preclude the possibility of further extinguishment, according to law, of native title over other limited parts of the Determination Area by reason of the construction of new pastoral improvements of the kind referred to in Paragraph 13 after the date of this determination.

15. Subject to Paragraph 16, the relationship between the native title rights and interests in the Determination Area that are described in Paragraph 7 and the other rights and interests that are referred to in Paragraph 12 (“the Other rights and interests”) is that:

(a) the Other rights and interests co-exist with the native title rights and interests;

(b) in the event of inconsistency, the Other rights and interests prevail over the native title rights and interests and any exercise of the native title rights and interests, but do not extinguish them;

(c) the existence of the native title rights and interests does not prevent the doing of any activity required or permitted to be done by, in accordance with or under the Other rights and interests.

16. For the avoidance of doubt, the relationship between the Aboriginal-held interests listed in Item 1 of Schedule 4 and the native title rights and interests in the Determination Area that are described in Paragraphs 7

and 9 is governed by the non -extinguishment principle as defined in section 238 of the Native Title Act.

17. Native title rights and interests do not exist in:

- (a) Minerals, as defined in section 6 of the Mining Act 1971 (SA); or
- (b) Petroleum, as defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA); or
- (c) a naturally occurring underground accumulation of a regulated substance as defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA), below a depth of 100 metres from the surface of the earth; or
- (d) a natural reservoir, as defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA), below a depth of 100 metres from the surface of the earth;
- (e) geothermal energy, as defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA) the source of which is below a depth of 100 metres from the surface of the earth.

For the purposes of this Paragraph 17 and the avoidance of doubt:

- (i) a geological structure (in whole or in part) on or at the earth's surface or a natural cavity which can be accessed or entered by a person through a natural opening in the earth's surface, is not a natural reservoir;
- (ii) thermal energy contained in a hot or natural spring is not geothermal energy as defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000;
- (iii) the absence from this order of any reference to a natural reservoir or a naturally occurring accumulation of a regulated substance, as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Act 2000 (SA), above a depth 100 metres below the surface of the earth or geothermal energy the source of which is above a depth of 100 metres below the surface of the earth is not, of itself, to be taken as an indication of the existence or otherwise of native title rights or interests in such natural reservoir, naturally occurring accumulation of a regulated substance or geothermal energy.

18. Native title rights do not exist in the areas covered by public works attributable to the State or Commonwealth (including the land defined in section 251D of the Native Title Act) which were constructed, established or situated prior to 23 December 1996 or commenced to be constructed or established on or before that date.

19. Public works constructed, established or situated after 23 December 1996 have had such effect on native title rights and interests as has resulted from Part 2 Division 3 of the Native Title Act.

**AND THE COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING FURTHER ORDERS:**

20. The native title is not to be held in trust.

21. Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC is to:

(a) be the prescribed body corporate for the purposes of section 57(2) of the Native Title Act; and

(b) perform the functions mentioned in section 57(3) of the Native Title Act after becoming the registered native title body corporate in relation to the Determination Area.

22. The Parties have liberty to apply on 14 days' notice to a single judge of the Court for the following purposes:

(a) to determine whether any particular area is included in the description in Paragraph 13 or Schedule 2 of this Order;

(b) to establish the precise location and boundaries of any public works and adjacent land and waters referred to in Paragraphs 18 and 19 of this Order;

(c) to establish the effect on native title rights and interests of any public works referred to in Paragraph 19 of this Order; or

(d) to address, if appropriate, any changes to paragraphs 13 and 14 in light of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *State of Western Australia v Brown and Others* (No P37 of 2012) HCA as it relates to pastoral improvements.

#### **SCHEDULE 1 - Description and Maps of the Determination Area**

##### **Schedule 1, Part 1 - Area considered for this Consent Determination**

[See NNTR attachment 1: "Schedule 1, Part 1 - Area considered for this Consent Determination"]

##### **Schedule 1, Part 1 - Map Coordinates**

[See NNTR attachment 2: "Schedule 1, Part 1 - Map Coordinates"]

##### **Schedule 1, Part 2 - Areas where native title is recognised in this Consent Determination**

**(Determination Area)**

[See NNTR attachment 3: "Schedule 1, Part 2 - Areas where native title is recognised in this Consent Determination (Determination Area)"]

**Schedule 1, Part 2 - Determination Area Map**

[See NNTR attachment 4: "Schedule 1, Part 2 - Determination Area Map"]

**SCHEDULE 2 - Areas that have been excluded from the Determination Area**

1. The following areas are agreed to have been excluded from the Determination Area by reason of the fact that native title has been extinguished in those areas:

1.1. Any areas in relation to which native title has been extinguished by an act attributable to the State of South Australia pursuant to any of the following sections of the Native Title (South Australia) Act 1994 (SA):

a) Sections 33 and 34 (Category A past acts);

b) Section 35 (Category B past acts that are wholly inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of any native title rights or interests);

c) Sections 36B and 36C (Category A intermediate period acts);

d) Section 36D (Category B intermediate period acts that are wholly inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of any native title rights or interests);

e) Sections 36F and 36G (previous exclusive possession acts other than "excepted acts");

1.2. Any areas in relation to which native title has been extinguished by an act attributable to the Commonwealth of Australia pursuant to any of the following sections of the *Native Title Act*.

a) Section 15(1)(a), (b) (Category A past acts);

b) Section 15(1)(c) (Category B past acts that are wholly inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of any native title rights or interests);

c) Section 22B(a), (b) (Category A intermediate period acts);

d) Section 22B(c) (Category B intermediate period acts that are wholly inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of any native title rights or interests);

e) Sections 23B and 23C (previous exclusive possession acts).

1.3. Any areas in relation to which native title rights and interests have otherwise been wholly extinguished.

2. For the avoidance of doubt and without limiting the above, Native Title has been extinguished in relation to areas in respect of which any of the following acts have been done by the Crown in right of the State of South Australia on or before 23 December 1996:

2.1. Freehold grants (other than pursuant to the *Aboriginal Lands Trust Act 1966* (SA));

2.2. Perpetual leases (other than leases which are subject to a reservation or condition expressly for the benefit of Aboriginal people);

2.3. Non-perpetual leases (other than pastoral leases or non-exclusive agricultural leases or leases subject to a reservation or condition expressly for the benefit of Aboriginal people), where:

2.4. in the case of grants to the Crown or a statutory authority, made prior to 31 October 1975 (or after 1 January 1994, if an "intermediate period act");

2.5. in the case of grants other than to the Crown or a statutory authority, made prior to 1 January 1994 (or after 1 January 1994, if a "past act" or "intermediate period act")."

3. Native title rights have been extinguished over all roads which have been delineated in a public map pursuant to section 5(d)(II) of the *Crown Lands Act 1929* (SA) or s70(3) or (4) of the *Crown Land Management Act 2009* (SA) or which have otherwise been validly established pursuant to South Australian Statute or common law.

### **SCHEDULE 3 - The descendants of Adnyamathanha Apical Ancestors**

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**SCHEDULE 4 - Areas where extinguishment of native title must be disregarded by reason of Section 47A or Section 47B, *Native Title Act***

Item 1: Out of Hundreds (Copley) H833900 Section 1278 (CT 5425/77 vested in the Aboriginal Lands Trust);

Item 2: Out of Hundreds (Copley) Section 1049 (CR 5770/658 - excised from Nilpena Pastoral Lease)

**SCHEDULE 5 - Pastoral Leases wholly or partially in the Determination Area**

<b>Pastoral Lease Name</b>	<b>Pastoral Lease Number</b>	<b>Crown Lease Number</b>	<b>Volume/Folio</b>
Murnpeowie (part)	PE 2519	CL 1598/37	
Benagerie (part)	PE 2359	CL 1292/4	
Billeroo West (part)	PE 2300	CL 1286/12	

Telechie (part)	PE 2365	CL 1299/9
Glenorchy (part)	PE 2205	CL 1277/22
Curnamona	PE 2326	CL 1301/7
Glen Warwick	PE 2307A	CL 1410/11
Holowilena South (part)	PE 2260A	CL 1437/27
Worumba (part)	PE 2291	CL 1287/27
Shaggy Ridge (part)	PE 2335	CL 1290/34

#### **SCHEDULE 6 - Existing interest of SA Power Networks**

<b>DCBD ID</b>	<b>Hundred</b>	<b>Title Ref</b>	<b>Asset type</b>
H833900 S1043	OUT OF HUNDREDS (COPLEY)	CR 5770/657	Pole Mounted Transformer
T833901 A62	OUT OF HUNDREDS (COPLEY)	CR 5747/992	Underground Low Voltage Service Conductor
H300400 S517	WONOKA	CR 5497/327	Overhead Low Voltage Service Conductor

#### **REGISTER ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Schedule 1, Part 1 - Area considered for this Consent Determination, 5 pages - A4, 25/02/2014
2. Schedule 1, Part 1 - Map Coordinates, 12 pages - A3, 25/02/2014
3. Schedule 1, Part 2 - Areas where native title is recognised in this Consent Determination (Determination Area), 14 pages - A4, 25/02/2014
4. Schedule 1, Part 2 - Determination Area Map, 34 pages - A3, 25/02/2014

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