

Expedited procedure – use of land claim report

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Deputy President Sumner, 29 November 2002

In this future act matter, the National Native Title Tribunal held a land claim report prepared for the purposes of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT) 1976* (Cwlth) can be received into evidence in proceedings before the Tribunal under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (NTA). However, the use to which it may be put will vary with the circumstances. Reasonably current findings of activities carried out by traditional owners who are also registered native title claimants over the specific area of the proposed grant may be able to be formally adopted under s. 146(b) of the NTA or be given weight as evidence. In other cases, land claim reports may be of less weight or completely irrelevant—at [44] to [47].