## Notice of a compensation application in relation to an area in Northern Territory



**National** Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 22 October 2025

An application has been made to the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) seeking a determination of compensation for the loss, impairment, diminution or extinguishment of native title rights and interests in the area described below.

The compensable acts for which compensation is claimed include:

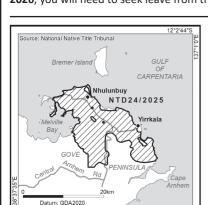
- a) past acts attributable to the Commonwealth validated by the NTA including:
- i. Mining Ordinance 1939 (NT) (s 107), which vested all minerals including bauxite on the Gove Peninsula as property of the Commonwealth; ii. Minerals (Acquisition) Ordinance 1953 (NT) (s 3), which - to the extent that the Mining Ordinance 1939 (NT) may not have been effective -
- vested all minerals including bauxite on the Gove Peninsula as property of the Commonwealth;
- iii. special mineral lease no 1 which was granted to the Commonwealth Aluminium Corporation Pty Ltd on 17 November 1958;
- iv. special mineral leases nos 2, 3 and 4 which were granted to Gove Bauxite Corporation Ltd on 11 March 1963;

- v. the special mineral lease and special purposes leases granted or renewed pursuant to the Gove Agreement and under the 1968 Gove
- Ordinance (the Nabalco leases) Special Mineral Lease 11, Special Purposes Lease No 213, Special Purposes Lease No 214, Special Purposes
- Lease No 215, Special Purpose Lease No 216, Special Purpose Lease No 217, Special Purposes Lease No 249, Special Purposes Lease No
- 250, Special Purposes Lease No 251, Special Purpose Lease No 252, Special Purposes Lease No 253, Special Purposes Lease No 270, Special
- Purposes Lease No 277, Special Purposes Lease No 390, Special Purposes Lease No 403;
- b) past acts attributable to the Northern Territory validated by Pt 2 of the Validation (Native Title) Act 1994 (NT);
- c) intermediate period acts attributable to the Northern Territory validated under Pt 2 of the Validation (Native Title) Act 1994 (NT);
- d) previous exclusive possession acts and non-exclusive possession acts attributable to the Commonwealth in respect of which extinguishment is confirmed by the NTA.

title rights and interests are found to have been affected, the Federal Court must determine whether any compensation is payable.

Once a compensation application has been made under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), and if there is no determination of native title in the area covered by the application, the Federal Court must make a concurrent determination about whether or not native title exists in that particular area. If the Federal Court decides that native title has not been extinguished, it must decide who holds the native title. If native

If you want to become a party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, on or before 21 January 2026. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After 21 January **2026.** you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.



Federal Court File No: NTD24/2025

Date filed: 8 July 2025

**Description of area:** The application area covers about 216.7 sq km and is located over the Gove Peninsula in the vicinity of Nhulunbuy and Yirrkala

Application name: Bakamumu Marika & Ors v Northern Territory of Australia & Anor

Relevant LGAs: East Arnhem Region and Un-Incorporated (Nhulunbuy) Area

For assistance and any further information about this application, including the description of the area, call Huia McGrath on 07 3052 4040 or visit www.nntt.gov.au.