Notice of applications for determination of native title in Western Australia



National Native Title Tribunal

Notification day: 18 June 2025

These are applications by native title claim groups which are asking the Federal Court of Australia (Federal Court) to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

If you want to become a party to any of these applications, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court, **on or before 17 September 2025**. Further information regarding how to file a Form 5 is available from www.fedcourt.gov.au. After **17 September 2025**, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Federal Court File No: WAD343/2024

Date filed: 25 November 2024

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration

Nhuwala People and State of Western Australia

Description of area: The application area consists of multiple parts with a total combined area of about 2,058 sq km and is located in the area surrounding Onslow including the following islands: Airlie, Ashburton, Direction, Middle Mangrove, North East Twin, North Mangrove, Rosily, South Mangrove, South West Twin and Thevenard

Application name: Brian Hayes & Ors on behalf of the Thalanyii/

Relevant LGA: Shire of Ashburton

NNTT Contact: Huia McGrath - 08 6317 5442

Application name: Caroline Fazeldean & Ors on behalf of the Nhuwala Claim Group and State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD382/2024

Date filed: 18 December 2024

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this

application for registration

Description of area: The application area covers about 3,475 sq km and is located in the area surrounding Onslow including the following islands: Airlie, Direction, Middle Mangrove, North East Twin, North Mangrove, Rosily, South Mangrove, South West Twin and Thevenard

Relevant LGA: Shire of Ashburton

NNTT Contact: Claire Smith - 08 6317 5333



For assistance and any further information about these applications, including the descriptions of the areas, call the relevant contact person above or visit www.nntt.gov.au.