



Extract from Schedule of Native Title Applications

Application Reference: Federal Court number: NTD6002/1996
NNTT number: DC1994/002

Application Name: Hayes v Northern Territory of Australia (Alice Springs)

Application Type: Claimant

Application filed with: National Native Title Tribunal

Date application filed: 31/08/1994

Current status: Full Approved Determination - 23/05/2002

Registration information: Please refer to the Register of Native Title Claims/National Native Title Register (as appropriate) for registered details of this application.

Registration decision status: Not currently identified for Reg. Decision

Registration history: Registered from 12/04/1995 to 23/05/2002

Date claim / part of claim determined: 23/05/2000

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Additional Information

Not applicable

Persons claiming to hold native title:

The applicants are family representatives who hold native title along with all other members of their families. The land the subject of this application is primarily associated with Central Arrernte people although other Arrernte people also have traditional connections to the area. The applicant families encompass the interests of both the Central Arrernte and other Arrernte people. For the purposes of this application these families are collectively termed the Mbantuarinya Arrernte.

Native title rights and interests claimed:

1. Since time immemorial the Mbantuarinya Arrernte have been and continue to be a community linked by a complex of laws, social, economic and cultural practices, customs, usages and beliefs.

2. At and for some time before the acquisition of sovereignty Mbantuarinya Arrernte had a special relationship with and connection to the Land in accordance with these traditional laws, customs, practices and usages such that the Land comprised part of Mbantuarinya Arrernte's traditional homeland.

PARTICULARS OF TRADITIONAL LAWS, CUSTOMS, PRACTICES AND USAGES WHICH GIVE RISE TO MBANTUARINYA ARRERENTE'S SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH AND CONNECTION TO THE LAND.

- i) Mbantuarinya Arrernte possessed, occupied, used and enjoyed the Land.
- ii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte resided on the Land.
- iii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte maintained a non-sedentary way of life on the Land.
- iv) Mbantuarinya Arrernte derived sustenance from the Land.
- v) Mbantuarinya Arrernte hunted and gathered food on the Land.
- vi) Mbantuarinya Arrernte bore, reared and taught their children on the Land.
- vii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte built and used shelter on the Land.
- viii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte held ceremonies on the Land.
- ix) Mbantuarinya Arrernte held ceremonies concerning the Land.
- x) Mbantuarinya Arrernte held meetings on the Land for secular purposes.
- xi) Mbantuarinya Arrernte held meetings on the Land for spiritual purposes.
- xii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte cared for the Land in keeping with spiritual obligations.
- xiii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte men and women maintained and passed on to other family members spiritual knowledge of the Land.
- xiv) Mbantuarinya Arrernte buried their dead on the Land.
- xv) Mbantuarinya Arrernte men and women maintained and passed on to other family members geographical, topographical, environmental and climate knowledge of the Land.
- xvi) Mbantuarinya Arrernte shared, exchanged and/or traded resources derived on and from the Land.
- xvii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte visited and or/camped at special or exclusive places on the Land.
- xviii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte knew and avoided spiritually dangerous places on the Land.
- xix) Mbantuarinya Arrernte recognised particular connections of individuals and groups to particular parts of the Land.
- xx) Mbantuarinya Arrernte recognised particular connections of an individual to particular parts of the Land by reference to multiple criteria. Such connections were recognised to one or a number of the following:

A Conception in accordance with Aboriginal tradition.

B Descent including classificatory and putative.

C Spiritual affiliation.

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D Ritual entitlement.

E Spiritual Responsibility.

F Adoption in accordance with Aboriginal tradition.

xxi) Mbantuarinya Arrernte regulated access to parts of the Land according to initiation status, status of spiritual knowledge and gender.

xxii) Mbantuarinya Arrernte prevented the Land being harmed physically and spiritually by observing or engaging in the customs, laws, practices and usages referred to in the above subparagraphs 2(i) to 2(xxii).

3. Mbantuarinya Arrernte have substantially maintained the special relationship and connection to the Land described in paragraph 2.

Application Area: **State/Territory:** Northern Territory
Brief Location: Alice Springs
Primary RATSIB Area: Southern Northern Territory
Approximate size: 155.4177 sq km
(Note: There may be areas within the external boundary of the application that are not claimed.)
Does Area Include Sea: No

Area covered by the claim (as detailed in the application):

The land and inland waters (cross-hatched) covered by this application are clearly indicated on Map 1, being Attachment A6.

All the land and inland waters covered by the application is owned by the Crown. The different types of claimed Crown land are represented in colour in each of the maps. The representation is as follows:

- (a) The areas shaded BLUE represent vacant Crown land;
- (b) The areas shaded YELLOW represent Crown land subject to various Reserves;
- (c) The areas shaded BROWN represent Crown land subject to various leases;
- (d) The areas shaded PURPLE represent Crown land 'set aside' for various purposes.

The central area of Map 1 is enlarged by Maps A, B, C and D.

Map A, being Attachment A6(a), covers the north-west portion of this central area.

Map B, being Attachment A6(b), covers the north-east portion of this central area.

Map C, being Attachment A6(c), covers the south-west portion of this central area.

Map D, being Attachment A6(d), covers the south-east portion of this central area.

There is a total of 167 lots covered by this application. The numbers which appear on the maps refer to the numerical index of lot numbers which constitutes Attachment 7.

Attachments: 1. Map of Claim Area, 1 page - A4, 31/08/1994
 2. Key to Map, 1 page - A4, 31/08/1994

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