



# Extract from the National Native Title Register

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## Determination Information:

**Determination Reference:** Federal Court Number(s): NTD13/2010  
NNTT Number: DCD2011/010

**Determination Name:** [King v Northern Territory of Australia](#)

**Date(s) of Effect:** 2/06/2011

**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:** 02/06/2011

**Determining Body:** Federal Court of Australia

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Top End (Default PBC/CLA) Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC was determined as the Prescribed Body Corporate for this determination on 13 April 2016.

### REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE:

Top End (Default PBC/CLA) Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC  
Agent Body Corporate  
45 Mitchell Street  
DARWIN Northern Territory 0801

*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:

4. The land and waters of the Determination Area comprise the whole or part of three estates, which are held respectively by the members of the following three estate groups:

- (a) the Ngapurr group;
- (b) the Yingawunarri group;
- (c) the Purrurruka group.

These persons, together with the Aboriginal people referred to in clause 6 hereof, are collectively referred to as 'the native title holders'.

5. Each of the estate groups referred to in clause 4 hereof includes persons who are members of the group by reason of:

- (a) patrilineal descent;
- (b) his or her mother, father's mother or mother's mother being or having been a member of the group by reason of patrilineal descent;
- (c) having been adopted or incorporated into the descent relationships referred to in (a) or (b) hereof.

These persons are collectively referred to as 'the estate group members'.

6. In accordance with traditional laws and customs, other Aboriginal people have rights and interests in respect of the Determination Area, subject to the rights and interests of the estate group members, such people being:

- (a) members of estate groups from neighbouring estates;
- (b) spouses of the estate group members.

7. Each of the estate groups referred to in clause 6(a) hereof includes persons who are members of the group by reason of:

- (a) patrilineal descent;
- (b) his or her mother, father's mother or mother's mother being or having been a member of the group by reason of patrilineal descent;
- (c) having been adopted or incorporated into the descent relationships referred to in (a) or (b) hereof.

#### **MATTERS DETERMINED:**

THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

THE DETERMINATION AREA

1. The Determination Area is the land and waters described in Schedule A and depicted on the map comprising Schedule B.
2. Native title exists in those parts of the Determination Area identified in Schedule C.
3. Native title does not exist in those parts of the Determination Area identified in Schedule D.

THE NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS

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(c) having been adopted or incorporated into the descent relationships referred to in (a) or (b) hereof.

#### THE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS

8. The native title rights and interests of the estate group members that are possessed under their traditional laws and customs are, subject to the traditional laws and customs that govern the exercise of the native title rights and interests by the native title holders, non-exclusive rights to use and enjoy those parts of the Determination Area identified in Schedule C being:

(a) the right to travel over, to move about and to have access to those areas;

(b) the right to hunt and to fish on the land and waters of those areas;

(c) the right to gather and to use the natural resources of those areas such as food, medicinal plants, wild tobacco, timber, stone and resin;

(d) the right to take and to use the natural water on those areas, and for the sake of clarity and the avoidance of doubt this right does not include the right to take or use water captured by the holders of Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1043;

(e) the right to live, to camp and for that purpose to erect shelters and other structures on those areas;

(f) the right to light fires on those areas for domestic purposes, but not for the clearance of vegetation;

(g) the right to conduct and to participate in the following activities on those areas:

(i) cultural activities;

(ii) cultural practices relating to birth and death, including burial rites;

(iii) ceremonies;

(iv) meetings;

(v) teaching the physical and spiritual attributes of sites and places on those areas that are of significance under their traditional laws and customs;

(h) the right to maintain and to protect sites and places on those areas that are of significance under their traditional laws and customs;

(i) the right to share or exchange subsistence and other traditional resources obtained on or from those areas;

(j) the right to be accompanied on to those areas by persons who, though not native title holders, are:

(i) people required by traditional law and custom for the performance of ceremonies or cultural activities on the areas;

(ii) people who have rights in relation to the areas according to the traditional laws and customs acknowledged by the estate group members;

(iii) people required by the estate group members to assist in, observe, or record traditional activities on the areas;

(k) the right to conduct activities necessary to give effect to the rights referred to in (a) to (j) hereof.

These native title rights and interests do not confer on the estate group members possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the Determination Area, to the exclusion of all others.

9. The native title rights and interests of the native title holders referred to in clause 6 hereof that are possessed under their traditional laws and customs are, subject to the traditional laws and customs that govern the exercise of the native title rights and interests by the native title holders, non-exclusive rights to use and enjoy those parts of the Determination Area identified in Schedule C being:

(a) the right to travel over, to move about and to have access to those areas;

(b) the right to hunt and to fish on the land and waters of those areas;

(c) the right to gather and to use the natural resources of those areas such as food, medicinal plants, wild tobacco, timber, stone and resin;

(d) the right to take and to use the natural water on those areas, and for the sake of clarity and the avoidance of doubt this right does not include the right to take or use water captured by the holders of Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1043;

(e) the right to camp on those areas;

(f) the right to light fires on those areas for domestic purposes, but not for the clearance of vegetation;

(g) the right to conduct activities necessary to give effect to the rights referred to in (a) to (f) hereof.

These native title rights and interests do not confer on the native title holders referred to in clause 6 hereof possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the Determination Area, to the exclusion of all others.

#### OTHER INTERESTS IN THE DETERMINATION AREA

10. The nature and extent of other interests in relation to the Determination Area are the interests, created by the Crown or otherwise, as follows:

(a) in relation to NT portions 1747 and 1751, the interests of the A A Company Pty Ltd under Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1043;

(b) in relation to NT portion 1747, part of the Murrniji Stock Route and the Dry River Stock Route, valid rights of use for the passage of travelling stock;

(c) 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 rights:

(A) to inspect land;

(B) to install and operate telecommunications facilities; and

(C) to alter, remove, replace, maintain, repair and ensure the proper functioning of its telecommunications facilities; and

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

(iv) under any license, access agreement or easement relating to its telecommunications facilities in the Determination Area; and

(v) in respect of its freehold estate in NT Portion 3530;

(d) in relation to NT portions 4865(A) and 4800(A), the interest of the Minister under the Heritage Conservation Act (NT);

(e) in relation to NT portions 1747 and 1751, the rights of Aboriginal persons (whether or not native title holders) pursuant to the reservation in favour of Aboriginal peoples contained in the pastoral lease, identified in ss 38(2)-(6) of

the Pastoral Land Act 1992 (NT);

(f) the rights of Aboriginal persons (whether or not native title holders) by virtue of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989 (NT);

(g) rights of access by an employee, servant, agent or instrumentality of the Northern Territory or Commonwealth, or other statutory authority as required in the performance of statutory duties;

(h) the interests of persons to whom valid and validated rights and interests have been:

(i) granted by the Crown pursuant to statute or otherwise in the exercise of executive power; or

(ii) otherwise conferred by statute;

11. To the extent, if at all, that the exercise of the native title rights and interests referred to in clauses 8 and 9 conflicts with the exercise of the rights and interests of the persons referred to in clause 10, the rights and interests of the persons referred to in clause 10 prevail over, but do not extinguish, the native title rights referred to in clauses 8 and 9.

#### OTHER MATTERS

12. There are no native title rights and interests in:

(a) minerals (as defined in s 2 of the Minerals (Acquisition) Act (NT));

(b) petroleum (as defined in s 5 of the Petroleum Act (NT));

(c) prescribed substances (as defined in s 3 of the Atomic Energy (Control of Materials) Act 1946 (Cth) and/or s 5(1) of the Atomic Energy Act 1953 (Cth)),

in the Determination Area.

13. The native title rights and interests are subject to and exercisable in accordance with the valid laws of the Northern Territory of Australia and the Commonwealth of Australia.

14. The native title rights and interests are for the personal or communal needs of the native title holders which are of a domestic or subsistence nature and not for any commercial or business purpose.

#### SCHEDULE A

##### DESCRIPTION OF DETERMINATION AREA

The Determination Area comprises the following areas of land:

1. NT portions 1747 and 1751, including the parts designated as NT portions 4865(A) and 4800(A), being land the subject of Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1043;

2. NT portion 3530, being land the subject of the grant of an estate in fee simple to Telstra Corporation Limited;

3. NT portion 1747 being land comprising part of the Murrarji Stock Route and the Dry River Stock Route.

#### SCHEDULE B

##### MAP OF DETERMINATION AREA

(see NNTR Attachment 1: 'Schedule B - Map of Determination Area')

#### SCHEDULE C

##### AREAS WHERE NATIVE TITLE EXISTS

The areas of land and waters in respect of which the native title rights and interests in clauses 8 and 9 apply are:

1. NT portions 1747 and 1751, including the parts designated as NT portions 4865(A) and 4800(A), being land the subject of Perpetual Pastoral Lease 1043, except those parts thereof referred to in Schedule D;

2. NT portion 1747 being land comprising part of the Murrarji Stock Route and the Dry River Stock Route, except those parts thereof referred to in Schedule D.

## SCHEDULE D

### AREAS WHERE NATIVE TITLE DOES NOT EXIST

Native title rights and interests have been wholly extinguished in the following areas of land and waters:

1. NT portion 3530, being land the subject of freehold estate granted to Telstra Corporation Limited;
2. Those parts of the Determination Area covered by public works (including adjacent land or waters as defined in s 251D of the Act) which were constructed, established or situated prior to 23 December 1996 or commenced to be constructed or established on or before that date, including but not limited to:
  - (a) public roads, whether rural roads, arterial roads or national highways;
  - (b) community and pastoral access roads which are not otherwise public roads;
  - (c) gravel pits adjacent to the roads referred to at paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof used to maintain those roads;
  - (d) access roads or tracks to the public works referred to in this clause;
  - (e) Government bores and associated infrastructure including bores used for the establishment, operation or maintenance of public and other roads;
  - (f) river and rain gauges;
  - (g) transmission and distribution water pipes and associated infrastructure;
  - (h) sewer pipes, sewer pump stations and associated infrastructure; and
  - (i) electricity transmission lines, towers, poles and associated infrastructure;
3. In relation to NT portions 1747 and 1751, including the parts designated as NT portions 4865(A) and 4800(A), those parts of the Determination Area covered by pastoral improvements including but not limited to:
  - (a) a homestead, house, sheds and buildings including:
    - (i) Homestead;
    - (ii) Cottage 1 ' Governess quarters and school room, office/store/social club complex;
    - (iii) Kitchen;
    - (iv) Cook's cottage;
    - (v) Married cottage;
    - (vi) Workshop;
    - (vii) Men's quarters;
    - (viii) Lick Shed;
    - (ix) Machinery Shed;
    - (x) Campdraft Arena;
    - (xi) Secretary's box;
    - (xii) Main shed;
    - (xiii) Ablution block;
    - (xiv) Old bar; and
    - (xv) Stables;
  - (b) bores including:
    - (i) Corner bore located 18 km South Southwest of homestead;

- (ii) CTT bore located 3.7 km directly North of homestead;
  - (iii) Cullenjacky bore located 15.7 km Southwest of homestead;
  - (iv) Hawk Knob bore located 18.4 km Southeast by South of homestead;
  - (v) Hughes bore located 21 km East Southeast of homestead;
  - (vi) McColls bore located within Illawara/Pandanus paddock;
  - (vii) McGaskills bore located 18 km East Northeast of homestead;
  - (viii) McRaes bore located 6 km Southeast of homestead;
  - (ix) Mistake bore located 16.2 km directly South of homestead;
  - (x) No 14 Pussy Cat bore located 25.7 km directly East of homestead;
  - (xi) No Name bore located 30.4 km Southwest of homestead;
  - (xii) Old Top Springs bore located within Illawara paddock;
  - (xiii) Ottos bore located 33 km Southwest of homestead;
  - (xiv) Police bore located within Illawara paddock;
  - (xv) Station bore (new) located within homestead complex;
  - (xvi) Station bore (original) located within homestead complex; and
  - (xvii) Winari bore located 21 km Southwest by South of homestead;
- (c) turkey nests located at the following bores:
- (i) Corner bore;
  - (ii) Cullenjacky bore;
  - (iii) Hawk Knob bore;
  - (iv) Hughes bore;
  - (v) McGaskgills bore;
  - (vi) McRaes bore;
  - (vii) Mistake bore;
  - (viii) No. 14 Pussy Cat bore;
  - (ix) No Name bore;
  - (x) Ottos bore; and
  - (xi) Station bore.
- (d) squatter tanks including McGaskills tank located 17 km East Northeast of homestead, 1 km from McGaskills bore;
- (e) constructed dams and/or constructed stock watering points including:
- (i) Jahi dam located in Pussy Cat paddock; and
  - (ii) Hawks Knob Bush dam located 20 km East Southeast of Homestead;
- (f) stockyards including:
- (i) Hawks Knob yard located at Hawks Knob dam, 18.4 km Southeast by South of Homestead;

- (ii) Main Station yards located 0.5 km North of homestead; and
- (iii) Pussy Cat yards located 22.6 km East of homestead.
- (g) trapyards including:
  - (i) Limestone trapyard located to the Northwest of Hawks Knob bore and yard in the Limestone paddock;
  - (ii) Chidibung trapyard located to the South West of Hawks Knob bore in Chidbung paddock;
  - (iii) Hawks Knob trapyard located to the Northeast of Hawks Knob bore in Hawks Knob paddock;
  - (iv) Hawks Knob Bush trapyard located to the Southeast of Hawks Knob bore in Hawks Knob paddock; and
  - (v) Hughs Nest trapyard located between Hughes paddock and Hawks Knob paddock;
- (h) highway airstrips including:
  - (i) Main Station airstrip located 2 km North of homestead on the Buntine Highway; and
  - (ii) Pussy Cat airstrip located 1 km West of Pussy Cat campdraft complex on the Buchanan Highway.

The areas described by 3(a) ' (g) comprise land on which the improvements have been constructed prior to the date of this determination, and any adjacent land or waters the exclusive use of which is necessary for the enjoyment of the improvements.

**REGISTER ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Attachment 1 - Schedule B Map of Determination Area, 1 page - A4, 02/06/2011

*Note: The National Native Title Register may, in accordance with s. 195 of the Native Title Act 1993, contain confidential information that will not appear on the Extract.*