



Extract from the National Native Title Register

Determination Information:

Determination Reference: Federal Court Number(s): QUD673/2014
NNTT Number: QCD2025/005

Determination Name: [Ross on behalf of the Cape York United #1 Claim Group v State of Queensland \(No 36\) \(Hopevale identified parcel determination\)](#)

Date(s) of Effect: 12/12/2025

Determination Outcome: Native title exists in the entire determination area

Register Extract (pursuant to s. 193 of the *Native Title Act 1993*)

Determination Date: 12/12/2025

Determining Body: Federal Court of Australia

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Not Applicable

REGISTERED NATIVE TITLE BODY CORPORATE:

Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC
Trustee Body Corporate
32 Florence Street
CAIRNS Queensland 4870

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

COMMON LAW HOLDER(S) OF NATIVE TITLE:

7. The native title is held by the Guugu Yimidhirr People described in Schedule 1 (the **Native Title Holders**).

MATTERS DETERMINED:

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. There be a determination of native title in the terms proposed in these orders, despite any actual or arguable defect in the authorisation of the applicant to seek and agree to a consent determination pursuant to s 87A of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

BY CONSENT THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

2. There be a determination of native title in the terms set out below (the **Determination**).

BY CONSENT THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

4. In this Determination, unless the contrary intention appears:

"High Water Mark" means the ordinary high-water mark at spring tides;

"land" has the same meaning as in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth);

"Laws of the State and the Commonwealth" means the common law and the laws of the State of Queensland and the Commonwealth of Australia, and includes legislation, regulations, statutory instruments, local planning instruments and local laws;

"Local Government Area" has the meaning given in the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld);

"Native Title Determination Application" means the Cape York United #1 native title claim filed on 11 December 2014 in QUD 673 of 2014;

"Water" means:

(a) water which flows, whether permanently or intermittently, within a river, creek or stream;

(b) any natural collection of water, whether permanent or intermittent; and

(c) water from an underground water source; and

"waters" has the same meaning as in the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

Other words and expressions used in this Determination have the same meanings as they have in Part 15 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

5. The determination area is the land and waters described in Schedule 3 and depicted in the map attached to Schedule 5 to the extent those areas are not excluded by the terms of Schedule 4 (the **Determination Area**). To the extent of any inconsistency between the written description and the map, the written description prevails.

6. Native title exists in the Determination Area.

7. The native title is held by the Guugu Yimidhirr People described in Schedule 1 (the **Native Title Holders**).

8. Subject to orders 9, 10, and 11 below, the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters described in Schedule 3 are:

(a) other than in relation to Water, the right to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the area to the exclusion of all others; and

(b) in relation to Water, the non-exclusive right to take the Water of the area for personal, domestic and non-commercial communal purposes.

9. The native title rights and interests are subject to and exercisable in accordance with:

(a) the Laws of the State and the Commonwealth; and

(b) the traditional laws acknowledged and traditional customs observed by the Native Title Holders.

10. The native title rights and interests referred to in order 8(b) do not confer possession, occupation, use or enjoyment to the exclusion of all others.

11. There are no native title rights in or in relation to minerals as defined by the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and petroleum as defined by the *Petroleum Act 1923* (Qld) and the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

12. The nature and extent of any other interests in relation to the Determination Area (or respective parts thereof) are set out in Schedule 2.

13. The relationship between the native title rights and interests described in order 8 and the other interests described in Schedule 2 (the **Other Interests**) is that:

(a) the Other Interests continue to have effect, and the rights conferred by or held under the Other Interests may be exercised notwithstanding the existence of the native title rights and interests;

(b) to the extent the Other Interests are inconsistent with the continued existence, enjoyment or exercise of the native title rights and interests in relation to the land and waters of the Determination Area, the native title rights and interests continue to exist in their entirety but the native title rights and interests have no effect in relation to the Other Interests to the extent of the inconsistency for so long as the Other Interests exist; and

(c) the Other Interests and any activity that is required or permitted by or under, and done in accordance with, the Other Interests, or any activity that is associated with or incidental to such an activity, prevail over the native title rights and interests and any exercise of the native title rights and interests.

THE COURT DETERMINES THAT:

14. The native title is held in trust.

15. The Guugu Yimidhirr Aboriginal Corporation (ICN: 11764), incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (Cth), is to:

(a) be the prescribed body corporate for the purpose of ss 56(2)(b) and 56(3) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth); and

(b) perform the functions mentioned in s 57(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) after becoming a registered native title body corporate.

REGISTER ATTACHMENTS:

1. Schedule 1 – Native Title Holders, 3 pages - A4, 12/12/2025

2. Schedule 2 – Other Interests in the Determination Area, 2 pages - A4, 12/12/2025

3. Schedule 3 – Description of Determination Area, 1 page - A4, 12/12/2025
4. Schedule 4 – Areas Not Forming Part of the Determination Area, 3 pages - A4, 12/12/2025
5. Schedule 5 – Map of Determination Area, 1 page - A4, 12/12/2025

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