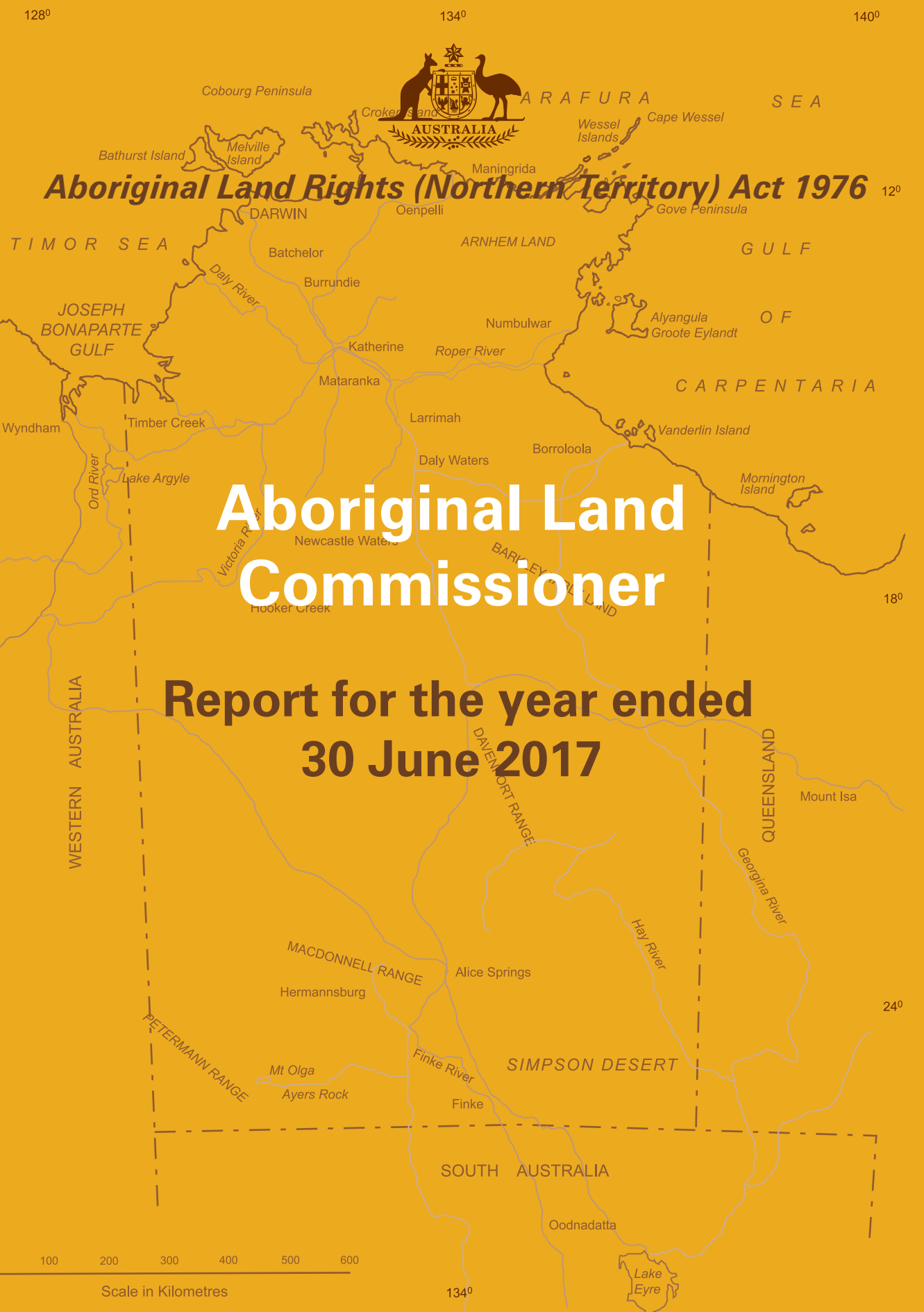




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31 October 2017

Dear *Minister*

Annual Report

In accordance with s 61(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, I present the report of my operations for the year ending 30 June 2017.

Yours sincerely

The Hon John Mansfield AM QC
Aboriginal Land Commissioner

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ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976
**REPORT OF THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2017**

ANNUAL REPORT

1. This report is furnished to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs (the Minister) pursuant to s 61(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act) which provides that each Aboriginal Land Commissioner shall, as soon as practicable after 30 June in each year, prepare and furnish to the Minister a report of his or her operations during the year that ended on that date.

THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER

2. During the year under review, the office of Aboriginal Land Commissioner was held by the Hon John Mansfield AM QC on a part-time basis. The Hon John Mansfield AM QC was originally appointed under s 52(1) of the Act on a part-time basis for the period 23 November 2011 – 30 June 2013. He was subsequently re-appointed for a further term, on a part-time basis, for the period 1 July 2013 – 30 June 2016. On 5 May 2016, the Administrator of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia approved the re-appointment of the Hon John Mansfield AM QC as Aboriginal Land Commissioner, on a part-time basis, for the period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2019.

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER

3. The major functions of the Commissioner are set out as follows in s 50(1) of the Act:
 - (1) The functions of a Commissioner are:
 - a) on an application being made to the Commissioner by or on behalf of Aboriginals claiming to have a traditional land claim to an area of land, being unalienated Crown land or alienated Crown land in which all estates and interests not held by the Crown are held by, or on behalf of, Aboriginals:
 - i. to ascertain whether those Aboriginals or any other Aboriginals are the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land; and
 - ii. to report his or her findings to the Minister and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory, and, where the

Commissioner finds that there are Aboriginals who are the traditional Aboriginal owners of the land, to make recommendations to the Minister for the granting of the land or any part of the land in accordance with sections 11 and 12;

- b) to inquire into the likely extent of traditional land claims by Aboriginals to alienated Crown land and to report to the Minister and to the Administrator of the Northern Territory, from time to time, the results of his or her inquiries;
- c) to establish and maintain a register of the traditional land claims referred to in paragraph (b);
- d) to advise the Minister in connexion with any other matter relevant to the operation of this Act that is referred to the Commissioner by the Minister; and
- e) to advise the Minister and the Administrator of the Northern Territory in connexion with any other matter relating to land in the Northern Territory that is referred to the Commissioner by the Minister with the concurrence of the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

In addition, the Commissioner has the following functions and powers:

- a) With the approval of the Minister, any function that may be conferred on the Commissioner by a law of the Northern Territory (s 50(2)).
- b) The power to do all things necessary or convenient to be done for or in connexion with the performance of his or her functions (s 51).
- c) Powers to require persons to answer questions and produce documents, and to inspect and make and retain copies of or extracts from documents so produced (ss 54(1) and (2) and 54A(1)(b)).
- d) Powers to administer an oath or affirmation and to examine a person on oath or affirmation (ss 54(5) and 54A(1)(a)).
- e) Powers to prohibit or limit the publication of or access to information to be given publicly or given in a book, document or other record produced (ss 54AA(1) and (2)).
- f) The power to refer a question of law arising in connection with an application to the Federal Court of Australia for determination (s 54D(1)).
- g) The power to engage consultants on terms and conditions determined by the Minister (s 60).

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

4. During the year under review, the Office of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner operated from Jacana House, 39-41 Woods Street, Darwin, in premises occupied by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C).
5. On retirement from the Federal Court of Australia on 24 August 2016, the Hon John Mansfield AM QC commenced engagement with PM&C as a statutory office holder to fulfill the remaining term of his appointment.
6. PM&C provided administrative support for the operations of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner.

THE LAND CLAIM PROCESS

7. The Act commenced on 26 January 1977. A total of 249 land claim applications have since been made. As a result of amendments to the Act made in 1987 and 2006 (notably s 50(2A) and s 67A(6)(a)) no new application has been made since 4 June 1997.
8. The tables in Appendix 1 (which are described in detail later in the report) disclose that of the 249 applications lodged:
 - a. 84 have been the subject of inquiries and reports;
 - b. 3 are currently the subject of incomplete inquiries;
 - c. 7 relate only to land which comprises the beds and banks of rivers and/or the inter-tidal zone (ITZ) and are susceptible to being finally disposed of without an inquiry in the event that regulations are made pursuant to s 67A(12) of the Act;
 - d. 143 have been disposed of either by way of withdrawal or some other process not involving an inquiry;
 - e. 11 are currently the subject of settlement negotiations which may result in the applications being disposed of without an inquiry; and
 - f. in one case the Commissioner is currently prevented from exercising any function by reason of s 50(2C) of the Act.
9. At a meeting convened by the Commissioner on 20 October 2016, the Northern Land Council and the Northern Territory Government through their representatives agreed in principal to a timetable to progress to finality (either by agreement and a request for scheduling, or by inquiry and report by the Commissioner) the unresolved applications referred to in 7c and 7e above, in a timely manner.

10. In addition, the Commonwealth Government is currently taking steps to add land the subject of 4 applications (Nos. 93, 111, 122 and 179) to Schedule 1 of the Act. It is anticipated that process will largely be completed during the next reporting period.

LAND CLAIM APPLICATION HEARINGS

11. During the year under review the Commissioner was not requested by either the Northern Land Council or the Central Land Council to undertake an inquiry in relation to any of the land claim applications referred to in sub-paragraphs 7(c) and 7(e) above.
12. The Commissioner took action to instigate an inquiry into Application No 189 (Fitzmaurice River Region) during the reporting period. The inquiries commenced on 14 June 2017.
13. The Commissioner intends to instigate inquiries into certain further claims within the category 7c referred to above during the next reporting period.

REPORTS DELIVERED

14. On 16 June 2016, the Commissioner delivered a report (Report No 73) into Application No 64 (Frances Well) and recommended a grant of Aboriginal land under the Act.

DETAILS OF LAND CLAIM APPLICATIONS

15. Appendix 1 to this report contains details of all applications that have been made pursuant to s 50(1)(a) of the Act. Part I of the appendix lists the applications in chronological order whereas Part II provides an alphabetical list. The tables which follow Part I show the current status of each application.
16. Table 1 lists the reports that have been submitted pursuant to s 50(1)(a)(ii). Eighty-four applications have been the subject of completed inquiries and reports. In one case, Application No 111 (Alligator Rivers Area III), the area known as Goodparla was not dealt with and accordingly that application also appears in Table 3.
17. Table 2 deals with applications which have been disposed of without an inquiry, to the extent that the Commissioner has no further function to perform under s 50(1) of the Act. In some cases the claimed land does not fit the description in s 50(1)(a) and in others the application duplicates a claim in another application. Claims to the seabed below the low water mark are included on the basis that such land is not "land in the Northern Territory".

18. In cases where claimed land has been added to Schedule 1 of the Act, the number and date of the amending Act is shown.
19. In a number of cases applications have been withdrawn in order to facilitate the granting of title pursuant to Northern Territory legislation. Where an application is taken to be finally disposed of by operation of a provision of s 67A, the relevant subsection number is shown.
20. Table 3 has been divided into four sub-categories in order to reflect the current status of each application which is still within the jurisdiction of the Commissioner. During the year, the parties to each of the applications listed in Table 3 have been required to report on the reasons for apparent delay in the completion of those applications. It is anticipated that there will be progress in the finalisation of some of those claims in the next financial year.

EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

21. The expenditure of the Office of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner is included in the financial statements forming part of the PM&C Annual Report submitted under section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999* and section 46 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, and is subject to scrutiny through the Senate Estimates Committee process.
22. The statement appearing in Appendix 2 is based upon information provided by PM&C and has not been verified by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner.
23. The statement at Appendix 2 reflects a discernable increase in operational expenditure from recent Annual Reports, in part due to the termination of cost sharing arrangements with the Federal Court of Australia arising from the Commissioner's retirement from the Court in August 2016, and in part due to the Minister's election commitment to support the Commissioner to finalise unresolved land claims in the current term of government.

JR MANSFIELD

Aboriginal Land Commissioner

31 October 2017

APPENDIX 1

PART I

Applications made pursuant to s 50(1)(a) in chronological order

NLC - Northern Land Council
CLC - Central Land Council
Other - Applications made otherwise than by a land council

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
1/NLC	1	1	Borrooloola	27 July 1977
2/CLC	1	2	Warlpiri and Kartangarurru- Kurintji	16 August 1977
3/CLC	1	3	Alyawarra and Kaititja	19 August 1977
4/NLC	2		Alligator Rivers Region	31 March 1978
5/NLC	1	8	Limmen Bight	30 March 1978
6/NLC	3(d)		Cobourg Peninsula	31 March 1978
7/NLC	1	13	Daly River (Malak Malak)	31 March 1978
8/NLC	2		Gregory Tree Area (Victoria River)	31 March 1978
9/NLC	2		Vernon Islands (Larrakeyah)	31 March 1978
10/NLC	2		Limilngan-Wulna (Lower Adelaide and Mary Rivers)	31 March 1978
11/NLC	1	37	Douglas (Wagaman)	31 March 1978
12/NLC	1	37	Umbrawarra Gorge-Jindare (Wagaman)	31 March 1978
13/NLC	1	27	Jawoyn (Katherine Area)	31 March 1978
14/NLC	1	18	Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji)	26 April 1978

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
15/NLC	1	25	Murranji	26 April 1978
16/NLC	2		Wombaya	26 April 1978
17/NLC	1	5	Yingawunarri (Old Top Springs) Mudbura	4 May 1978
18/NLC	2		Dum-in-Mirrie Island	29 June 1978
19/NLC	1	10	Alligator Rivers Stage II	27 July 1978
20/NLC	1	17	Nicholson River (Waanyi/Garawa)	16 October 1978
21/CLC	1	6	Anmatjirra and Alyawarra (Utopia Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978
22/CLC	1	31	Warumungu	20 November 1978
23/CLC	1	26	Tjilla Warlpiri (Chilla Well Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978
24/CLC	1	7	Lander Warlpiri/Anmatjirra (Willowra Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978
25/CLC	1	14	Kaytej, Warlpiri and Warlmanpa	20 November 1978
26/CLC	1	11	Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Mudbura and Warumungu	20 November 1978
27/CLC	2		Kartangarurru, Warlpiri and Walmajeri	20 November 1978
28/CLC	1	4	Lake Amadeus/Luritja	1 December 1978
29/CLC	1	4	Uluru (Ayers Rock) National Park and Lake Amadeus/Luritja	19 February 1979
30/NLC	1	49	Warnarrwarnarr-Barranyi (Borrooloola No 2)	25 January 1979
31/NLC	1	30	Kidman Springs/Jasper Gorge	6 February 1979

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
32/NLC	1	37	Upper Daly	9 February 1979
33/CLC	1	12 & 20	Gurindji (Daguragu Station)	26 February 1979
34/NLC	2		Borrooloola No 3	5 March 1979
35/NLC	2		Larrimah	12 March 1979
36/NLC	1	15	Yutpundji-Djindiwirritj (Roper Bar)	15 March 1979
37/NLC	1	16, 40 & 59	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	20 March 1979
38/CLC	1	24	Ti Tree Station	5 July 1979
39/NLC	1	9	Finniss River	20 July 1979
40/CLC	1	19	Mount Allan Station	2 November 1979
41/CLC	1	71	Simpson Desert	19 February 1980
42/CLC	1	34	Wakaya/Alyawarre	24 March 1980
43/CLC	1	38	Western Desert	5 June 1980
44/CLC	1	28	Lake Amadeus	18 June 1980
45/NLC	1	46	Amanbidji	20 August 1980
46/CLC	1	23	Warlpiri Kukatja and Ngarti	21 August 1980
47/CLC	2		Ormiston Gorge	21 August 1980
48/CLC	1	57	Palm Valley	22 August 1980
49/CLC	2		Simpsons Gap	22 August 1980
50/CLC	2		Tarlton Downs	22 August 1980
51/CLC	2		Ooratippra	22 August 1980
52/CLC	2		Ammaroo	22 August 1980
53/CLC	2		Hugh River Stock Route	22 August 1980
54/NLC	2		Beetaloo	18 September 1980

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
55/NLC	2		St Vidgeon Pastoral Lease	10 June 1981
56/NLC	2		Eva Valley Pastoral Lease	10 June 1981
57/CLC	1	22	Mount Barkly Station	12 June 1981
58/NLC	1	21	Timber Creek	28 July 1981
59/CLC	2		Illamurta Springs	12 August 1981
60/CLC	2		Amburla Stock Route	13 August 1981
61/CLC	2		Undoolya Bore Reserve	7 September 1981
62/CLC	2		McGrath Dam Stock Reserve and Stock Route	7 September 1981
63/CLC	2		Middleton Ponds Stock Route	28 October 1981
64/CLC	1		Frances Well	6 November 1981
65/NLC	1	33	Garawa/Mugularrangu (Robinson River)	15 October 1982
66/NLC	2		Mittiebah Reserve	22 April 1983
67/CLC	1	39	Finke	14 November 1983
68/NLC	1	67	Lower Daly	16 November 1983
69/NLC	1	29	Mataranka Area	16 November 1983
70/NLC	1	65	Lower Roper River	16 November 1983
71/NLC	1	61	Maria Island and Limmen Bight River	16 November 1983
72/NLC	2		McArthur River	16 November 1983
73/NLC	2		Newcastle Waters Area	16 November 1983
74/NLC	3(b)		Anthony Lagoon Area	16 November 1983
75/NLC	2		Manangoora Area	16 November 1983
76/NLC	2		Wickham River	18 November 1983

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
77/CLC	2		Goyder Stock Route and Stock Reserves	14 March 1984
78/NLC	2		Delamere	26 March 1984
79/CLC	1	43	Yurrkuru (Brookes Soak)	4 June 1984
80/CLC	1	44	Harts Range	4 June 1984
81/CLC	2		Southern Stock Route (Horseshoe Bend)	4 June 1984
82/CLC	2		Jervois Stock Route	4 June 1984
83/CLC	2		North West Stock Route (Mt Doreen)	4 June 1984
84/CLC	2		North South Stock Route (Aileron and Yambah)	4 June 1984
85/CLC	2		North South Stock Route (Pine Hill to Neutral Junction)	4 June 1984
86/CLC	2		North South Stock Route (Neutral Junction and Singleton)	4 June 1984
87/CLC	2		North West Stock Route (Napperby)	4 June 1984
88/CLC	2		Phillipson Stock Route (Jinka to Loves Creek)	4 June 1984
89/CLC	2		Phillipson Stock Route (Deep Well to Todd River)	4 June 1984
90/CLC	2		Sandover Stock Route (Bond Springs and Yambah)	4 June 1984
91/CLC	2		Wycliffe Well	4 June 1984
92/CLC	1	35	Coolibah and Wave Hill Stock Routes (Victoria River Downs)	2 July 1984
93/Other	3(b)		Ngombur (Repeat)	23 November 1984

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
94/NLC	2		Eva Valley	20 February 1985
95/CLC	1	32	McLaren Creek	19 April 1985
96/NLC	2		Dry River and Coolibah Stock Routes – Manbullo Area	2 August 1985
97/NLC	2		Barkly, South Barkly and Ranken Stock Routes (Wakaya/Alyawarre)	2 August 1985
98/NLC	2		Murranji and Dry River Stock Routes (Mudbura)	2 August 1985
99/NLC	1	35	Wave Hill Stock Route – Bilinara	2 August 1985
100/NLC	2		Urapunga Stock Route	2 August 1985
101/NLC	2		South Barkly Stock Route (Alroy Downs)	2 August 1985
102/NLC	2		Barkly Stock Route (Brunette Downs)	2 August 1985
103/NLC	2		Auvergne Stock Route (Miriwung)	2 August 1985
104/NLC	2		Auvergne Stock Route (Ngarinman/Ngaliwurru)	2 August 1985
105/NLC	1	35	Wave Hill Stock Route Area (Ngarinman)	2 August 1985
106/CLC	1	70	Crown Hill	23 April 1986
107/NLC	1	36	Stokes Range	20 June 1986
108/CLC	2		Wampana	2 July 1986
109/NLC	2		Borroloola Stock Route	1 May 1987
110/CLC	2		Hugh River Stock Route (Henbury and Orange Creek)	5 May 1987
111/NLC	1 & 3(b)	48	Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat - Goodparla)	26 June 1987

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
112/NLC	2		Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	4 January 1988
113/NLC	2		Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	27 June 1988
114/CLC	2		Kanturrpa/Kanttaji	19 July 1988
115/CLC	2		Warumungu/Wakaya (Repeat)	19 July 1988
116/CLC	2		Frewena	4 August 1988
117/NLC	2		South West Island	5 September 1988
118/NLC	2		North South Stock Route (Banka Banka)	12 September 1988
119/NLC	2		North South Stock Route (Helen Springs)	7 October 1988
120/CLC	2		Wakaya/Alyawarre (No 2)	17 October 1988
121/CLC	1	45	Simpson Desert Area 2 (Atula)	16 January 1989
122/NLC	3(b)		Kakadu (Jim Jim) Area	18 April 1989
123/NLC	2		Auvergne and Coolibah Stock Routes	18 April 1989
124/CLC	1	42	Tanami Downs	19 June 1989
125/NLC	2		Kybrook	27 July 1989
126/CLC	1	41	North-West Simpson Desert	20 December 1989
127/NLC	3(b)		Kenbi (Cox Peninsula – Section 12)	9 March 1990
128/NLC	3(b)		Upper Daly (Repeat)	24 April 1990
129/NLC	1	68	Mataranka Area (NT Portion 916)	17 May 1990
130/CLC	3(b)		Wakaya Alyawarre (Repeat)	25 June 1990

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
131/NLC	2		Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) (Repeat)	25 February 1991
132/NLC	1	52	Elsey	17 July 1991
133/CLC	1	50	Malngin and Nyinin Claim to Mistake Creek	19 September 1991
134/CLC	1	45	North Simpson Desert	7 August 1991
135/NLC	1	51	Warlmanpa (Muckaty Pastoral Lease)	20 December 1991
136/CLC	2		Urrpantyenye (Repeat)	27 December 1991
137/NLC	1	47	Ngaliwuru/Nungali (Fitzroy Pastoral Lease)	25 March 1992
138/CLC	2		Warupunju	15 April 1992
139/NLC	2		Hodgson Downs Pastoral Lease	8 May 1992
140/NLC	1	47	Victoria River (Bed and Banks)	25 June 1992
141/NLC	1	68	Western Roper River (Bed and Banks)	25 June 1992
142/NLC	1	48	Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat Resumption – Waterfall Creek) (No 2) Repeat	14 August 1992
143/CLC	2		Loves Creek	27 November 1992
144/CLC	1	71	Central Simpson Desert (Repeat)	16 December 1992
145/CLC	2		Lake Amadeus (Repeat)	2 January 1993
146/CLC	1	69	Alcoota	18 March 1993
147/CLC	1	53	Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds/Luritja	9 December 1993

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
148/CLC	2		Western Desert (South) Repeat	29 July 1994
149/CLC	2		Brumby Plains Station	12 August 1994
150/NLC	2		Bauhinia Downs	27 September 1994
151/NLC	2		Yirwalalay	21 November 1994
152/NLC	2		Lungkurrangayi	30 November 1994
153/NLC	2		Port Patterson Islands	24 August 1995
154/CLC	1	54	Central Mount Wedge	28 September 1995
155/NLC	3(b)		Wulna (NT Portion 2001)	27 March 1996
156/CLC	1	72	Wangkangurru	1 May 1996
157/Other	2		Alcoota	16 May 1996
158/NLC	2		Innesvale	22 May 1996
159/NLC	1	60	Urapunga	4 October 1996
160/NLC	1	55	Carpentaria Downs/Balbarini	12 November 1996
161/CLC	1	58	Barrow Creek (Kaytetye)	20 December 1996
162/NLC	2		Wildman River	23 January 1997
163/NLC	1	56	Roper Valley (Kewulyi)	28 April 1997
164/NLC	1	68	Roper Valley Area	29 May 1997
165/NLC	2		Wollogorang Area	29 May 1997
166/NLC	2		Brunette Downs Area	29 May 1997
167/NLC	3(a)		Gregory National Park/Victoria River	29 May 1997
168/NLC	2		Scott Creek Region	29 May 1997
169/NLC	2		Litchfield Region	29 May 1997
170/NLC	2		Mount Bundy Region	29 May 1997

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
171/NLC	2		Anthony Lagoon and Cresswell Downs (unnamed stock route)	29 May 1997
172/NLC	3(c)		Daly River Region	29 May 1997
173/NLC	2		Larrimah Area	29 May 1997
174/NLC	2		Gregory National Park II	29 May 1997
175/NLC	2		Billengarrah	29 May 1997
176/NLC	2		Dry River Stock Route	29 May 1997
177/NLC	2		Fish River Region	29 May 1997
178/NLC	1	64	Garrwa (Wearyan and Robinson River Beds and Banks)	29 May 1997
179/NLC	3(b)		Kakadu Region (Repeat)	29 May 1997
180/NLC	2		Myra Falls Region	29 May 1997
181/NLC	2		Murranji Stock Route (Murranji Pastoral Lease)	29 May 1997
182/NLC	3(b)		Ban Ban Springs Area	29 May 1997
183/NLC	3(c)		Douglas/Daly River Region	29 May 1997
184/NLC	1	62	McArthur River Region	29 May 1997
185/NLC	1	62 & 66	Manangoora Region	29 May 1997
186/NLC	1	66	Seven Emu Region	29 May 1997
187/NLC	1	66	Wollogorang Area II	29 May 1997
188/NLC	3(a)		Legune Area	29 May 1997
189/NLC	3(c)		Fitzmaurice River Region	29 May 1997
190/NLC	3(c)		Peron Islands Area	29 May 1997
191/NLC	2		Beagle Gulf Area	29 May 1997

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192/NLC	3(c)		Woolner/Mary River Region	29 May 1997
193/NLC	2		Cobourg Peninsula Region	29 May 1997
194/NLC	2		Maningrida Area	29 May 1997
195/NLC	2		Milingimbi Area	29 May 1997
196/NLC	2		Galiwinku/Wessel Islands Region	29 May 1997
197/NLC	2		Gove/Groote Region	29 May 1997
198/NLC	1	61 & 63	Maria Island Region	29 May 1997
199/NLC	1	63	Lorella Region	29 May 1997
200/CLC	2		Watarrka	4 June 1997
201/CLC	2		Ewaninga	4 June 1997
202/CLC	2		Corroboree Rock	4 June 1997
203/CLC	2		Devil's Marbles	4 June 1997
204/CLC	2		N'Dhala Gorge	4 June 1997
205/CLC	2		West MacDonnell	4 June 1997
206/CLC	2		Limestone Bore (NT Portion 3910)	4 June 1997
207/CLC	2		Tjulu	4 June 1997
208/CLC	2		Finke Gorge	4 June 1997
209/CLC	2		Dulcie Range	4 June 1997
210/CLC	2		Mount Sanford	4 June 1997
211/CLC	2		Davenport Range	4 June 1997
212/CLC	2		Emily and Jessie Gaps	4 June 1997
213/CLC	2		Ruby Gorge	4 June 1997
214/CLC	2		Acacia Peuce	4 June 1997

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
215/CLC	2		Chambers Pillar	4 June 1997
216/CLC	2		Rainbow Valley	4 June 1997
217/CLC	2		Trephina	4 June 1997
218/CLC	2		Arltunga	4 June 1997
219/CLC	2		Central Mount Wedge (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
220/CLC	2		Wangkangurru (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
221/CLC	2		Palm Valley (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
222/CLC	2		Alcoota (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
223/CLC	2		Alcoota Locality (NT Portions 3790 & 4075)	4 June 1997
224/CLC	2		Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
225/CLC	2		Loves Creek (Supplementary)	4 June 1997
226/CLC	2		Mbungara	4 June 1997
227/CLC	2		Nurrku	4 June 1997
228/CLC	2		Barry Caves Roadhouse Site	4 June 1997
229/CLC	2		Tennant Creek Area (NT Portion 2341)	4 June 1997
230/CLC	2		McLaren Creek Area	4 June 1997
231/CLC	2		Howard's Paddock	4 June 1997
232/CLC	2		Rocky Hill	4 June 1997
233/CLC	2		Kulgera Area	4 June 1997
234/Other	2		Duwun 1, 2 and 3	4 June 1997

Application No/ Land Council	Table	Report No	Name of Claim	Date Received
235/NLC	3(c)		Daly River Region II	4 June 1997
236/NLC	2		Groote Island Region	4 June 1997
237/NLC	3(c)		Finniss River Region	4 June 1997
238/NLC	3(b)		Coomalie Shire/Deepwater Area	4 June 1997
239/NLC	2		Mataranka Region II	4 June 1997
240/NLC	3(c)		Katherine Region	4 June 1997
241/NLC	2		Belyuen Area	4 June 1997
242/NLC	2		Fergusson River to Adelaide River Area	4 June 1997
243/NLC	2		Adelaide River to Darwin Area	4 June 1997
244/NLC	2		Katherine Region III	4 June 1997
245/NLC	1	68	Elsey Region	4 June 1997
246/NLC	2		Katherine Region II	4 June 1997
247/NLC	2		Larrimah to Mataranka Area	4 June 1997
248/NLC	2		Mataranka to Fergusson River Area	4 June 1997
249/NLC	2		Avon Downs Region	4 June 1997

TABLE 1**Applications in respect of which a report has been submitted pursuant to s 50(1)(a)(ii)**

Report No	Application No	Name of Report and Claim/s	Report submitted
1 Note 1	1	Borroloola	3 March 1978
2	2	Warlpiri and Kartangarurru-Kurintji	4 August 1978
3	3	Alyawarra and Kaititja	30 November 1978
4	(29 (28	Uluru (Ayers Rock) National Park and Lake Amadeus/Luritja	31 August 1979
5	17	Yingawunarri (Old Top Springs) Mudbura	19 October 1979
6	21	Anmatjirra and Alyawarra (Utopia Pastoral Lease)	30 May 1980
7		Lander Warlpiri Anmatjirra to Willowra Pastoral Lease	30 June 1980
	24	Lander Warlpiri/Anmatjirra (Willowra Pastoral Lease)	
8	5	Limmen Bight	30 December 1980
9	39	Finniss River	22 May 1981
10	19	Alligator Rivers Stage II	2 July 1981
11	26	Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Mudbura and Warumungu	30 September 1981
12	33	Gurindji (Daguragu Station)	18 November 1981
13	7	Daly River (Malak Malak)	12 March 1982
14	25	Kaytej, Warlpiri and Warlmanpa	26 March 1982
15	36	Yutpundji-Djindiwirritj (Roper Bar)	31 March 1982
16 Note 2	37	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	
17	20	Nicholson River (Waanyi/Garawa)	26 July 1984
18	14	Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji)	20 November 1984

Report No	Application No	Name of Report and Claim/s	Report submitted
19	40	Mount Allan Station	4 March 1985
20	33	Gurindji (Daguragu Station)	11 April 1985
21	58	Timber Creek	19 April 1985
22	57	Mount Barkly Station	30 May 1985
23	46	Warlpiri Kukatja and Ngarti	18 June 1985
24	38	Ti Tree Station	30 May 1986
25	15	Murraraji	7 October 1986
26		Jila (Chilla Well) Warlpiri	17 July 1987
	23	Tjilla Warlpiri (Chilla Well Pastoral Lease)	
27	13	Jawoyn (Katherine area)	6 October 1987
28	44	Lake Amadeus	23 June 1988
29	69	Mataranka Area	14 December 1988
30	31	Kidman Springs/Jasper Gorge	31 March 1989
31	22	Warumungu	8 July 1988
32	95	McLaren Creek	28 February 1990
33	65	Garawa/Mugularrangu (Robinson River)	14 March 1990
34	42	Wakaya/Alywarre	8 May 1990
35		Bilinara (Coolibah-Wave Hill Stock Routes)	21 June 1990
	(92	Coolibah and Wave Hill Stock	
	(Routes (Victoria River Downs)	
	(99	Wave Hill Stock Route – Bilinara	
	(105	Wave Hill Stock Route Area	
	((Ngarinman)	
36	107	Stokes Range	28 June 1990
37 Note 3		Upper Daly Volumes 1, 2 and 3	v1 10 August 1989 v2 8 February 1990 v3 22 March 1990

Report No	Application No	Name of Report and Claim/s	Report submitted
	(11 (12 ((32	Douglas (Wagaman) Umbrawarra Gorge-Jindare (Wagaman) Upper Daly	
38	43	Western Desert	24 September 1990
39	67	Finke	31 October 1990
40 Note 4	37	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	21 February 1991
41	126	North-West Simpson Desert	6 September 1991
42	124	Tanami Downs	30 March 1992
43	79	Yurrkuru (Brookes Soak)	10 April 1992
44	80	Harts Range	20 May 1992
45	(121 (134	North Simpson Desert Simpson Desert Area 2 (Atula) North Simpson Desert	29 September 1992
46	45	Amanbidji	9 October 1992
47	(137 ((140	Ngaliwurru/Nungali (Fitzroy Pastoral Lease) Victoria River (Bed and Banks)	22 December 1993
48 Note 5	(111 ((142 ((Jawoyn (Gimbat Area), Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat Resumption- Waterfall Creek) (No 2) Repeat Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat - Goodparla) Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat Resumption-Waterfall Creek) (No 2) Repeat	28 June 1995
49 Note 6	30	Warnarrwarnarr-Barranyi (Borrooloola No 2)	26 March 1996
50	133	Malngin and Nyinin Claim to Mistake Creek	18 June 1996
51	135	Warlmanpa (Muckaty Pastoral Lease)	18 March 1997
52	132	Elsley	28 November 1997
53	147	Tempe Downs and Middleton	20 March 1998

Report No	Application No	Name of Report and Claim/s	Report submitted
		Ponds/Luritja	
54	154	Central Mount Wedge	31 March 1998
55	160	Carpentaria Downs/Balbarini	27 January 1999
56	163	Roper Valley (Kewulyi)	13 May 1999
57	48	Palm Valley	13 August 1999
58	161	Barrow Creek (Kaytetye)	16 December 1999
59	37	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	12 December 2000
60	159	Urapunga	7 June 2001
61	(71 198)	Maria Island and Limmen Bight River Maria Island Region (part)	28 March 2002
62	(184 185)	McArthur River Region Manangoora Region (part)	15 March 2002
63	(199 198)	Lorella Region Maria Island Region (part)	18 June 2002
64	178	Garrwa (Wearyan and Robinson Rivers Beds and Banks)	30 July 2002
65	70	Lower Roper River	7 March 2003
66	(186 187 185)	Seven Emu Region, Wollogorang Area II and part of Manangoora Region Seven Emu Region Wollogorang Area II Manangoora Region (part)	17 April 2003
67	68	Lower Daly	30 April 2003
68	(129 141 (164 245)	Upper Roper River Land Claims comprising: Mataranka Region (NT Portion 916) Western Roper River (Bed and Banks) Roper Valley Area Elsey Region	24 March 2004
69	146	Alcoota	24 May 2007

Report No	Application No	Name of Report and Claim/s	Report submitted
70	106	Crown Hill (Irrinjirrinjirri)	21 May 2008
71	(41 144)	Simpson Desert Land Claim Stage IV comprising: Simpson Desert Central Simpson Desert (Repeat)	22 April 2009
72	156	Wangkangurru	3 October 2014
73	64	Frances Well	16 June 2016

- Note 1: Report No 1 (Borrooloola) includes a recommendation which encompasses all of the land claimed in Application No 72 (McArthur River).
- Note 2: Report No 16 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)) contains seven decisions on procedural and jurisdictional issues arising in Application No 37 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)) between 1979 and 1982.
- Note 3: Applications No 11 (Douglas (Wagaman)) and No 12 (Umbrawarra Gorge-Jindare (Wagaman)) were amalgamated with Application No 32 (Upper Daly) and reported on in Report No 37 under the name of Upper Daly which was furnished in 3 volumes published on the respective dates indicated.
- Note 4: Application No 18 (Dum-in-Mirrie Island) was amalgamated with Application No 37 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)). Report No 40 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)) was set aside by the Federal Court of Australia (See Northern Land Council v Aboriginal Land Commissioner (1992) 105 ALR 539). The Application has since been the subject of Report No 59 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)).
- Note 5: Application No 111 is a claim to two adjacent former pastoral properties known as Gimbat and Goodparla. The inquiry in relation to Goodparla was adjourned for hearing at a later date. In Report No 48 (Jawoyn (Gimbat Area), Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat Resumption-Waterfall Creek) (No 2) Repeat) the part of the claim in Application No 111 dealt with is described as the Jawoyn (Gimbat Area) Land Claim.
- Note 6: The land recommended for grant in Report No 49 includes the whole of the land claimed in Applications No 34 (Borrooloola No 3) and No 117 (South West Island).

TABLE 2

Applications which have been withdrawn or otherwise disposed of without an inquiry (Note 7)

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
4	Alligator Rivers Region	Note 8
8	Gregory Tree Area (Victoria River)	Withdrawn 24 July 1978
9	Vernon Islands	Schedule 1, No 175 of 2015
10	Limilngan-Wulna (Lower Adelaide and Mary Rivers)	Withdrawn 14 March 1996
16	Wombaya	Withdrawn 18 January 1991
18	Dum-in-Mirrie Island	See Table 1, Note 4
27	Kartangarurru, Warlpiri and Walmajeri	Schedule 1, No 117 of 1997
34	Borrooloola (No 3)	Note 9
35	Larrimah	s 67A(6)
47	Ormiston Gorge	Withdrawn 19 February 1992
49	Simpsons Gap	Withdrawn 19 February 1992
50	Tarlton Downs	Schedule 1, No 2 of 1990
51	Ooratippra	s 67A(6)
52	Ammaroo	Schedule 1, No 2 of 1990
53	Hugh River Stock Route	Schedule 1, No 2 of 1990
54	Beetaloo	s 50(2C), consent refused
55	St Vidgeon Pastoral Lease	Not available for claim
56	Eva Valley Pastoral Lease	Not available for claim
59	Illamurta Springs	Withdrawn 19 February 1992
60	Amburla Stock Route	s 67A(6)

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
61	Undoolya Bore Reserve	s 67A(6)
62	McGrath Dam Stock Reserve and Stock Route	s 67A(6)
63	Middleton Ponds Stock Route	Withdrawn 6 March 1995
66	Mittiebah Reserve	s 67A(6), s 67A(7)
72	McArthur River	Note 10
73	Newcastle Waters Area	Schedule 1, No 2 of 1990 (Part), withdrawn 27 September 1989 (Part), s 67A(6) (Part)
75	Manangoora Area	s 67A(6)
76	Wickham River	Schedule 1, No 175 of 2015
77	Goyder Stock Route and Stock Reserves	Withdrawn 19 July 1990
78	Delamere	Withdrawn 9 October 1990
81	Southern Stock Route (Horseshoe Bend)	Withdrawn 22 August 1984
82	Jervois Stock Route	s 67A(6)
83	North West Stock Route (Mount Doreen)	s 67A(6)
84	North South Stock Route (Aileron and Yambah)	s 67A(6)
85	North South Stock Route (Pine Hill to Neutral Junction)	s 67A(6)
86	North South Stock Route (Neutral Junction and Singleton)	s 67A(6)
87	North West Stock Route (Napperby)	Withdrawn 22 August 1984
88	Phillipson Stock Route (Jinka to Loves Creek)	s 67A(6)

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
89	Phillipson Stock Route (Deep Well to Todd River)	s 67A(6)
90	Sandover Stock Route (Bond Springs and Yambah)	s 67A(6)
91	Wycliffe Well	Schedule 1, No 2 of 1990
94	Eva Valley	Schedule 1, No 6 of 1993
96	Dry River and Coolibah Stock Routes - Manbullo Area	Withdrawn 9 November 1989
97	Barkly, South Barkly and Ranken Stock Routes (Wakaya/Alyawarre)	s 67A(6)
98	Murranji and Dry River Stock Routes (Mudbura)	s 67A(6)
100	Urapunga Stock Route	s 67A(6)
101	South Barkly Stock Route (Alroy Downs)	Withdrawn 1 September 1989
102	Barkly Stock Route (Brunette Downs)	s 67A(6)
103	Auvergne Stock Route (Mirriwung)	s 67A(6)
104	Auvergne Stock Route (Ngarinman/Ngaliwurru)	s 67A(6)
108	Wampana	Schedule 1, No 66 of 1994
109	Borrooloola Stock Route	Withdrawn 25 July 1988
110	Hugh River Stock Route (Henbury and Orange Creek)	s 67A(6)
112	Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	Withdrawn 30 June 1993
113	Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	Withdrawn 30 June 1993
114	Kanturrpa/Kanttaji	Schedule 1, No 6 of 1993

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
115	Warumungu/Wakaya (Repeat)	s 67A(8)
116	Frewena	Withdrawn 13 June 2000
117	South West Island	Note 9
118	North South Stock Route (Banka Banka)	s 67A(6)
119	North South Stock Route (Helen Springs)	s 67A(6)
120	Wakaya/Alyawarre (No 2)	Withdrawn 27 September 2007
123	Auvergne and Coolibah Stock Routes	s 67A(6)
125	Kybrook	Withdrawn 7 March 2000
131	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) (Repeat)	Withdrawn 18 April 1991
136	Urrpantyenye (Repeat)	Schedule 1, No 1 of 1999
138	Warupunju	Withdrawn 7 October 1992
139	Hodgson Downs Pastoral Lease	Schedule 1, No 37 of 1995
143	Loves Creek	Schedule 1, No 38 of 2010
145	Lake Amadeus (Repeat)	Withdrawn 2 March 1995
148	Western Desert (South) Repeat	Schedule 1, No 63 of 1995
149	Brumby Plains Station	Schedule 1, No 117 of 1997
150	Bauhinia Downs	Schedule 1, No 117 of 1997
151	Yirwalalay	Withdrawn 25 March 2013
152	Lungkurrangayi	Withdrawn 25 June 1995
153	Port Patterson Islands	Schedule 1, No 97 of 2011
157	Alcoota	Withdrawn 4 June 2006
158	Innesvale	Schedule 1, No 1 of 1999
162	Wildman River	Amalgamated with Claim No 192

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
165	Wollogorang Area	Withdrawn 24 August 2001
166	Brunette Downs Area	Withdrawn 24 December 2002
168	Scott Creek Region	s 67A(7)
169	Litchfield Region	s 67A(7)
170	Mount Bundy Region	s 67A(7)
171	Anthony Lagoon and Creswell Downs (unnamed stock route)	s 67A(6)
173	Larrimah Region	s 67A(7)
174	Gregory National Park II	s 67A(7)
175	Billengarra	Not available for claim
176	Dry River Stock Route	Withdrawn 25 March 2013
177	Fish River Region	s 67A(7)
180	Myra Falls Region	Withdrawn 27 July 2005
181	Murrnaji Stock Route (Murrnaji Pastoral Lease)	s 67A(6)
191	Beagle Gulf Area	Seabed
193	Cobourg Peninsula Region	Seabed
194	Maningrida Area	Seabed
195	Milingimbi Area	Seabed
196	Galiwinku/Wessel Islands Region	Seabed
197	Gove/Groote Region	Seabed
200	Watarrka	s 67A(7)
201	Ewaninga	s 67A(7)
202	Corroboree Rock	s 67A(7)
203	Devil's Marbles	s 67A(7)

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
204	N'Dhala Gorge	s 67A(7)
205	West MacDonnell	s 67A(7)
206	Limestone Bore (NT Portion 3910)	s 67A(7)
207	Tjulu	Not available for claim
208	Finke Gorge	s 67A(7)
209	Dulcie Range	s 67A(7)
210	Mount Sanford	s 67A(7)
211	Davenport Range	s 67A(7)
212	Emily and Jessie Gaps	s 67A(7)
213	Ruby Gorge	s 67A(7)
214	Acacia Peuce	s 67A(7)
215	Chambers Pillar	s 67A(7)
216	Rainbow Valley	s 67A(7)
217	Trephina	s 67A(7)
218	Arltunga	s 67A(7)
219	Central Mount Wedge (Supplementary)	Withdrawn 21 April 1999
220	Wankangurru (Supplementary)	s 67A(7)
221	Palm Valley (Supplementary)	Note 11
222	Alcoota (Supplementary)	Withdrawn 19 August 2011
223	Alcoota Locality (NT Portions 3790 & 4075)	s 67A(7)
224	Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds (Supplementary)	Withdrawn 21 April 1999
225	Loves Creek (Supplementary)	Withdrawn 28 April 2010

Application No	Name of Claim	Method of Disposal
226	Mbungara	s 67A(7)
227	Nurrku	Withdrawn 17 December 1999
228	Barry Caves Roadhouse Site	s 67A(7)
229	Tennant Creek Area (NT Portion 2341)	s 67A(7)
230	McLaren Creek Area	s 67A(7)
231	Howard's Paddock	s 67A(7)
232	Rocky Hill	s 67A(7)
233	Kulgera Area	s 67A(7)
234	Duwun 1, 2 and 3	Withdrawn 4 August 1997
236	Groote Island Region	Seabed
239	Mataranka Region II	Withdrawn 23 February 2009
241	Belyuen Area	Note 12
242	Fergusson River to Adelaide River Area	s 67A(7)
243	Adelaide River to Darwin Area	s 67A(7)
244	Katherine Region III	s 67A(7)
246	Katherine Region II	s 67A(7)
247	Larrimah to Mataranka Area	s 67A(7)
248	Mataranka to Fergusson River Area	s 67A(7)
249	Avon Downs Region	Withdrawn 8 September 2005

Note 7: Where an application has only been partially withdrawn or only part of the claim area added to Schedule 1, the application is referred to in the table relevant to the remaining area under claim.

- Note 8: The claimed land was later included in Application No 19 (Alligator Rivers Stage II). Application No 4 was not proceeded with. Refer to Report No 10.
- Note 9: The whole of the land claimed in Applications No 34 and 117 was recommended for grant with Application No 30 in Report No 49 (Warnarwarnarr-Barranyi (Borrooloola No 2)).
- Note 10: The claimed land was included in the recommendation for Borrooloola (Application No 1) in Report No 1.
- Note 11: The claimed land was included in the recommendation for Palm Valley (Application No 48) in Report No 57.
- Note 12: The claimed land was included in the recommendation for Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) (Application No 37) in Report No 59.

TABLE 3

Applications which have not been finally disposed of

(a) Applications the subject of incomplete inquiries

Application No.	Name of Claim
167	Gregory National Park /Victoria River
188	Legune Area
189	Fitzmaurice River Region

(b) Applications at present the subject of settlement negotiations

Application No.	Name of Claim
74	Anthony Lagoon Area
93	Note 13 Ngombur (Repeat)
111	Note 13 Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat - Goodparla)
122	Note 13 Kakadu (Jim Jim) Area
127	Note 14 Kenbi (Cox Peninsula – Section 12)
128	Note 15 Upper Daly (Repeat)
130	Wakaya Alyawarre (Repeat)
155	Wulna (NT Portion 2001)
179	Notes 13 and16 Kakadu Region (Repeat)
182	Ban Ban Springs Area
238	Coomalie Shire/Deepwater Area

(c) Applications relating only to the beds and banks of rivers and /or the inter-tidal zone

Application No.	Name of Claim
172	Daly River Region
183	Douglas/Daly River Region
190	Peron Islands Area
192	Woolner/Mary River Region
235	Note 17 Daly River Region II
237	Finniss River Region
240	Katherine Region

(d) Application requiring consent pursuant to s 50(2C)

Application No.	Name of Claim
6	Note 18 Cobourg Peninsula

Note 13: Application Nos. 93, 111, 122 and 179 together are the subject of a settlement agreement and relevant land is expected to be added to Schedule 1 of the Act in the next reporting period, enabling future grants of Aboriginal land and finalisation of the claims. Also see Note 16.

Note 14: The parties have advised that Application No 127 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula – Section 12)) will be withdrawn when agreed actions associated with the resolution of Application No 37 (Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)) have been finalised.

Note 15: Application No 128 was the subject of a settlement agreement in 1999 and most of the relevant land was added to Schedule 1 of the Act by the *Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment Act 2002*. However, one parcel of land subject to claim (Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park, comprising Northern Territory Portion 1589) was not included. Under the terms of the 1999 agreement, Application No 128, insofar as it relates to Umbrawarra Gorge Nature Park, is to be withdrawn by the NLC following agreement on future joint management arrangements for the Park and a related grant of Territory freehold title to an entity

representing the claimants. Previous Annual Reports have erroneously recorded Application No 128 as having been wholly disposed of by scheduling.

- Note 16: On 28 June 2013 Royal Assent was given to the *Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2013* (No. 93, 2013). These amendments include the addition of two portions of land, which were part of Application No 179, into Schedule 1 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. The remaining portions of land included in Application 179 continue to be the subject of settlement agreement.
- Note 17: The claimed land includes “All that piece of land in the Northern Territory being Northern Territory Portion 4303”, which includes a narrow strip of Crown land (usually referred to as an Esplanade) between the top of the river bank and the boundary of adjacent alienated land.
- Note 18: The land claim application was received on 31 March 1978. Before an inquiry was commenced, the parties agreed to a settlement which was embodied in a Northern Territory statute, the *Cobourg Peninsula Aboriginal Land and Sanctuary Act 1981*, pursuant to which the claimed land was vested in perpetuity in a land trust established under Northern Territory law. On 4 January 1982 the NLC wrote to the then Commissioner indicating that subject to compliance with certain provisions of the abovementioned legislation it was expected the claim would be withdrawn in the near future. Although no formal withdrawal has ever been received the claim has for practical purposes been treated as disposed of until recent years. The NLC, the claimants and the Northern Territory Government are in negotiations to resolve outstanding issues. The Commissioner’s current attitude is that as the land is vested in a body which already holds the land on behalf of Aboriginals he is constrained from exercising any function under s 50(1) of the Act until the consent of the land owner (as required by s 50(2C)) is received.

PART II

Applications made pursuant to s 50(1)(a) in alphabetical order

NLC - Northern Land Council

CLC - Central Land Council

Other - Applications made otherwise than by a land council

Name of Claim	Date Received	Application No /Land Council
Acacia Peuce	4 June 1997	214/CLC
Adelaide River to Darwin Area	4 June 1997	243/NLC
Alcoota	18 March 1993	146/CLC
Alcoota	16 May 1996	157/Other
Alcoota (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	222/CLC
Alcoota Locality (NT Portions 3790 & 4075)	4 June 1997	223/CLC
Alligator Rivers Areas III (Gimbat - Goodparla)	26 June 1987	111/NLC
Alligator Rivers Area III (Gimbat Resumption – Waterfall Creek) (No 2) Repeat	14 August 1992	142/NLC
Alligator Rivers Region	31 March 1978	4/NLC
Alligator Rivers Stage II	27 July 1978	19/NLC
Alyawarra and Kaititja	19 August 1977	3/CLC
Amanbidji	20 August 1980	45/NLC
Amburla Stock Route	13 August 1981	60/CLC
Ammaroo	22 August 1980	52/CLC
Anmatjirra and Alyawarra (Utopia Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978	21/CLC
Anthony Lagoon and Cresswell Downs (unnamed stock route)	29 May 1997	171/NLC

Name of Claim	Date Received	Application No /Land Council
Anthony Lagoon Area	16 November 1983	74/NLC
Arltunga	4 June 1997	218/CLC
Auvergne Stock Route (Miriwung)	2 August 1985	103/NLC
Auvergne Stock Route (Ngarinman/Ngaliwurru)	2 August 1985	104/NLC
Auvergne and Coolibah Stock Routes	18 April 1989	123/NLC
Avon Downs Region	4 June 1997	249/NLC
Ban Ban Springs Area	29 May 1997	182/NLC
Barkly Stock Route (Brunette Downs)	2 August 1985	102/NLC
Barkly, South Barkly and Ranken Stock Routes (Wakaya Alyawarra)	2 August 1985	97/NLC
Barrow Creek (Kaytetye)	20 December 1996	161/CLC
Barry Caves Roadhouse Site	4 June 1997	228/CLC
Bauhinia Downs	27 September 1994	150/NLC
Beagle Gulf Area	29 May 1997	191/NLC
Beetaloo	18 September 1980	54/NLC
Belyuen Area	4 June 1997	241/NLC
Billengarra	29 May 1997	175/NLC
Borrooloola	27 July 1977	1/NLC
Borrooloola No 3	5 March 1979	34/NLC
Borrooloola Stock Route	1 May 1987	109/NLC
Brumby Plains Station	12 August 1994	149/CLC
Brunette Downs Area	29 May 1997	166/NLC
Carpentaria Downs/Balbarini	12 November 1996	160/NLC
Central Mount Wedge	28 September 1995	154/CLC

Name of Claim	Date Received	Application No /Land Council
Central Mount Wedge (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	219/CLC
Central Simpson Desert (Repeat)	16 December 1992	144/CLC
Chambers Pillar	4 June 1997	215/CLC
Cobourg Peninsula Region	29 May 1997	193/NLC
Cobourg Peninsula	31 March 1978	6/NLC
Coolibah and Wave Hill Stock Routes (Victoria River Downs)	2 July 1984	92/CLC
Coomalie Shire/Deepwater Area	4 June 1997	238/NLC
Corroboree Rock	4 June 1997	202/CLC
Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji)	26 April 1978	14/NLC
Crown Hill	23 April 1986	106/CLC
Daly River (Malak Malak)	31 March 1978	7/NLC
Daly River Region	29 May 1997	172/NLC
Daly River Region II	4 June 1997	235/NLC
Davenport Range	4 June 1997	211/CLC
Delamere	26 March 1984	78/NLC
Devil's Marbles	4 June 1997	203/CLC
Douglas (Wagaman)	31 March 1978	11/NLC
Douglas/Daly River Region	29 May 1997	183/NLC
Dry River and Coolibah Stock Routes – Manbullo Area	2 August 1985	96/NLC
Dry River Stock Route	29 May 1997	176/NLC
Dulcie Range	4 June 1997	209/CLC
Dum-in-Mirrie Island	29 June 1978	18/NLC
Duwun 1, 2 and 3	4 June 1997	234/Other

Name of Claim	Date Received	Application No /Land Council
Elsey	17 July 1991	132/NLC
Elsey Region	4 June 1997	245/NLC
Emily and Jessie Gaps	4 June 1997	212/CLC
Eva Valley	20 February 1985	94/NLC
Eva Valley Pastoral Lease	10 June 1981	56/NLC
Ewaninga	4 June 1997	201/CLC
Fergusson River to Adelaide River Area	4 June 1997	242/NLC
Finke	14 November 1983	67/CLC
Finke Gorge	4 June 1997	208/CLC
Finniss River	20 July 1979	39/NLC
Finniss River Region	4 June 1997	237/NLC
Fish River Region	29 May 1997	177/NLC
Fitzmaurice River Region	29 May 1997	189/NLC
Frances Well	6 November 1981	64/CLC
Frewena	4 August 1988	116/CLC
Galiwinku/Wessel Islands Region	29 May 1997	196/NLC
Garawa/Mugularrangu (Robinson River)	15 October 1982	65/NLC
Garrwa (Wearyan and Robinson River Beds and Banks)	29 May 1997	178/NLC
Gove/Groote Region	29 May 1997	197/NLC
Goyder Stock Route and Stock Reserves	14 March 1984	77/CLC
Gregory National Park II	29 May 1997	174/NLC
Gregory National Park/Victoria River	29 May 1997	167/NLC
Gregory Tree Area (Victoria River)	31 March 1978	8/NLC

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Groote Island Region	4 June 1997	236/NLC
Gurindji (Daguragu Station)	26 February 1979	33/CLC
Harts Range	4 June 1984	80/CLC
Hodgson Downs Pastoral Lease	8 May 1992	139/NLC
Howard's Paddock	4 June 1997	231/CLC
Hugh River Stock Route	22 August 1980	53/CLC
Hugh River Stock Route (Henbury and Orange Creek)	5 May 1987	110/CLC
Illamurta Springs	12 August 1981	59/CLC
Innesvale	22 May 1996	158/NLC
Jawoyn (Katherine Area)	31 March 1978	13/NLC
Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	4 January 1988	112/NLC
Jawoyn (Werrenbun and Barnjarn)	27 June 1988	113/NLC
Jervois Stock Route	4 June 1984	82/CLC
Kakadu (Jim Jim) Area	18 April 1989	122/NLC
Kakadu Region (Repeat)	29 May 1997	179/NLC
Kanturrpa/Kanttaji	19 July 1988	114/CLC
Kartangarurru, Warlpiri and Walmajeri	20 November 1978	27/CLC
Katherine Region	4 June 1997	240/NLC
Katherine Region II	4 June 1997	246/NLC
Katherine Region III	4 June 1997	244/NLC
Kaytej, Warlpiri and Warlmanpa	20 November 1978	25/CLC
Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	20 March 1979	37/NLC
Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) (Repeat)	25 February 1991	131/NLC

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Kenbi (Cox Peninsula – Section 12)	9 March 1990	127/NLC
Kidman Springs/Jasper Gorge	6 February 1979	31/NLC
Kulgera Area	4 June 1997	233/CLC
Kybrook	27 July 1989	125/NLC
Lake Amadeus	18 June 1980	44/CLC
Lake Amadeus (Repeat)	2 January 1993	145/CLC
Lake Amadeus/Luritja	1 December 1978	28/CLC
Lander Warlpiri/Anmatjirra (Willowra Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978	24/CLC
Larrimah	12 March 1979	35/NLC
Larrimah Area	29 May 1997	173/NLC
Larrimah to Mataranka Area	4 June 1997	247/NLC
Legune Area	29 May 1997	188/NLC
Limestone Bore (NT Portion 3910)	4 June 1997	206/CLC
Limilngan-Wulna (Lower Adelaide and Mary Rivers)	31 March 1978	10/NLC
Limmen Bight	30 March 1978	5/NLC
Litchfield Region	29 May 1997	169/NLC
Lorella Region	29 May 1997	199/NLC
Loves Creek	27 November 1992	143/CLC
Loves Creek (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	225/CLC
Lower Daly	16 November 1983	68/NLC
Lower Roper River	16 November 1983	70/NLC
Lungkurrangayi	30 November 1994	152/NLC
Malngin and Nyinin Claim to Mistake Creek	19 September 1991	133/CLC

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Manangoora Area	16 November 1983	75/NLC
Manangoora Region	29 May 1997	185/NLC
Maningrida Area	29 May 1997	194/NLC
Maria Island and Limmen Bight River	16 November 1983	71/NLC
Maria Island Region	29 May 1997	198/NLC
Mataranka Area	16 November 1983	69/NLC
Mataranka Area (NT Portion 916)	17 May 1990	129/NLC
Mataranka Region II	4 June 1997	239/NLC
Mataranka to Fergusson River Area	4 June 1997	248/NLC
Mbungara	4 June 1997	226/CLC
McArthur River	16 November 1983	72/NLC
McArthur River Region	29 May 1997	184/NLC
McGrath Dam Stock Reserve and Stock Route	7 September 1981	62/CLC
McLaren Creek	19 April 1985	95/CLC
McLaren Creek Area	4 June 1997	230/CLC
Middleton Ponds Stock Route	28 October 1981	63/CLC
Milingimbi Area	29 May 1997	195/NLC
Mittiebah Reserve	22 April 1983	66/NLC
Mount Allan Station	2 November 1979	40/CLC
Mount Barkly Station	12 June 1981	57/CLC
Mount Bundy Region	29 May 1997	170/NLC
Mount Sanford	4 June 1997	210/CLC
Murranji	26 April 1978	15/NLC

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Murrانji and Dry River Stock Routes (Mudbura)	2 August 1985	98/NLC
Murrانji Stock Route (Murrانji Pastoral Lease)	29 May 1987	181/NLC
Myra Falls Region	29 May 1997	180/NLC
N'Dhala Gorge	4 June 1997	204/CLC
Newcastle Waters Area	16 November 1983	73/NLC
Ngaliwurru/Nungali (Fitzroy Pastoral Lease)	25 March 1992	137/NLC
Ngombur (Repeat)	23 November 1984	93/Other
Nicholson River (Waanyi/Garawa)	16 October 1978	20/NLC
North Simpson Desert	7 August 1991	134/CLC
North South Stock Route (Aileron and Yambah)	4 June 1984	84/CLC
North South Stock Route (Banka Banka)	12 September 1988	118/NLC
North South Stock Route (Helen Springs)	7 October 1988	119/NLC
North South Stock Route (Neutral Junction and Singleton)	4 June 1984	86/CLC
North South Stock Route (Pine Hill to Neutral Junction)	4 June 1984	85/CLC
North West Stock Route (Mt Doreen)	4 June 1984	83/CLC
North West Stock Route (Napperby)	4 June 1984	87/CLC
North-West Simpson Desert	20 December 1989	126/CLC
Nurrku	4 June 1997	227/CLC
Ooratippra	22 August 1980	51/CLC
Ormiston Gorge	21 August 1980	47/CLC
Palm Valley	22 August 1980	48/CLC

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Palm Valley (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	221/CLC
Peron Islands Area	29 May 1997	190/NLC
Phillipson Stock Route (Deep Well to Todd River)	4 June 1984	89/CLC
Phillipson Stock Route (Jinka to Loves Creek)	4 June 1984	88/CLC
Port Patterson Islands	24 August 1995	153/NLC
Rainbow Valley	4 June 1997	216/CLC
Rocky Hill	4 June 1997	232/CLC
Roper Valley Area	29 May 1997	164/NLC
Roper Valley (Kewulyi)	28 April 1997	163/NLC
Ruby Gorge	4 June 1997	213/CLC
Sandover Stock Route (Bond Springs and Yambah)	4 June 1984	90/CLC
Scott Creek Region	29 May 1997	168/NLC
Seven Emu Region	29 May 1997	186/NLC
Simpson Desert	19 February 1980	41/CLC
Simpson Desert Area 2 (Atula)	16 January 1989	121/CLC
Simpsons Gap	22 August 1980	49/CLC
South Barkly Stock Route (Alroy Downs)	2 August 1985	101/NLC
South West Island	5 September 1988	117/NLC
Southern Stock Route (Horseshoe Bend)	4 June 1984	81/CLC
St Vidgeon Pastoral Lease	10 June 1981	55/NLC
Stokes Range	20 June 1986	107/NLC
Tanami Downs	19 June 1989	124/CLC

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Tarlton Downs	22 August 1980	50/CLC
Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds/Luritja	9 December 1993	147/CLC
Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	224/CLC
Tennant Creek Area (NT Portion 2341)	4 June 1997	229/CLC
Ti Tree Station	5 July 1979	38/CLC
Timber Creek	28 July 1981	58/NLC
Tjilla Warlpiri (Chilla Well Pastoral Lease)	20 November 1978	23/CLC
Tjulu	4 June 1997	207/CLC
Trephina	4 June 1997	217/CLC
Uluru (Ayers Rock) National Park and Lake Amadeus/Luritja	19 February 1979	29/CLC
Umbrawarra Gorge-Jindare (Wagaman)	31 March 1978	12/NLC
Undoolya Bore Reserve	7 September 1981	61/CLC
Upper Daly	9 February 1979	32/NLC
Upper Daly (Repeat)	24 April 1990	128/NLC
Urapunga	4 October 1996	159/NLC
Urapunga Stock Route	2 August 1985	100/NLC
Urrpantyenye (Repeat)	27 December 1991	136/CLC
Vernon Islands (Larrakeyah)	31 March 1978	9/NLC
Victoria River (Bed and Banks)	25 June 1992	140/NLC
Wakaya/Alyawarre	24 March 1980	42/CLC
Wakaya/Alyawarre (No 2)	17 October 1988	120/CLC
Wakaya Alyawarre (Repeat)	25 June 1990	130/CLC
Wampana	2 July 1986	108/CLC

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Wangkangurru	1 May 1996	156/CLC
Wangkangurru (Supplementary)	4 June 1997	220/CLC
Warlmanpa (Muckaty Pastoral Lease)	20 December 1991	135/NLC
Warlmanpa, Warlpiri, Mudbura and Warumungu	20 November 1978	26/CLC
Warlpiri and Kartangarurru-Kurintji	16 August 1977	2/CLC
Warlpiri Kukatja and Ngarti	21 August 1980	46/CLC
Warnarrwarnarr-Barranyi (Borrooloola No 2)	25 January 1979	30/NLC
Warumungu	20 November 1978	22/CLC
Warumungu/Wakaya (Repeat)	19 July 1988	115/CLC
Warupunju	15 April 1992	138/CLC
Watarrka	4 June 1997	200/CLC
Wave Hill Stock Route - Bilinara	2 August 1985	99/NLC
Wave Hill Stock Route Area (Ngarinman)	2 August 1985	105/NLC
West MacDonnell	4 June 1997	205/CLC
Western Desert	5 June 1980	43/CLC
Western Desert (South) Repeat	29 July 1994	148/CLC
Western Roper River (Bed and Banks)	25 June 1992	141/NLC
Wickham River	18 November 1983	76/NLC
Wildman River	23 January 1997	162/NLC
Wollogorang Area	29 May 1997	165/NLC
Wollogorang Area II	29 May 1997	187/NLC
Wombaya	26 April 1978	16/NLC
Woolner/Mary River Region	29 May 1997	192/NLC

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Wulna (NT Portion 2001)	27 March 1996	155/NLC
Wycliffe Well	4 June 1984	91/CLC
Yingawunarri (Old Top Springs) Mudbura	4 May 1978	17/NLC
Yirwalalay	21 November 1994	151/NLC
Yurrkuru (Brookes Soak)	4 June 1984	79/CLC
Yutpundji-Djindiwirritj (Roper Bar)	15 March 1979	36/NLC

APPENDIX 2

Office of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner 2016/2017 Expenditure Statement as at 30 June 2017

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE	As at 30 June 2017
COMMISSIONER'S SALARY	102,301.02
COMMISSIONER'S TRAVEL & TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	10,010.74
COMMISSIONER'S STAFF SALARY	103,653.81
COMMISSIONER'S STAFF TRAVEL & ALLOWANCE	2,116.89
COURT SERVICES AND TRANSCRIPTS	10,853.97
LEGAL SERVICES	0.00
MEDIATION SERVICES	0.00
TELEPHONE & POSTAGE	653.25
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	4,941.70
STORES, STATIONERY SUPPLIES & INCIDENTALS	881.82
TOTAL	\$235,413.20

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