



*ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976*

# **ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER**

**Report for the year ended 30 June 2018**

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31 August 2018

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 2018.

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 2018**

**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 Aboriginal Land Commissioner is a statutory officer of the Commonwealth appointed to perform functions outlined in s 50 of the Act. The Aboriginal Land Commissioner's functions include undertaking inquiries into traditional land claims in the Northern Territory of Australia. Related reports, containing findings and recommendations, are provided to the Commonwealth Minister responsible for the administration of the Act and the Administrator of the Northern Territory. The responsible Commonwealth Minister may also request that the Commissioner provide advice on any other matter relevant to the operation of the Act.
4. The major functions of the Commissioner are set out in s 50(1) of the Act, which can be viewed at:  
<https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00111>

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

5. 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).
6. During this period, the Commissioner was engaged by PM&C as a statutory officer.
7. PM&C provided administrative support for the operations of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner.
8. The Office of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner can be contacted by email at [AboriginalLandCommissioner@network.pmc.gov.au](mailto:AboriginalLandCommissioner@network.pmc.gov.au) and by phone on (08) 8928 6458. The Commissioner's website is accessible at <https://www.pmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/land/aboriginal-land-commissioner>

## **THE LAND CLAIM PROCESS**

9. 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.
10. 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. 6 are currently the subject of incomplete inquiries;
  - c. 5 relate only to land which comprises the beds and banks of rivers and/or the inter-tidal zone (ITZ), are not currently the subject of an inquiry, and are susceptible to being finally disposed of 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. 10 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.
11. The Commissioner, together with key parties, made considerable progress towards finalising the unresolved applications in 8b and 8c

(either by agreement and a request for scheduling, or by inquiry and report by the Commissioner).

12. The Commonwealth Government is currently taking steps to add land to Schedule 1 of the Act which would dispose of 5 applications in 8e (Nos 93, 111, 122, 179 and 74) so far as they relate to the functions of the Commissioner. It is anticipated that process will be completed during the next reporting period.
13. Key parties have indicated they expect to reach settlement agreements in respect of the 5 remaining applications in 8(e) during the next reporting period without the requirement for the Commissioner to undertake formal inquiries. In the event that their negotiations towards settlement do not lead to their resolution within the times they have specified, the Commissioner may take steps to list these unresolved claims for hearing.
14. The Commissioner may instigate inquiries into certain further claims within the category referred to in 8(c) in the next reporting period, depending upon the progress of their resolution by agreement or their disposal by any other means.

### **LAND CLAIM APPLICATION HEARINGS**

15. 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 8(c) and 8(e) above.
16. The Commissioner took action to instigate inquiries into three land claim applications during the reporting period. An inquiry into the Wakaya Alywarre (Repeat) Land Claim (No 130) was commenced on 22 August 2017. Separate inquiries into the Peron Islands Area Land Claim (No 190) and the Woolner / Mary River Region Land Claim (No 192) were commenced on 1 February 2018.
17. Land claim Nos 167, 188 and 189 were not resolved in the reporting period because the issue arose as to the extent of the claim areas available as 'land in the Northern Territory' where there is an internal tidal waterway/river, requiring extensive expert evidence. That issue will be addressed in the Reports of the Commissioner on those claims, to be delivered in the next reporting period.

### **LAND CLAIMS DETRIMENT REVIEW**

18. On 6 July 2017 the Minister requested the advice of the Commissioner and issued Terms of Reference under s 50(1)(d) of



the Land Rights Act in relation to the status of detriment issues associated with 16 land claims recommended for grant but not yet finalised, with relevant reports dating from 1981 to 2004.

19. The Commissioner's advice may assist the Minister to proceed with a recommendation to grant Aboriginal land in respect of the relevant land claims where he or she is satisfied that the land should be granted, pursuant to s 11 of the Act.
20. The Terms of Reference for the Detriment Review required the Commissioner to provide to the Minister a written report and recommendations by 6 July 2018. On 11 April 2018, in response to a request from the Commissioner, the Minister agreed to an extension of time until 31 December 2018 for completion of the Detriment Review.

## **DETAILS OF LAND CLAIM APPLICATIONS**

21. 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.
22. 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.
23. 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".
24. In cases where claimed land has been added to Schedule 1 of the Act, the number and date of the amending Act is shown.
25. 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.
26. 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 any progress and 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**

27. 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 s 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999* and s 46 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, and is subject to scrutiny through the Senate Estimates Committee process.
28. The statement appearing in Appendix 2 is based upon information provided by PM&C and has not been verified by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner.

JR MANSFIELD

Aboriginal Land Commissioner

31 August 2018

# 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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
15/NLC	1	25	Murranji	26 April 1978
16/NLC	2		Wombaya	26 April 1978
17/NLC	1	5	Yingawunari (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		Kartangaruru, 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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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		Tarltown 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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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		Murrانji 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



<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
131/NLC	2		Kenbi (Cox Peninsula) (Repeat)	25 February 1991
132/NLC	1	52	Elsy	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		Urrpantyeny (Repeat)	27 December 1991
137/NLC	1	47	Ngaliwurru/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

<b>Application No/ Land Council</b>	<b>Table</b>	<b>Report No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Date Received</b>
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

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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		Billengarra	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		Murrnaji Stock Route (Murrnaji 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

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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

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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)**

<b>Report No</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Name of Report and Claim/s</b>	<b>Report submitted</b>
1 Note 1	1	Borrooloola	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 Note 2	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 3	37	Kenbi (Cox Peninsula)	
17	20	Nicholson River (Waanyi/Garawa)	26 July 1984
18	14	Cox River (Alawa/Ngandji)	20 November 1984



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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	Murranji	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 Note 2	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/Alyawarre	8 May 1990
35		Bilinarra (Coolibah-Wave Hill Stock Routes)	21 June 1990
	(92	Coolibah and Wave Hill Stock	
	(	Routes (Victoria River Downs)	
	(99	Wave Hill Stock Route – Bilinarra	
	(105	Wave Hill Stock Route Area	
	(	(Ngarinman)	
36	107	Stokes Range	28 June 1990
37 Note 4		Upper Daly Volumes 1, 2 and 3	v1 10 August 1989 v2 8 February 1990 v3 22 March 1990

<b>Report No</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Name of Report and Claim/s</b>	<b>Report submitted</b>
	(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 5	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 6	(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 7	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

<b>Report No</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Name of Report and Claim/s</b>	<b>Report submitted</b>
53	147	Tempe Downs and Middleton Ponds/Luritja	20 March 1998
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 Note 2	(71 (198	Maria Island and Limmen Bight River Maria Island Region (part)	28 March 2002
62 Note 2	(184 (185	McArthur River Region Manangoora Region (part)	15 March 2002
63 Note 2	(199 (198	Lorella Region Maria Island Region (part)	18 June 2002
64 Note 2	178	Garrwa (Wearyan and Robinson Rivers Beds and Banks)	30 July 2002
65 Note 2	70	Lower Roper River	7 March 2003
66 Note 2	(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 Note 2	68	Lower Daly	30 April 2003
68 Note 2	(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

<b>Report No</b>	<b>Application No</b>	<b>Name of Report and Claim/s</b>	<b>Report submitted</b>
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 (Borroloola) includes a recommendation which encompasses all of the land claimed in Application No 72 (McArthur River).
- Note 2: On 6 July 2017 the Minister requested the Commissioner to undertake a review of detriment issues relevant to 16 land claims previously recommended for grant but not yet finalised, pursuant to s50(1)(d) of the Act. The Detriment Review is to address land claims the subject of Report Nos 9, 29 and 61-68. The Minister's letter is included at Appendix 2.
- Note 3: 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 4: 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 5: 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 6: 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 7: The land recommended for grant in Report No 49 includes the whole of the land claimed in Applications No 34 (Borroloola No 3) and No 117 (South West Island).

**TABLE 2****Applications which have been withdrawn or otherwise disposed of without an inquiry (Note 7)**

<b>Application No</b>	<b>Name of Claim</b>	<b>Method of Disposal</b>
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)
61	Undoolya Bore Reserve	s 67A(6)























































