

the state. Queensland has over 70 types of leases and upgrading is not likely. It is thought that successful claims under the 10 Point Plan would be minimal and not of concern to pastoralists. Pastoral leases cover 41% of South Australia and the Attorney General said clarifying access rights was necessary. The NT government rejected a proposal to freehold leases in 1987 where the leasehold system is seen by government as providing effective controls. The WA government said leases would retain the same conditions if the 10 Point Plan was implemented and co-existence with native title would continue. The lease terms for the 540 leases covering 37% of the state would change from 25 years and be made perpetual or unlimited. (*WAus*, 31 May, p10)

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Wensing, E. & Sheehan, J. *Native Title : Implications for Land Management*, Australia Institute, Canberra, 1997. The authors, land planning and valuation experts, report that there is no land use management or planning reason for extinguishing native title and that land use management not ownership is the issue. The discussion paper is available from the Australia Institute, PO Box 72, Lyneham, 2602.

Commercial implications of native title. Published by QUT Centre for Commercial and Property Law and Federation Press. Available from QUT Faculty of Law GPO BOX 2434 Brisbane QLD 4001.

The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission have published a Plain English guide to the Racial Discrimination Act and Native Title called *The RDA and native title: the implications of statutory extinguishment*. Available from HREOC's Public Affairs Unit. (02) 9284 9677.

The Goldfields Mediation Council has released a draft protocol aimed at speeding up negotiations with native title claimants in relation to the proposed grant of mining, exploring and prospecting rights. Copies of the protocol are available from Goldfields Mediation Service, Level 1 Viskovich House, 377 Hannan St., Kalgoorlie.

The June 1997 issue of *Indigenous Law Bulletin* (formerly Aboriginal Law bulletin) includes a critique by the National Indigenous Working Group of the Government's 10 point plan; a further analysis of the 10 point plan is contained in 'Nailing down native title' by Garth Nettheim; and an article by David Yarrow discusses natural resource management in light of the Wik case.

The National Native Title Tribunal and the Australian Local Government Association, with support from the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, have produced a guide to help local government authorities in dealing with native title. Called *Working with native title* it sets out practical approaches local governments and communities might take on the way to reaching native title agreements. Contact the Australian Local Government Association, Native Title Program, on (06) 281 1211 for a copy.

The Wik Summit was convened in Cairns on 21 January 1997 with the

aim of initiating some real dialogue between those most affected by the Wik decision. A limited number of the Wik Summit papers are now available from the Cape York Land Council PO Box 2496 Cairns, Qld 4870. The papers cost \$30.00 plus \$5.00 per copy for postage.

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