

compensation that would have to be paid. Queensland Premier, Mr Rob Borbidge, is to introduce the State's 'mirror' legislation on native title this week. (*FinR*, 25 Nov, p10)*

Western Australia

The High Court has dismissed an appeal by the WA Government against court rulings in relation to the Mirriuwung and Gajerrong application which permit only people of the same gender to hear evidence about secret Aboriginal culture and rituals. (*WA*, 21 Oct, p9)

In a report Premier Richard Court blamed the *Native Title Act* for a mounting backlog of Western Australian land and mining titles. 'The Native Title: State of the Nation' report lists 621 native title claims over Australia and shows 82 per cent of WA under claim. A National Native Title Tribunal source said this figure could be misleading as it failed to exclude freehold land within claims where native title had been extinguished. The report will be sent to Opposition and minor party senators. (*WA*, 25 Nov, p4)

Australian Capital Territory

Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Tim Fisher, warned that residents of Canberra held leasehold titles that were similar to the NSW western division leases. In response, Chief Minister, Mrs Kate Carnell, said Canberra was not affected by native title, being a residential area and that Mr Fisher's statement was 'fundamentally incorrect'. (*CT*, 22 Nov, p3)

South Australia

Adelaide historian Dr Robert Foster said Aboriginal land rights in South Australia had been guaranteed in law in 1851. The first pastoral leases granted in South Australia stated that Aboriginal people retain their rights to the land. (*Ad*, 28 Nov, p4)

Northern Territory

National Native Title Tribunal member Douglas Williamson QC began preliminary hearings in Darwin into the compulsory acquisition of native title rights that may exist over lands and waters at Wickham Point. The hearing will set the direction of arbitration proceedings involving the Larrakia, the Danggalaba and the Northern Territory Government. (*NT News*, 27 Oct, p14)

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