

Walmbaar Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC

OVERVIEW

The Walmbaar Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, together with the Dhubbi Warra Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC and the Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC, administers land on behalf of the Gamaay people. The Gamaay people's ownership was recognised by *Hopevale* determination of December 2007.

This determination arose from a claim made in June 1996 on behalf of 11 Hopevale clans. These clans were later joined by two other clans. Together they agreed to form a body called the Hopevale Congress of Clans, comprising one representative of each of the clans. Following a series of mediations, several internal issues between the applicants were resolved. In particular, the delimitation of some clan boundaries was agreed upon.

Both the state of Queensland and the Hopevale Aboriginal Council recognised that the Congress of Clans was an appropriate body to claim native title. This recognition was formalised in a Deed of Agreement, created between May and November 2007. This recognition was important as the land being claimed had been granted to the Hopevale Aboriginal Council in 1986 to be held on trust for the Aboriginal inhabitants. All parties agreed to recognise the Gamaay people's native title rights and interests.

This agreement was affirmed and approved by the Federal Court in December 2007.

RNTBC PROFILE

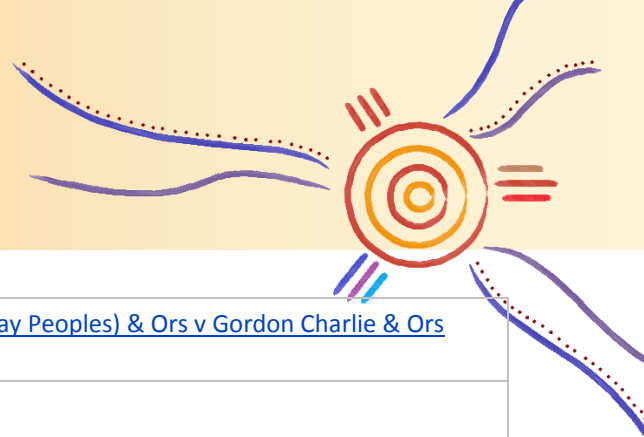
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| NAME OF RNTBC ORIC | WALMBAAR ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC |
| TYPE OF RNTBC ATNS | AGENT |
| STATE/TERRITORY | QLD |
| MAP NNTT HYPERLINK | National Native Title Tribunal Produced Map |
| CONTACT DETAILS ORIC HYPERLINK | The following contact details are subject to change. Check ORIC for recent details: Contact Officer: Fabian Lester O'Burns Mail Address: C/- Post Office Box, HOPE VALE QLD 4895 Phone Number: 07 4069 6109 Email Address: tyoren@live.com.au |

RNTBC ADMINISTRATION

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| INDIGENOUS CORPORATION NUMBER | 3144 |
| DATE OF INCORPORATION | 28/08/1990 |
| DOCUMENTATION ORIC HYPERLINK | Documentation, Rules, Member List, etc. |

NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

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| NNTT SHORT NAME NNTT HYPERLINK | HOPEVALE |
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| CASE LAW AUSTLII HYPERLINK | Erica Deeral (On behalf of herself & the Gamaay Peoples) & Ors v Gordon Charlie & Ors [1997] FCA 1408 (8 December 1997) |
| DATE OF DETERMINATION | 08/12/1997 |
| TYPE OF DETERMINATION ATNS HYPERLINK | CONSENT DETERMINATION |
| DETERMINATION OUTCOME | NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA |
| TRIBUNAL FILE NO | QCD1997/001 |
| FEDERAL COURT FILE NO | QUD174/1997 |
| NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ¹ | Formulated in a Deed of Agreement that is not available online |
| AREA OF LAND | Approximately 169.1sq km |
| GENERAL LOCATION OF DETERMINATION AREA | HOPEVALE NEAR COOKTOWN, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND |
| MAP | Map of Determination Area with respect to clan boundaries (PDF 273KB) Topographic Map of Determination Area (PDF 232KB) |
| NTRB REGION NTRB HYPERLINK | CAPE YORK LAND COUNCIL |

AGREEMENTS

| AGREEMENT NAME ATNS HYPERLINK | NNTT FILE NO. NNTT HYPERLINK | TYPE OF AGREEMENT | SUBJECT MATTER (NNTT) | SUBJECT MATTER (ATNS) |
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| NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |

ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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| Case note | Australian Indigenous Law Reporter, Erica Deeral (on behalf of herself and the Gamaay Peoples) & Ors v Gordon Charlie & Ors - Case Summary (Vol. 3, No. 1, 1998) |
| Media releases | National Native Title Tribunal, Tribunal President welcomes Hopevale Determination (05 December 1997) |
| | National Native Title Tribunal, Hopevale native title agreement shows way forward President (11 November 1997) |
| Academic Commentary | Paul Memmott and Peter Blackwood (PDF 1.31MB), Holding Title and Managing Land in Cape York – Two Case Studies , Native Title Research Unit, Discussion Paper 21 (2008). |

¹ These native title rights and interests are subject to the laws of the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland. They may also be subject to particular interests specified in the determination.

