DETRIMENT REVIEW: FINNISS RIVER LAND CLAIM NO. 39

AND

MATARANKA AREA LAND CLAIM NO. 69

UPDATED DETRIMENT AND PROPOSED PATTERNS OF LAND USAGE INFORMATION ON BEHALF OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER

Key

NTP = NT Portion No.

CLP = Crown Lease in Perpetuity

PPL = Perpetual Pastoral Lease

VCL = VCL

ALT = Aboriginal Land Trust land held under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth) (ALRA)

Table 1: Finniss River Land Claim No. 39: REPORT No. 9 of former Aboriginal Land Commissioner Toohey

The outstanding claim area from this claim comprises part of Area 4 of the claim as lodged in LC 39 and is now defined as Section 2968, Hundred of Goyder (Rum Jungle). This area remains outstanding as LC 39 over the area has not yet finally been disposed of, relevantly, by way of withdrawal (see s67A(5)(a) ALRA), grant as Aboriginal land (see s67A(5)(b) ALRA), or by decision of the Federal Minister that the area should not be granted (see s67A(5)(d) ALRA).

ltem	Toohey J detriment findings	Additional/new detriment information
1.	Refer Report no, 9, at	The Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources (DPIR) was established by the NT Government on 12 September 2016. DPIR brings together many of the key functions that drive economic development in the Northern Territory including on land, over coastal areas and inland waterways. Its business sectors are mines and energy, fisheries and product integrity, primary industry development and the NT Geological Survey.
		DPIR advise:
		PART 1: MINING

a. Details of current granted minerals tenures within and/or surrounding Section 2968 Hundred of Goyder is included in spreadsheet marked as **Attachment 1**. The claim area affects most of ELR 146, ELs 27560, 27559, and part of EL 27007 and 27562. The claim area also affects parts of MLN 140, 142 and 150. These mineral tenures are also depicted on the map depicting minerals tenure in LC 39 area marked as **Attachment 2**.

Exploration Licences

b. Exploration Licences ('ELs') allow the holders of this type of title to conduct exploration activities in connection with minerals, including occupying the title area, drilling, trenches, holes, sinking bores and tunnels, extracting and removing samples of ore and other substances in amounts reasonably necessary for evaluation from the title area.

Exploration Licence in Retention (ELR)

- c. An ELR is a minerals tenure that is an exploration licence area in retention which means that the area contains a significant recognised resource but considered not yet commercially viable. The holder of an ELR has a right to apply for a mineral lease.
- d. As regards ELR 146, in the event of the grant of the claim area as Aboriginal land, the title holders would need to comply with additional processes for approval namely the processes in Part IV ALRA if they wish to convert ELR 146 to a mineral lease instead of the less onerous requirements under the Right to Negotiate (Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2) in the *Native Title Act* (Cth) if the land were to remain as vacant Crown land. This would involve the need to negotiate an agreement under s46 ALRA with the Land Council as to the terms and conditions of the mining interest and would also require consent to negotiate for a mineral lease pursuant to s45(b) ALRA.

Mineral Leases Northern (MLN)

e. If Section 2968 were to become Aboriginal land, the holders of MLN 142, 146 and 150 their mineral leases would be able to continue to operate given they would be existing mineral leases and would be exempted from compliance with Part IV ALRA processes including for any renewal given it is not "the granting of a mining interest" within the meaning of Part IV ALRA (refer s3(4) ALRA).

Rehabilitation of Rum Jungle Mine site

- f. Section 2968 is currently causing elevated concentrations of some heavy metals in the waters of the Finniss River. These concentrations are the result of historical mining activities, in particular stored waste materials which produce acid and metalliferous drainage (AMD). Historical rehabilitation works were completed from 1983 to 1986, with 12 years post-rehabilitation monitoring activities undertaken until 1998. These rehabilitation works were completed in partnership with the Commonwealth and post-rehabilitation land access (use) was restricted to maintain rehabilitation integrity.
- g. Despite significant improvements in water quality and landform stability, the previous rehabilitation works have since deteriorated and do not meet contemporary rehabilitation standards. As a result, the Australian and NT Governments entered into a stage 1 National Partnership Agreement in 2009 (\$7.048 million), a stage 2 Project Agreement in 2013 (\$11.561 million), and a stage 2A Project Agreement in 2017 (\$10.048) to progress rehabilitation designs. Proposed Stage 3 implementation is subject to funding and government decisions. Should Stage 3 implementation works be completed, it is proposed to access the rehabilitated areas for maintenance and monitoring for approximately 20 years post rehabilitation. Similarly, to the 1980s rehabilitation works, restricted land use to maintain rehabilitation integrity is likely to be required.

		 h. With regards to detriment associated with the Finniss River Land Claim, the Northern Land Council advised, in its evidence to the Senate Inquiry into rehabilitation of mining and resources projects as it relates to Commonwealth responsibilities, that its statutory functions do not extend to being a receiving entity to manage any future transfer of risk and costs to landholders arising from a rehabilitated or closed site. That is, once land was rehabilitated, the Northern Land Council (NLC) was reluctant to accept ownership of the land due to inherent liabilities, resulting in the Land Claim not yet being resolved as expected. i. Based on the above, especially resolution of responsibility and liability between parties, suggested options which may potentially assist with resolving the Land Claim include full rehabilitation and ongoing monitoring and maintenance arrangements for the mine site.
		 j. There are no granted petroleum titles or applications over Land Claim 39. k. Petroleum Reserved Block (PRB) is situated on the northern border of Finniss River Land Claim LC 39: see map depicting the PRB including Section 2968 at Attachment 3. The PRB was declared on 12 January 2017 over Manton Dam, Darwin River Dam and the Adelaide River Off-stream Water Storage area. A PRB prevents the exploration for, or production of, petroleum under section 9 of the Petroleum Act (NT). I. The NT Geological Survey advises that the Finniss land claim has zero potential as it underlain by basement geology of the Pine Creek Orogen.
2.	Per [348] Report 9:	The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) was established by the NT Government on 12 September 2016. The government created the Department to bring together many of the key functions that drive land use, infrastructure and transport. These include the development, planning, construction and maintenance of government infrastructure and roads, and transport safety, policy, strategy and compliance, DIPL have advised as follows. Transport Concerns
		 a. Rum Jungle Road (RIMS ID 316) which commences from the Batchelor Road intersection through Section 2968 is 8.41 km in length with a 100m wide nominated road reserve. Section A of this road measuring 6.61 km running north from Batchelor Road intersection is managed by the NT Government Road Authority. Section B of the road from Litchfield Park Road intersection to Section 2968 is under care, control and management of the Local Government. Attached as Attachment 4 is a copy of an ILIS map depicting Sections A and B of the Road in the region. Attached and marked Attachments 5, 6, 7 and 8 respectively are survey plans S91/212, S92/238B, S92/288, and S2006/72. b. There is an unmaintained and unconstructed road with a 20.12 m wide road reserve which runs east west along the southern boundary of Sections 1104, 1111, and 2944 Hundred of Goyder which abuts the northern boundary of Section 2968: refer Attachments 5 (Survey Plan S91/212) and 7 (Survey Plan S92/288) referred to above. c. The above mentioned roads are roads over which the public has a right of way and should therefore be excluded from grant pursuant to s12(3) ALRA.

		d. In the alternative, it is submitted that s14 ALRA would apply to the Rum Jungle Road and any rent payable for maintenance of such road would need to be determined by the Minister pursuant to s15 ALRA on the basis that these roads are not for a community purpose within the meaning of s15(1) ALRA.
3.	Per [376] Report 9 re Rum Jungle South Lake and Road into	The Department of Tourism and Culture (DTC) was established by the NT Government on 12 September 2016. It is comprised of an amalgamation of the previous Department of Sport and Recreation, Arts and Museum, Parks and Wildlife and Tourism NT as well as the Heritage Division.
	reserve	The DTC advises:
		a. The area of the old Rum Jungle mine does not give rise to any detriment from a tourism perspective however some members of the public infrequently visit the legacy mine site.
		 b. The Department does not occupy, use or intend to use this area, nor does the Department have any assets within, or bordering the area of the claim.
		c. The Department does not maintain records of use for the area.
4.	See [345]-[346] Report No. 9	Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) was established by the NT Government on 12 September 2016. It comprises many of the key functions arising in relation to protection of the environment and natural resources of the NT including water, land resource and environmental issues. The DENR has divisions comprising Flora and Fauna, Rangelands, Weed management, Bushfires NT, Water Resources, Water data portal and Environment.
		DENR advise as follows.
		Part 1: Water Resources
	2.	 a. DENR's water database identifies 140 bores and 6 water monitoring sites located on section 2968, Location details are provided on list of groundwater bores on section 2968 Attachment 9. The bores are depicted on the map marked Attachment 10 and the 6 water monitoring sites are depicted on the map marked Attachment 11. b. Records for groundwater bores indicate drilling commencing in 1944 for water supply to the Army, a total of 15 bores drilled for water (production) between 1944 and 2012. c. 58 investigation bores were drilled between 1970 and 1993 and a further 35 bores drilled for baseline monitoring between 1983 and 2012. d. Records of bore purpose are as per when the bore was drilled and may not reflect current use or state of bore. e. Many of these bores may no longer be serviceable or used for their original purpose, Water Resources is only in possession of information related to current status when informed by the landowner/occupier. f. The bulk of these bores will have been installed in relation to the mining activity. g. Investigation bores are used to identify the source and natural state of ground water aquifer's pre mining or development, observation bores provide operational hydrogeological information on how the aquifer reacts to extraction.

		 h. Production Bores are constructed and equipped specifically to supply groundwater. Baseline monitoring bores are usually located and constructed to provide long term data on the state of aquifer, pre, during and post mining or development activity. i. Water Resources does not monitor, maintain or have any ownership of any bores on Section 2968. j. The bulk of the bores will have been drilled by contractors for the mining entity. k. The Division is recognised source of data related to bore locations within the Northern Territory however drilling bores for mining or petroleum activities are exempt from permitting and license requirements of the Water Act, consequently it is highly likely that there are bores on the lease that the Department is not aware of. l. Whilst access to undertake water monitoring duties is provided for under s20(1) and (2) Water Act (NT) it is not currently a function of DENR to undertake groundwater monitoring on existing or legacy mine sites. m. DIPR legacy mines unit or contractors on their behalf may be accessing these bores for rehabilitation monitoring purposes. n. The value of these bores is difficult to determine given the range of drilling depth, age and construction method, drilling replacement bores could be in the order of \$50,000.00 each. o. The 6 surface water monitoring sites were installed between 1983 and 1985, each site maintained for up to 4 years to capture surface water muniformation. The sites were installed and maintained by Water Resources, each containing instruments, to measure stream height, and the generation of stream flow data, key elements in determining and managing the hydrology of the mine lease. p. Water Resources no longer have an interest in surface water monitoring on former or existing mine lease sites. It
		is unknown whether any of the surface water monitoring infrastructure still exists. Commonly a water monitoring site would consist of a weir across the stream, an instrumentation housing shed and staff gauges. There are no photographs on record of these installations. Part 2: Environment
		q. LC 39 covers the former Rum Jungle mine site – the rehabilitation of the former Rum Jungle mine site is currently undergoing assessment under the Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act) by way of an Environmental Impact Statement.
5.	Not applicable	The Department of Trade and Business Innovation (DTBI) advise.
J.		 a. Recreational activities such as four wheel driving, hunting and fishing contribute to the local economy and if access to these areas was restricted this could have a flow on effect for local businesses. b. While it is difficult to predict future needs, it is important that efforts are made to protect future potential investment and economic opportunities and would recommend future agreement include parameters to assist Indigenous business and economic development particularly in, in regional and remote locates in the NT.
CONCLUS	SION:	

The extent of detriment that may arise in the event of the grant of section 2968 and the effect it may have on proposed patterns of land usage in the as set out in Table 1 above is limited in the context of the greater detriment that arose in the context of the wider claim areas dealt with in Report no. 9.

Attachments to Table 1:

Table 2: Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69: REPORT No. 29 of former Commissioner Maurice

The outstanding claim area comprises part of what was Area 4 in LC 69 and comprises the portion of the Urapunga Stock Route, comprising Northern Territory Portion (NTP) 2193 and NTP 1718 (which traversed the former Roper River Station). These areas remain outstanding as LC 69 over the parcels has not yet finally been disposed of, relevantly, by way of withdrawal (see s67A(5)(a) ALRA), grant as Aboriginal land (see s67A(5)(b) ALRA), or by decision of the Federal Minister that the area should not be granted (see s67A(5)(d) ALRA). NT Portion 2193 is defined on survey plans S93/325A-E and CP 4485E.

Item	Maurice J detriment findings per Report no. 29	Additional/new detriment information
1.		DIPL advises:
		Part 1: Crown Land Estate
	_	NT Portion 2193
		 a. NT Portion 2193 is vacant Crown land the subject of the Urapunga Stock Route. It falls within the Yugul Mangi Community Government Area. b. The Department is not aware of any formal access points, such as boat ramps, from the stock route to the Roper River however this does not prevent the public accessing the river from the parcel. Should the access be denied or a cost imposed this will have a negative impact on the public. It may also have a negative impact on recreational fishing/tourism in the area if the public cannot access the river. c. Adjacent tenure to the this parcel is: NT Portion 916 which is vacant Crown land: the area has not been identified for any future use by the Department, therefore it cannot be determined what, if any detriment would arise.

- ii) NT Portion 1718 which is vacant Crown land which is addressed below:
- iii) NT Portion 4256 which is vacant Crown land, part of Urapunga Stock Route;
- iv) Various pastoral leases comprising NT Portion 4775 (Flying Fox Station), NT Portion 4972 (Lonesome Dove Station), NT Portion 4973 (Big River Station) and NT Portion 4256 (Mount McMinn Station): any concerns for these parcels will be addressed by Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and the Department of Primary Industry and Resources.

NT Portion 1718

- d. NT Portion 1718 is also vacant Crown land the subject of the Urapuga Stock Route.
- e. The Department is not aware of any formal access points, such as boat ramps, from the stock route to the Roper River however this does not prevent the public accessing the river from the parcel. Should the access be denied or a cost imposed this will have a negative impact on the public. It may also have a negative impact on recreational fishing/tourism in the area if the public cannot access the river.
- f. Adjacent to this land is NT Portion 2193 as addressed above.
- g. An adjacent pastoral property to this land is NT Portion 4775 (Flying Fox Station).
- h. Another adjacent area is NT Portion 3278 previously issued to the Bringung Aboriginal Community Inc, now an estate in fee simple held by the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs (part of the Department of Attorney-General and Justice). The Commissioner for Consumer Affairs has responsibility of such assets when land holding entities are no longer in existence given the title over the land is prescribed property pursuant to s110 Associations Act (NT)). The Bringung Aboriginal Community Incorporated is now defunct. The parcel was originally granted to the Bringung Aboriginal Community Inc pursuant to Crown Lease Term 623 in 1987. This was converted to an Aboriginal Community Living Area freehold title under s16 *Miscellaneous Acts Amendment (Community Living Areas) Act* 1989 in June 1993. NT Freehold title in the name of Bringung was registered in July 1993. It was registered in the name of the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs in 2011.
- i. The DIPL is not aware of any formal access points such as boat ramps, from the stock route to the Roper River however this does not prevent the public accessing the river from NT Portion 1718. Should access to the Stock Route and be restricted or denied, then detriment may result to persons accessing and using the stock route to gain access to the Roper River.

Part 2: Valuation Services

- j. LC 69 is currently a stock route traversing a number of Perpetual Pastoral Properties. This stock route area is currently excluded from the Unimproved Capital Valuation (UCV) assessable area for the PPLs, however there have been some 20+ consolidations of stock routes into the adjoining pastoral properties over the past few years. When this occurs, the consolidation does add value to the pastoral properties benefitting from the amalgamation.
- k. Whilst the UCVs for each property will remain unaffected by having the stock route excluded (which is the case now), any diminution in value associated with the claim will depend on whether the claimed area will be fenced. It is assumed the area will not be fenced (because it is very much bushland). If however, the effect of the grant was to restrict and/or result in denial of access by the pastoral lessee's for cattle grazing then detriment would result. If

however the stock route is required to be fenced, there will be detriment to each of the affected pastoral properties as a result of the cost associated with installation of any fencing, their inability to graze, access bores, water etc on the stock route previously available and permitted for use by the adjoining pastoralists.

Part 3: Transport services

Transports Assets within the claim area

- I. The Roper Highway (Rims ID 32) starts from Stuart Highway to Ngukurr, is 205.98km in length with a 150m wide nominated road reserve running parallel to the Claim area.
- m. Part of an adjacent area of the Roper Highway, namely that area as marked Section A on the attached ILIS Google Earth plan abuts the south eastern boundary of NTP 2193 (the claim area) marked as **Attachment 12**. This road is managed by NTG Road Authority.
- n. There are some anomalies between surveys, however the road including the 150m wide nominal road reserve is situated within NTP 2193 (the claim area).
- o. The Roper Highway through NT Portion 2193 is public road which should be excluded from any grant made pursuant to s12(3) ALRA. Exclusion of that part to secure full nominal road reserve width would be required to ensure operations and maintenance of the road to the acceptable and safe standards.
- p. The Roper Highway through the NT Portion 2193 is part of a road classified as a rural arterial road. Attached as **Attachment 12A** is the statement of Ken Grattan former employee with the then Department of Transport and Works dated 30 October 1998 presented in the Carpentaria Downs/Balbarini Land Claim No.160 and made exhibit no.NT7 in that claim. This statement at paragraphs 13-17 sets out the basis for the road reserve policy including the 150m wide road corridor for rural arterial roads. The 150 m wide road reserve continues through NTP 4972: refer Survey Plans S93/325A marked as **Attachment 13**, S95/218A marked as **Attachment 14**, S96/261 marked as **Attachment 15** & CP4485A marked as **Attachment 16**.

Transport Assets in in the vicinity of the claim area

- q. **Section B** of Roper Highway NT 1718 (the claim area) has a common boundary with NTP 3278. The Roper Highway to a 100m wide road reserve abuts the southern boundary of this parcel and is in the vicinity of the claim area: refer ILIS/google map depicting Section B of the Roper Highway in conjunction with NT Portion 1718 attached and marked **Attachment 17**. Refer also survey plan S 96/261 attached as **Attachment 15** as referred to above.
- r. **Hodgson Down** (Rim ID 139) Rural Secondary Road starts from Roper Highway intersection south of NTP 3278 with 100m wide nominated road reserve and is in the vicinity of the claim area. Refer Survey Plan S97/40 & S96/261.
- s. **Section C** of the Roper Highway indicates that a 100m wide road reserve abuts NT Portion 2193 at the south east corner where the road crosses from NTP 4971 to NTP 4256. The continuation of the 150 m road reserve is intended through NTP 4256 and is evidenced by a constructed road. The road reserve currently terminates at the interface between NTP 4971, NT 4256 and NTP 2193: refer attached ILIS/google map of the Roper Highway at this

		junction marked as Attachment 18 . Refer also survey plans S95/218A Attachment 14 , and S96/261 marked as Attachment 15 as noted above. t. Any proposals for Grant of NTP 2193 as Aboriginal land should preserve the integrity of the existing 150m wide road reserve and ability to continue the road reserve over NTP 4256.
2.	Refer findings of former Commissioner Maurice at 17.1.1- 17.1.6, Report no.29	 DENR advises as follows: a. At the time of hearing of LC 69, the owner of land affected by the claim to what was area 4 and now comprising NT Portions 2193 and 1817, was the lessee of Roper Valley Station, NT Portion 712 then the subject of PPL 1123. This land was subdivided into 4 separate parcels in 1995 pursuant to Survey Plan S95/218A, attached and marked Attachment 19. Adjacent land holders to the claim area are: NTP 4972 Lonesome Dove Station – Perpetual Pastoral Lease (PPL) No. 1185 – DK Pastoral Company as trustee for the DK family land trust. NTP 4775 Flying Fox Station – PPL No. 1179 – Fly Fox Pty Ltd as trustee for Mark Scott Sullivan Family Trust. NTP 4973 Big River Station – PPL No. 1160 – Daniel Tapp NTP 4971 Mount McMinn – PPL No. 1180 – Joe Cahill (Vic) Pty Ltd as trustee for the JG Cahill Family Trust. Part 1: Rangelands - Pastoral Activity
		 b. The objects of the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i> require a pastoral lessee to prevent or minimise degradation of or other damage to land and it's native flora and fauna. To meet these requirements, the lessee must control feral animals and weeds. Access must be freely allowed to the land claim area in order to control any incursions and prevent widespread weed problems throughout the lease and any neighbouring land. c. The lessee's, their staff and visitors, may access water ways, including the beds and banks of the rivers for camping and fishing and other recreational purposes. This is common practice. Under the <i>Pastoral Land Act</i>, Part 6 section 79, the general public also has the right to access waterways. d. To access the Roper River from the Roper Highway, access is required across the land claim area. e. Future diversification activities may require the use of the land claim area and any restrictions imposed on accessing this area may impede on the pastoralists future to generate an alternative source of income. f. Such uses may be tourism, agriculture etc. The non-pastoral use provisions under the Pastoral Lands Act have operated since 1992 and non-pastoral activities contribute economic returns to the NT economy. g. The lessees have the right to graze and water stock on their land adjoining waterways pursuant to the <i>Water Act (NT)</i>. The lessee may take water for domestic purposes, drinking water for grazing stock on the land and may wish to install pipes or pumps across the land claim area to water stock on either side. Lagoons and lakes are located within the claim area. h. Flying Fox Station has a non-pastoral use permit granted to it for accommodation facilities (in close vicinity of Land Claim 69). i. The pastoral leases would be using the stock route as part of their operations ie to graze cattle, muster and maintain any infrastructure.

- j. DENR is aware that the lessee of Flying Fox Station may apply to undertake non-pastoral use of the lease for agricultural purposes and may need to cross the stock route.
- k. Access roads to Lonesome Dove and Big River Homesteads from the Roper Highway, are through the land claim area (stock route).
- I. The Department can provide contact details for the lessee's for more detailed information regarding the impact of the grant of the claimed areas on their pastoral operations.

Pastoral infrastructure on stock routes

- b. Evidence of pastoral infrastructure located within the Land Claim area includes tracks, lakes, lagoons and dams to water cattle, water pipelines (from pumps to troughs), tanks, fencing.
- c. Attached and marked Attachments 19-22 are the following maps:
 - i. **Attachment 20:** Plan depicting Flying Fox Station, NT Portion 4775, PPL 1179 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portions 1718 and 2193 within bounds of PPL 1179:
 - ii. Attachment 21: Plan depicting Mount McMinn Station, NT Portion 4971, PPL 1180 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1180:
 - iii. **Attachment 22**: Plan depicting Big River Station, NT Portion 4973, PPL 1160 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1160:
 - iv. **Attachment 23** Mount McMinn Station, NT Portion 4972, PPL 1185 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1185.
- d. There are Rangeland Monitoring sites located within the stock route (Land Claim area) on Flying Fox Station as depicted on Attachment 20 referred to above (note reference to sites labelled FYF01 and FYF03). These sites provide historical and current evidence of land condition to monitor the condition of the pastoral estate (including the stock route and stock reserve areas). This information is provided to the Pastoral Land Board which reports to the Minister annually.
- e. The Territory submits that whilst the claim area no longer traverses the one sole pastoral property as was the case when report 29 was delivered, the detriment concerns regarding use of fenced paddocks on the stock route, the water sources including the pipeline across the paddock, and use of the river would give rise to significant detriment on the part of the adjacent pastoral lease holders in the event that access and use of these assets were to be restricted or denied. We agree with the former Commissioner that "Acceding to this claim could... result in loss of important grazing land, loss of access to water, severance of paddocks and extraordinary operational difficulties" [per Maurice J at paragraph 17.1.5, report no, 29].

Part 2: Water Resources

- f. There are no active water monitoring assets in the land claim 69 claim area. While no water monitoring activity or studies are currently in progress within the claim area, future water investigations for planning and development may require access and activities by Water Resources staff onto the claim area. Access to undertake water monitoring duties is provided for under s20(1) and (2) of the Water Act (NT).
- g. Monitoring activities may be passive such as taking water quality samples or flow measurements or more intrusive where continuous to long term data is required to improve the understanding of the hydrology, water quality and

	geomorphology of the river for water management purposes or for flood forecasting. Long term data may necessitate the construction of monitoring infrastructure known as a gauging station. h. Where direct access to a river arises, water extraction for stock and domestic use will be permitted. However, the extraction of surface water for any other purpose is not permitted without a water extraction licence (WEL). Further, a WEL is also required for any groundwater extraction above 5 litres per second within the Water Control District. There are currently no WEL for NT Portions 1718 and 2193.
3.	DIPR advises as follows:
	Part 1: ENERGY
	 a. The DPIR administers and regulates petroleum exploration, production and transportation (via pipeline) activities in the NT onshore and to the 3 nautical mile limit (3nM). b. The relevant Acts, regulations and schedules are: Petroleum Act Petroleum (Environment) Regulations Schedule of Onshore Petroleum Exploration and Production Requirements 2016 Petroleum Regulations Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Act Petroleum (Submerged Lands) Regulations Petroleum (Prospecting and Mining) Act [repealed] – existing by virtue of transitional provisions under section 119 of the Petroleum Act Energy Pipeline Act Energy Pipelines Regulations
	Petroleum Interests over and adjacent to the Claim Area
	 c. On 21 August 2012, Petroleum Exploration Permit EP162 was granted under the provisions of the <i>Native Title Act</i> 1993. EP162 is currently held by Santos QNT Pty Ltd (75%) and Tamboran Resources Limited (25%), with an expiry date of 20 May 2020: see Title Report for EP 162 at Attachment 24. EP162 covers all of the Mataranka Area LC 69: see map depicting petroleum interests in relation to this claim marked Attachment 25. d. On 11 January 2008, Jacaranda Minerals Limited (50%) and Minerals Australia Pty Ltd (50%) applied for (the now granted) Petroleum Exploration Permit EP154, which is situated over four Aboriginal Land Trusts. On 19 January 2009, the delegate of the Minister, pursuant to section 13 of the <i>Petroleum Act</i>, issued consent to the applicants to enter into negotiations with the Northern Land Council for the grant of EP154. The Traditional Owners provided partial consent for the grant of EP154 and the 11 non-consent areas were: i. placed in a five year ALRA moratorium, due to end 31 May 2018; ii. issued individual Petroleum Exploration Permit applications

- e. EP(A)353 being one of the non-consent areas, slightly covers the western border of Mataranka Area LC 69: see Title Report for EP(A) 353 at **Attachment 26** and map at **Attachment 25** referred to above.
- f. The NT Geological Survey advises that the Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69 is underlain by geology of the McArthur Basin, and can be considered to have moderate petroleum potential, although the Velkerri and Kyalla formations may be too shallow in this area to be prospective. A deeper gas or oil play may occur in the underlying McArthur Group, but is untested.

Access Negotiations

- g. Before grant of a petroleum exploration permit, the DPIR must have evidence that the applicant and either the registered native title parties or the traditional owners of any ALRA land, (whichever is applicable) have reached formal agreement between them.
- h. The DPIR is not privy to the content of these agreements, but understands that they can deal with environmental and cultural matters and how activities are conducted. This could include activities like construction of roads and tracks, creek crossings, development of processing facilities and gathering pipelines, transport of a petroleum resource via pipeline or to conduct environmental studies, including sampling and geophysical surveys.

Environmental Regulation

- i. The *Petroleum Act* requires that the holder of a granted EP must carry out works in such a way as to cause as little disturbance to the environment as practicable. Additionally, exploration activity is subject to the requirements of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations (PER), the object of which is to ensure that regulated activities are carried out in a manner:
 - (a) consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development
 - (b) by which the environmental impacts and environmental risks of the activities will be reduced to a level that is:
 - (i) as low as reasonably practicable; and
 - (ii) acceptable.
- j. All exploration activities must have an environment management plan approved under the PER before activity can be undertaken. For those reasons, DPIR does not generally approve drilling programs within 100 metres of a river or inland water body.

Petroleum Exploration and Development Activities

k. Among other things petroleum activities consist of construction of roads, tracks, camps, drilling pads, creek crossings and the conduct of ground geophysical surveys, airborne surveys, drilling, environmental and geological studies, including sampling. If substantial hydrocarbons are discovered, field development will comprise of processing facilities (including an office block and camp facilities), gathering pipelines, a petroleum resource

transport pipeline and compressor stations. While there may be opportunities to connect to the Amadeus Pipeline (via the McArthur River Gas Pipeline if applicable) or the (under construction) Northern Gas Pipeline, a company would look at all development options to select the most viable, which could include a downstream gas processing plant or connection to an offshore facility like a Floating LNG processing facility or a condensate export facility.

Effect of grant of land claim on applications and interests

- I. Applicants for petroleum interests may be affected in the event of the grant of Aboriginal land because they would need to secure an agreement under Part IV of the ALRA with the relevant Land Council, along with any other procedural requirements, in order for the interest to be validly granted.
- m. Petroleum interest holders may need to use the claim area to access or transport a petroleum resource, petroleum infrastructure or to conduct environmental studies, including sampling and geophysical surveys. The effect of the grant of Aboriginal land on those interest holders would depend on how the interest was categorised under the ALRA (eg as an exploration licence, exploration retention licence, or mining interest). A process to renew an exploration licence or obtain a mining interest will require compliance with Part IV of the ALRA. Where seas adjacent to Aboriginal land have been closed under the Aboriginal Land Act (NT), interest holders may need to obtain permits to access those areas.
- n. Pipeline licences under the Energy Pipelines Act (NT) confer certain rights to construct, operate and maintain a pipeline. However, to the extent the exercise of those rights would interfere with the rights of an underlying interest holder (e.g. the owner of an estate in fee simple), the licence holder will need to negotiate an easement, lease, licence or other right in order to lawfully exercise their rights under the pipeline licence. Where a pipeline licence crosses unalienated Crown land that is not the subject of any inconsistent interests (e.g. a reservation), there may have been no need to obtain an easement, lease, licence etc. from the Crown. If the land claimed is granted as Aboriginal land, a pipeline licensee under the Energy Pipelines Act (NT) will need an appropriate easement, lease or licence from the relevant Land Trust to exercise its rights under the pipeline licence.
- o. Pipeline interest holders are obliged to maintain pipelines in good order. In general, they may need to access pipelines for care and maintenance purposes.
- p. The petroleum industry is an important part of the Northern Territory economy. The development of Northern Territory petroleum assets gives rise to significant infrastructure expenditure and long-term employment.
- q. Even if an agreement can be reached, it would likely create additional costs to petroleum explorers.

Part 2: Minerals tenure

- r. Details of current granted minerals tenures within and/or surrounding the claim area is set out in a spreadsheet marked **Attachment 27**. These mineral tenures are also depicted on the map marked as **Attachment 28**.
- s. The comments above in Table 1 at item (c)-(h) also apply here.
- t. The Access Authority that affects the claim area is an application only. This is indicated on the map marked **Attachment 28** as a red line. DIPR advise that AA 31431 is linked with ML 29042 and is for the purposes of a water pipeline.

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DTC advises as follows:

- a. The Katherine Region (which includes LC 69) attracted 346 000 interstate & international visitors in 2017, visitor expenditure of \$186 million.
- b. The Roper sub-region (which includes LC69 is accessed by tourists utilising the Roper Highway to access fishing locations and tours as well as by 4wd travellers on the Savannah Way touring route.
- c. The Savannah Way for wheel drive (4wd) touring route, crosses 3 states from Qld, NT to WA.
- d. The touring route travels along the Roper Highway adjacent to LC 69. The Savannah Way is marketed as Australia's adventure drive crossing from Cairns to Katherine to Broome with a dedicated internet page at http://www.savannahway.com.au
- e. As the remote touring route is self-drive, there is limited data available as to how many tourists take this drive each year.
- f. Traffic Report data for Roper Highway (5km east of Hodgson Downs turn-off) within the vicinity of LC 69 showed that approx. 24 820 vehicles (average from daily counts) accessed the road in 2015.
- g. Flying Fox Station is situated on the Roper Highway in close proximity to LC 69.
- h. Flying Fox station has a 32 room registered boarding house where tourist (undertaking the Savannah Way tourist drive or travelling through to the surrounding regional area) can stay as well as fish and hunt on the station.
- i. In order to access the Roper River to fish or hunt, any tourism visitors to Flying Fox Station will need access to LC 69 for transit purposes.
- j. From a Tourism perspective, detriment could result if there are limitations on access to experiences along the Savannah Way adventure touring route.
- k. Contact Details for Flying Fox Station
 - a. Mr Mark Sullivan, Fly Fox Pty Ltd Phone 8977 4222
- I. The area of LC69 is either perpetual pastoral lease or freehold, and as such the Department does not maintain records of use for the area.
- m. The Department of Tourism and Culture does not occupy, use or intend to use this area, nor does the Department have any assets within, or bordering the claim area.

CONCLUSION:

The above table sets out the position of the Northern Territory regarding the detriment and effect on existing and proposed patterns of land usage arising in this claim. The extent of detriment that may arise in the event of the grant of NT Portions 1918 and 2193 and the effect it may have on proposed patterns of land usage as set out in Table 2 above. The detriment arising is significant particularly in the context of the adjacent land holder interests. We respectfully submit the Commissioner should find, consistent with Maurice J's findings in report No. 29 (see especially at item 7, recommendation, p.98), that the lessees of Flying Fox, Big River, Namul Namul and Mount McMinn Stations would suffer considerable detriment in the event of a grant of the claim area unless satisfactory terms and conditions for access and use of the claim area could be reached with the traditional owners.

The Above Tables 1 and 2 (based on information received from instructing NT Government Agencies compiled by the Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics) was prepared by:



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ATTACHMENTS TO TABLES 1 AND 2

Table 1 Attachments

Attachment 1: Spreadsheet of details of current granted minerals tenures within and/or surrounding Section 2968 Hundred of Goyder

Attachment 2: Map depicting minerals tenure in LC 39 area

Attachment 3: Map depicting petroleum reserved block including claimed land Section 2968

Attachment 4: An ILIS map depicting Sections A and B of the Rum Jungle Road in the region

Attachment 5: Survey Plan S91/212

Attachment 6: Survey Plan S92/238B

Attachment 7: Survey Plan S92/288

Attachment 8: Survey Plan S2006/72.

Attachment 9: List of groundwater bores on section 2968

Attachment 10: Natural Resources Map of Bores on Section 2968

Attachment 11: Natural Resources Map of Surface Water Monitoring sites on Section 2968

Table 2 Attachments

Attachment 12: ILIS map with google imagery of section A of Stuart Highway within south eastern boundary of NTP 2193

Attachment 12A: Statement of Ken Grattan former employee with the then Department of Transport and Works dated 30 October 1998 presented in the Carpentaria Downs/Balbarini Land Claim No.160 and made exhibit no.NT7 in that claim

Attachment 13: Survey Plan S93/325A

Attachment 14: Survey Plan S95/218A

Attachment 15: Survey Plan S96/261

Attachment 16: Compiled Plan 4485A

Attachment 17: ILIS/google map depicting Section B of the Roper Highway in conjunction with NT Portion 1718

Attachment 18: ILIS/google map of the Roper Highway at junction/interface between NTP 4971, NT 4256 and NTP 2193

Attachment 19: Survey Plan S95/218A

Attachment 20: Plan depicting Flying Fox Station, NT Portion 4775, PPL 1179 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portions 1718 and 2193 within bounds of PPL 1179:

Attachment 21: Plan depicting Mount McMinn Station, NT Portion 4971, PPL 1180 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1180:

Attachment 22: Plan depicting Big River Station, NT Portion 4973, PPL 1160 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1160;

Attachment 23 Mount McMinn Station, NT Portion 4972, PPL 1185 including infrastructure within station and stock route corridor NT Portion 2193 within bounds of PPL 1185

Attachment 24: Title Report for EP 162

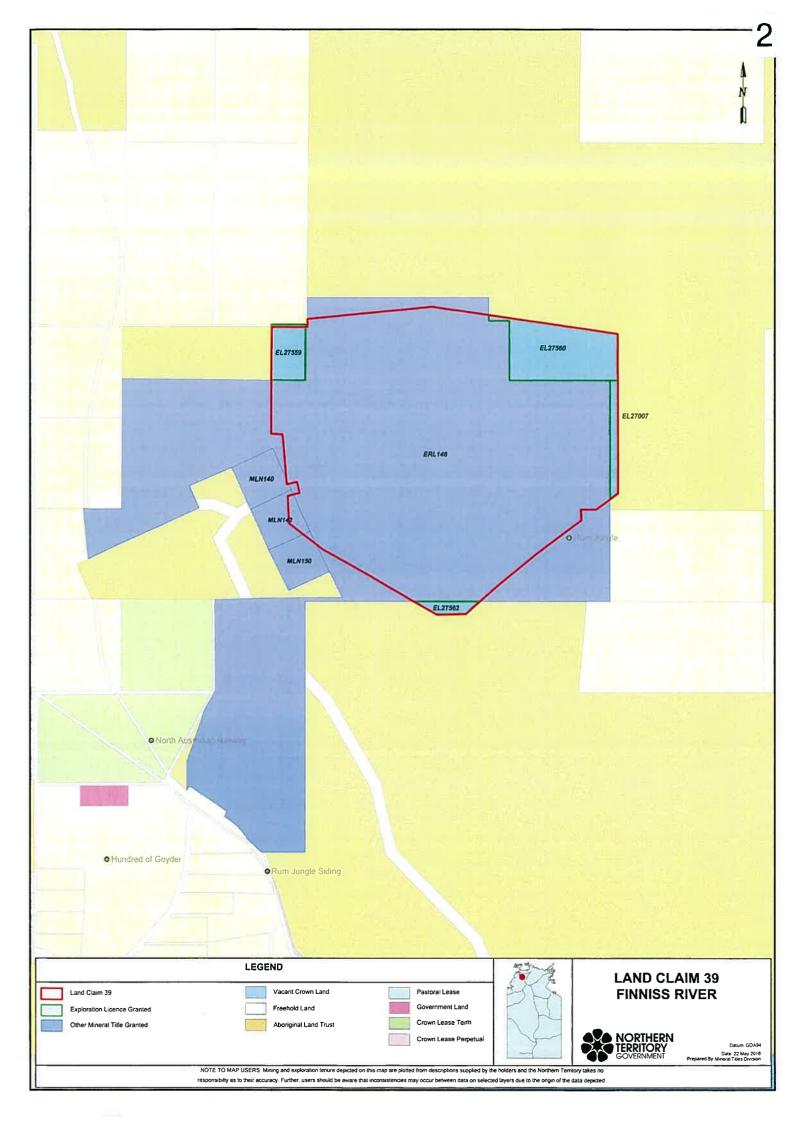
Attachment 25: Map depicting petroleum interests in relation to this claim

Attachment 26: Title Report for EP(A) 353

Attachment 27: Spreadsheet of details of current granted minerals tenures within and/or surrounding the claim area in LC 69

Attachment 28: Map depicting minerals tenure within and/or surrounding claim area in LC 69

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LC 39

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NT Onshore/ Boundary

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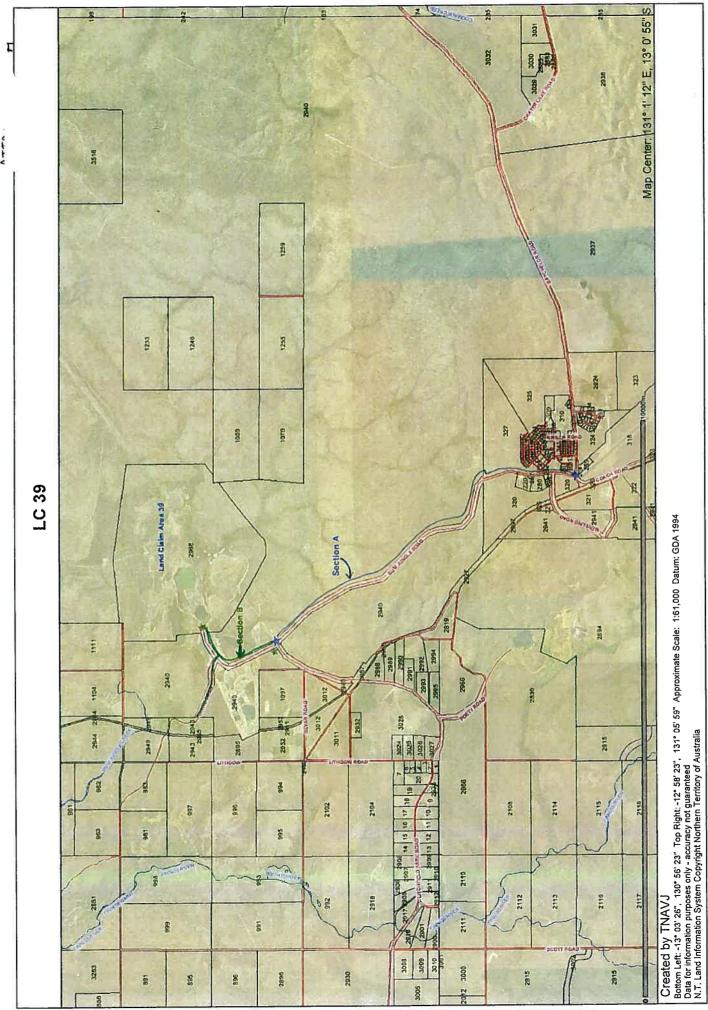
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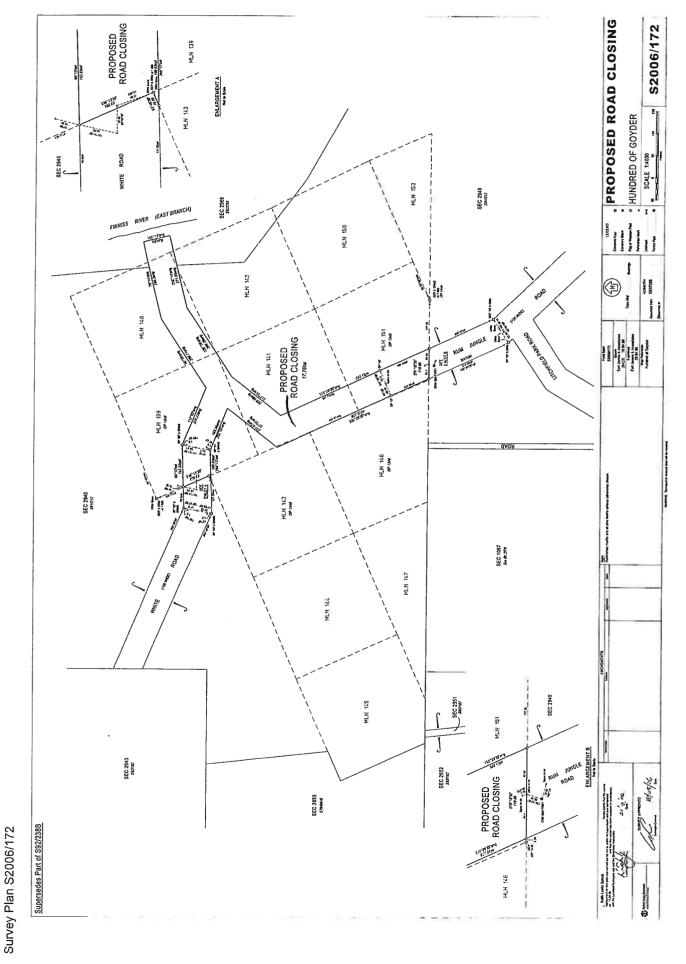
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Groundwater Bores – Section 2968

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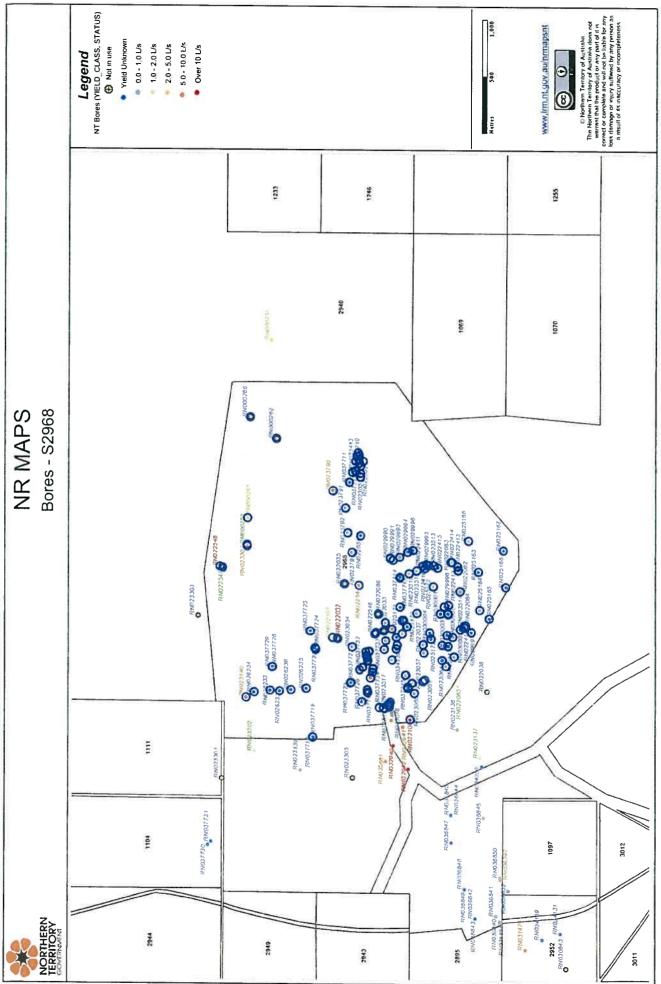
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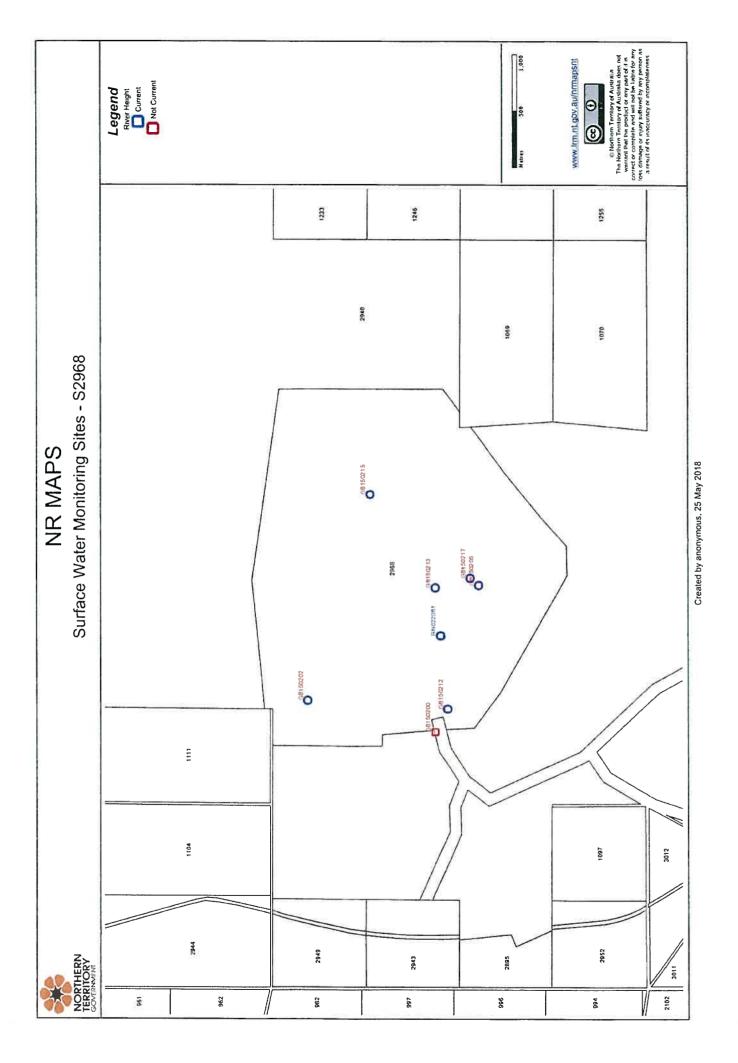
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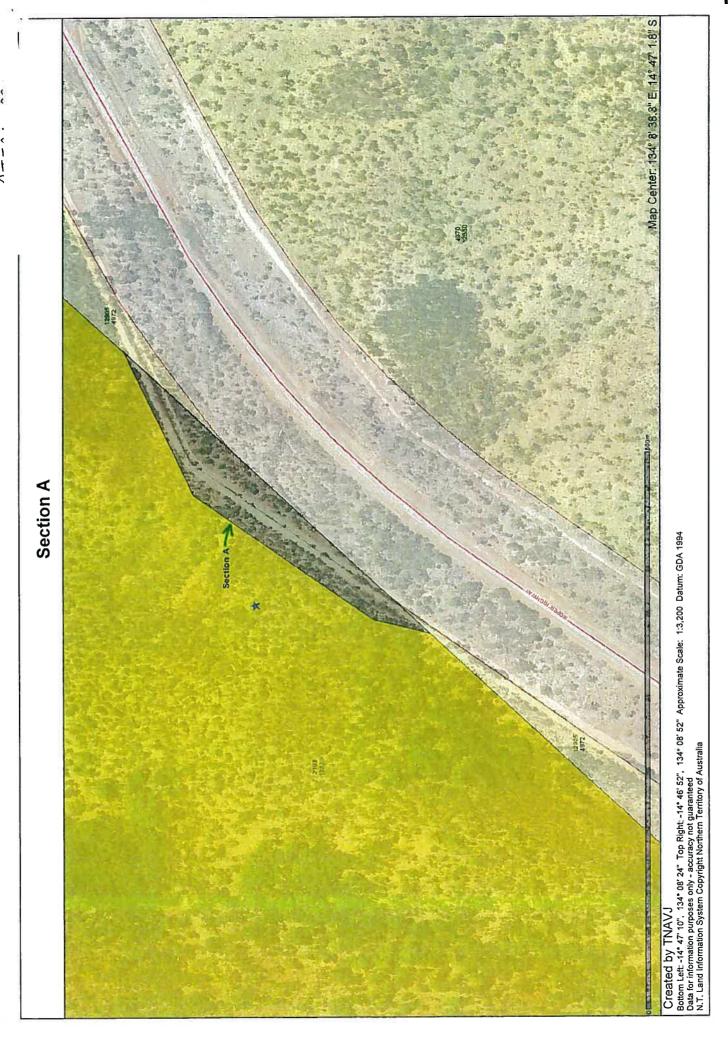
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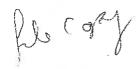


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BEFORE THE ABORIGINAL LAND COMMISSIONER THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE P R A GRAY



IN THE MATTER of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976

AND:

IN THE MATTER of the Carpentaria Downs/Balbirini Land Claim (No. 160)

STATEMENT OF KENNETH WILLIAM GRATTAN DATED 30 OCTOBER 1998

- I, Kenneth William Grattan, of 29 Croker Street, Nakara, say as follows:-
- 1. I am the Planning Manager, Road Development Division, Department of Transport and Works, a position which I have held, in its various guises, since 1991.
- 2. I am responsible for all forward works planning and strategic planning for the Northern Territory road network. This encompasses:-
 - (a) developing strategies for future road development;
 - (b) interactive planning (ie reconciling road requirements with other land use planning issues e.g. land development and future land use, native title and Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act issues, etc);
 - (c) identifying and liaising with stakeholders and other interest groups;
 - (d) in consultation with others, formulating policy for management of the road network (e.g. in respect of access, control, future requirements, etc).

- I graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from the University of Queensland (St Lucia) in 1970 having completed the course requirements in 1969.
- 4. I have been with the Department of Transport and Works since 1970 (then the Commonwealth Department of Works) and in the roads area since 1972. From 1972 to 1991 I held various positions including Design Engineer, Materials Engineer, Traffic Engineer, Advanced Planning Engineer and Chief Engineer (Road Design).
- 5. I have represented the Northern Territory on various national working groups convened by Austroads (formerly the National Association of Australian State Road Authorities (NAASRA)) and the Australian Transport Council. Austroads is the association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities. It seeks effective management and safe use of roads through development and promotion of nationally uniform practices. Membership of Austroads is comprised of representatives of the six Australian State and two Territory road transport and traffic authorities, the Commonwealth Department of Transport and Regional Development, the Australian Local Government Association and Transit New Zealand. I have also sat on numerous inter-departmental working groups.
- 6. The Department has two distinct policies relevant for present purposes, one going to the functional classification of roads and the other on the width of road reserves required for each classification.

System of Road Classification

- 7. Roads are classified according to function and use which in turn governs the level of control applied by the Department (i.e. reserve width, access, safety etc).
- 8. In December 1970 NAASRA recommended the widespread adoption of a 5 tier system of rural road classification. Annexed hereto and marked "KG/1" is a copy of a table showing the NAASRA classifications. Soon thereafter, the Territory adopted the NAASRA system by assigning every road in the rural network a number between 1 and 5 in accordance with that system. The

NAASRA classifications form the basis of the Department's database, the Road Information Management System.

9. However, in the Territory it is common to refer to rural roads as falling within one of three classifications: National Highway, Rural Arterial or Local. This terminology originated from the late 1970s when road funding for the States and Territories was determined by reference to these 3 categories (see the reference to the *Road Grants Act* in paragraph 11 below). The 3 tier system of road classification is used by reference to, and therefore is intended to be consistent with, the NAASRA system. That is:-

Northern Territory	NAASRA Equivalent
National Highway	• 1
Rural Arterial	2 & 3
Local	4 & 5

10. In accordance with the 1970 NAASRA classification, and the 3 tier system subsequently adopted by the Territory, the following roads in the Territory had the following classification from 1970:-

National Highway	Rural Arterial
Stuart Highway Victoria Highway	Arnhem Highway Delamere Road
Barkly Highway	Buchanan Highway
	Carpentaria Highway Tablelands Highway
	Plenty Highway
	Tanami Road

In addition, the Kakadu Highway was classified as Rural Arterial following its upgrade in the early 1980s. Delamere Road and part of the Buchanan Highway have now been re-named the Buntine Highway. All other public roads were classified Local roads. Annexed hereto and marked "KG/2" is a copy of a map published by the Department of Transport and Works in 1986 entitled "Northern Territory Road Classification".

11. In addition, by declaration dated 21 August 1980, the Arnhem Highway, Delamere Road, Buchanan Highway, Carpentaria Highway, Tablelands Highway, Plenty Highway and Tanami Road were declared "rural arterial roads" for the purposes of the Roads Grants Act 1974 (Cth). Annexed hereto

and marked "KG/3" is a copy of a map titled "Declaration of Rural Arterial Roads Northern Territory" dated 21 August 1980.

12. From 1995 to mid-1996 the Road Development Division of the Department of Transport and Works undertook a review of classifications to reflect the change in function and use of certain roads in the Territory. As a result of that review, the following roads now have the following classification:-

National Highway	Rural Arterial
Stuart Highway	Arnhem Highway
Victoria Highway	Cox Peninsula Road
Barkly Highway	Kakadu Highway
~	Central Arnhem Road
	Buntine Highway
	Carpentaria Highway (extending to Borroloola)
	Tableland Highway
	Plenty Highway
*	Tanami Road
	Lasseter Highway

Again, all other public roads are classified Local roads. Annexed hereto and marked "KG/4" is the current map published by the Department of Transport and Works (in conjunction with the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment and the Tourist Commission) showing the 3 tiers of classified roads.

Road Reserve Policy

13. In late 1988, the Department adopted a 3 tier road reserve policy for rural roads to reflect the system of classification and the requirements of the Department in respect of each type of road. That policy on the width of road reserves is as follows:-

Classification	Road Reserve Width
National Highway	200 metres
Rural Arterial Road	150 metres
Local	100 metres

- The rationale for the road reserve policy has been explained in evidence in previous land claim hearings (and particularly in Warumungu Land Claim No. 22 and Central Mount Wedge No. 154). Briefly, the Department requires these minimum widths to allow for:
 - seal and shoulders (main carriageway and service roads where (a) required):
 - road maintenance, construction and future upgrades; (b)
 - (c) access roads for those purposes;
 - construction and maintenance of drains (table drains, offlet and (d) diversion drains):
 - construction and maintenance of road infrastructure (e.g. signage, (e) bollards etc):
 - construction and maintenance of rest areas and associated (f) infrastructure (e.g. access roads, facilities such as shelters, tables, rubbish bins etc);
 - detours during maintenance and construction; (g)
 - stockpiling of materials required for construction and maintenance (h) (e.g. gravel, sealing aggregate; crusher fines);
 - buffers from adjoining improvements (e.g. fences, buildings); (i) .
 - services (including telecommunications, gas, power and water); (j)
 - minor road re-alignment (e.g. easing of curves). (k)
- The designated widths of road reserves are considered the minimum required 15. to effectively manage the road network and to accommodate future needs. The former policy was to seek 100 metre road reserves for all roads irrespective of their classification. This proved inadequate in the case of National Highways and Rural Arterial Roads. Progressive development had occurred and road upgrading was necessary, particularly in the cases of the Stuart and Arnhem Highways, hence the adoption of the current policy.

- 6. The Department can only implement its policy when the opportunity arises, that is:-
 - (a) as part of land developments (e.g. subdivisions) adjoining the road (usually by way of surrender);
 - (b) specific acquisition of land for road purposes under the Lands Acquisition Act,
 - (c) by way of submission to the Aboriginal Land Commissioner in the course of inquiries under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act; and
 - (d) upon conversion of pastoral leases to perpetual pastoral leases.
- 17. Whatever the means of implementation, it is necessary in all cases to make a reasonable assessment of current and future needs, particularly in the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act context given the inability to acquire land if the surrounding land should become Aboriginal land.

Carpentaria and Tablelands Highway

- 18. Both the Carpentaria Highway and the Tablelands Highway are classified Rural Arterial but are within 100 metre, rather than 150 metre, wide road reserves through the claim area. The Department therefore seeks a widening of current road reserves for each from 100 metres to 150 metres (75 metres either side of the centre line) in accordance with their classifications. It is unlikely that either will reach a higher classification in the future and therefore 150 metres is considered a reasonable width to accommodate current and future needs.
- 19. It appears that some sections of the Carpentaria and Tablelands Highway road reserves have not been widened because an opportunity has not yet arisen to do so and, in the case of Carpentaria Downs, because the Department's road reserve policy was implemented subsequent to application being made for conversion to perpetual pastoral lease. Annexed hereto and marked "KG/5" is a copy of a letter from the Department to the Department of Lands and Housing seeking the exclusion of 100 metre road reserves upon

conversion in accordance with the policy of the time. It seems that upon implementation of the current policy in late 1988, the Department did not, whether due to an administrative oversight or lack of resources, reconsider exclusions previously sought prior to the issue of perpetual lease titles.

- 20. Nevertheless, the Department has, since 1988, sought an exclusion of 150 metre road reserves for Rural Arterial roads wherever possible. In particular, when the *Pastoral Land Act* came into operation in 1992 (under which approximately 70% of pastoral properties were converted to perpetual pastoral leases), the Department took the opportunity to seek a widening of all road reserves where necessary, including several along the length of the Carpentaria Highway.
- 21. Of the seven pastoral properties traversed by the Carpentaria Highway (including Carpentaria Downs and Balbirini) five now have 150 metre wide road reserves as a result of the implementation of the Department's policy. Annexed hereto and marked "KG/6" to"KG/10" inclusive are copies of title searches of Kalala (PPL 1064), Shenandoah (PPL 1141), Amungee Mungee (PPL 1100), Tanumbirini (PPL 1060) and Beetaloo (PPL 1059) showing 150 metre road reserves.
- 22. The Tablelands Highway also traverses seven properties: Mallapunyah Springs, Walhallow, Anthony Lagoon, Brunette Downs, Alroy Downs and Dalmore Downs. Of these, only Mallapunyah Springs (the property immediatey south of Balbirini) has a 150 metre road reserve as a result of the Department's current policy (upon conversion to perpetual pastoral lease under the Pastoral Land Act). Annexed hereto and marked "KG/11" is a copy of a title search of Mallapunyah Springs (PPL 1075) showing that a 150 metre strip of of land was surrendered on 26 May 1997 "for the purposes of road widening". Unlike Mallapunyah Springs, Balbirini was not scheduled for conversion to perpetual pastoral lease and therefore its road reserve remains at 100 metres. Of the others, I am advised by the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment that they had either been converted prior to the implementation of the Department's current policy (ie. Brunette Downs, Almore Downs and Dalmore Downs), or were in the process of being converted when the policy was implemented (ie. Walhallow

and Anthony Lagoon). Accordingly these road reserves remain at a width of 100 metres.

- 23. While these widenings have not yet occurred, the process of implementation is ongoing, the Department's objective being to have uniform road reserve widths across the entire road network.
- 24. As to fences and other improvements within widened road reserves, the Department has a flexible approach designed to cause minimum disruption or expense to adjoining land holders. The Department is prepared to allow fences and other encroachments to remain at current offsets where such infrastructure does not interfere with maintenance and construction operations. In the normal course, the Department will only require fences and other improvements to be re-aligned when existing fences require replacement or renewal in any event (e.g. where fences reach the end of their economic life). In exceptional circumstances, the Department may require access to the widened road reserve in which case segments of fences will be re-aligned, usually at the Department's expense.

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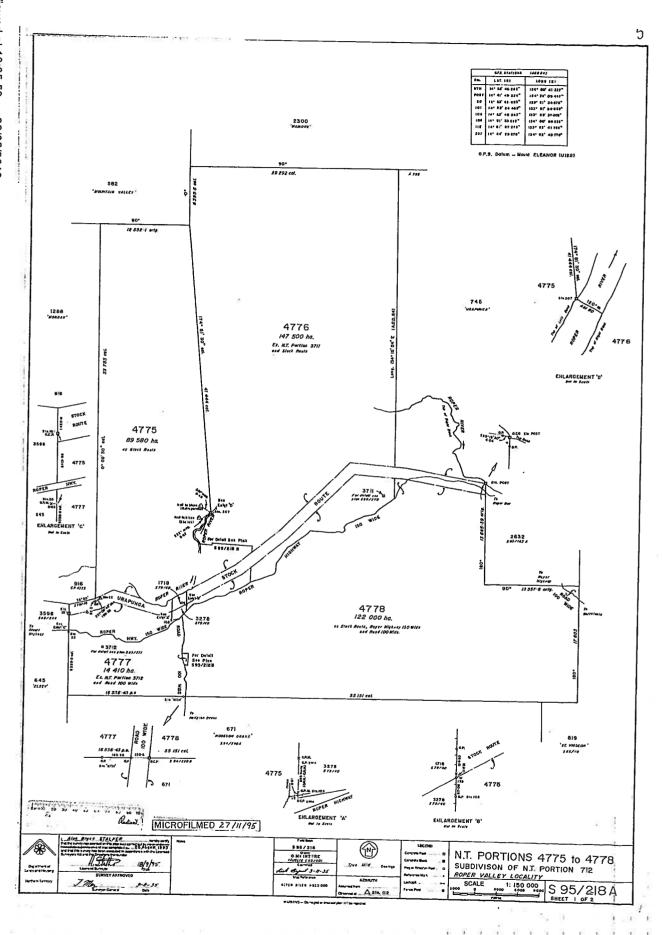
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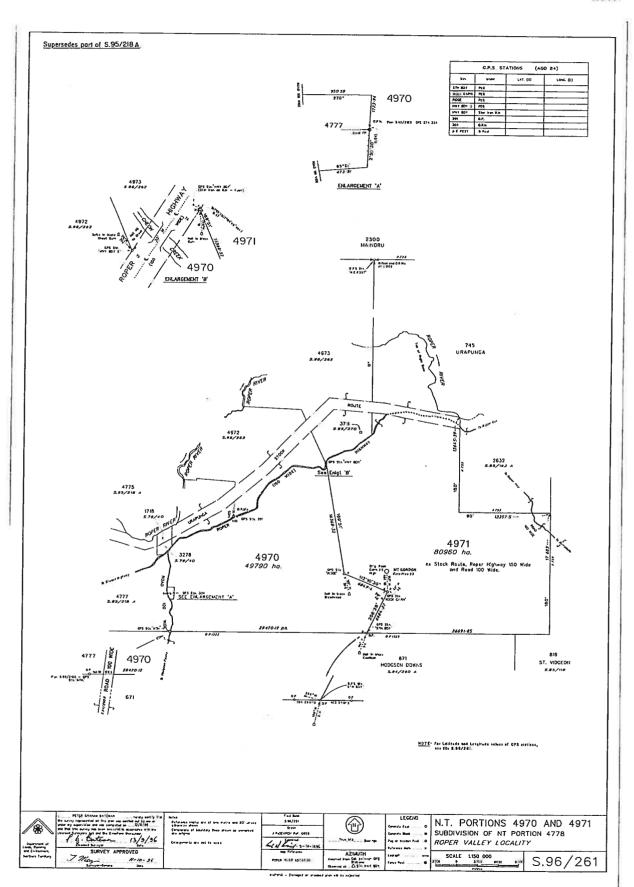
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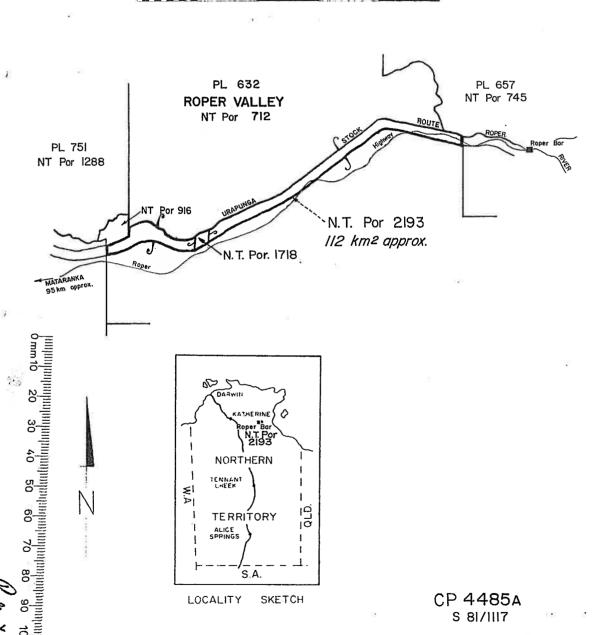
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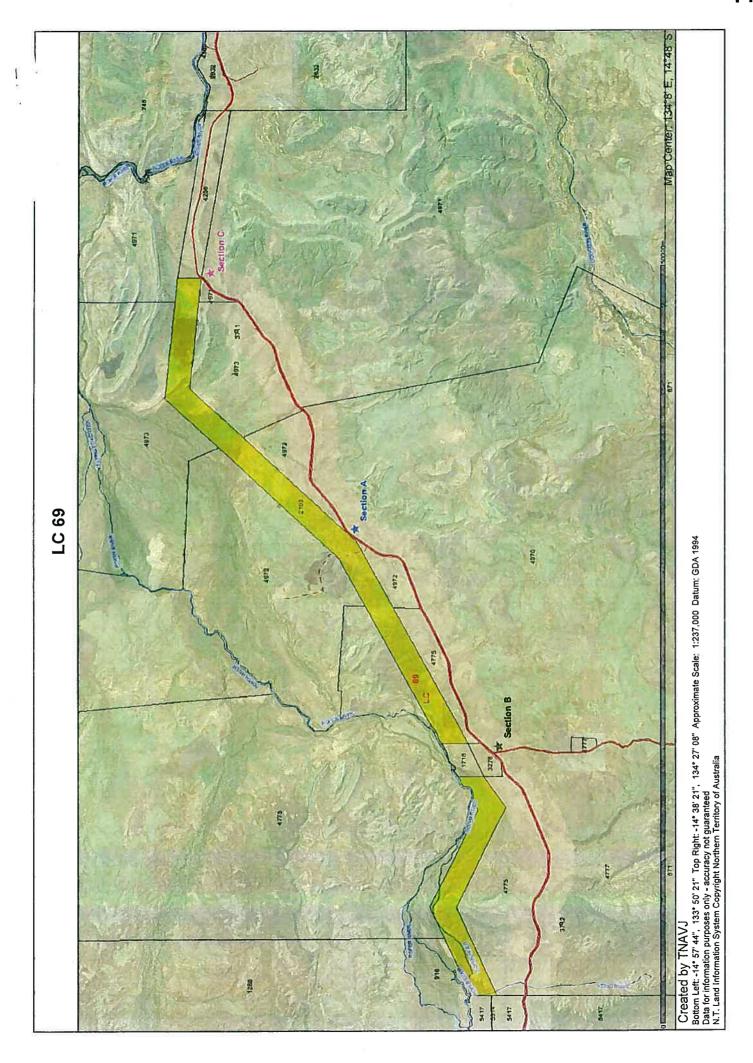
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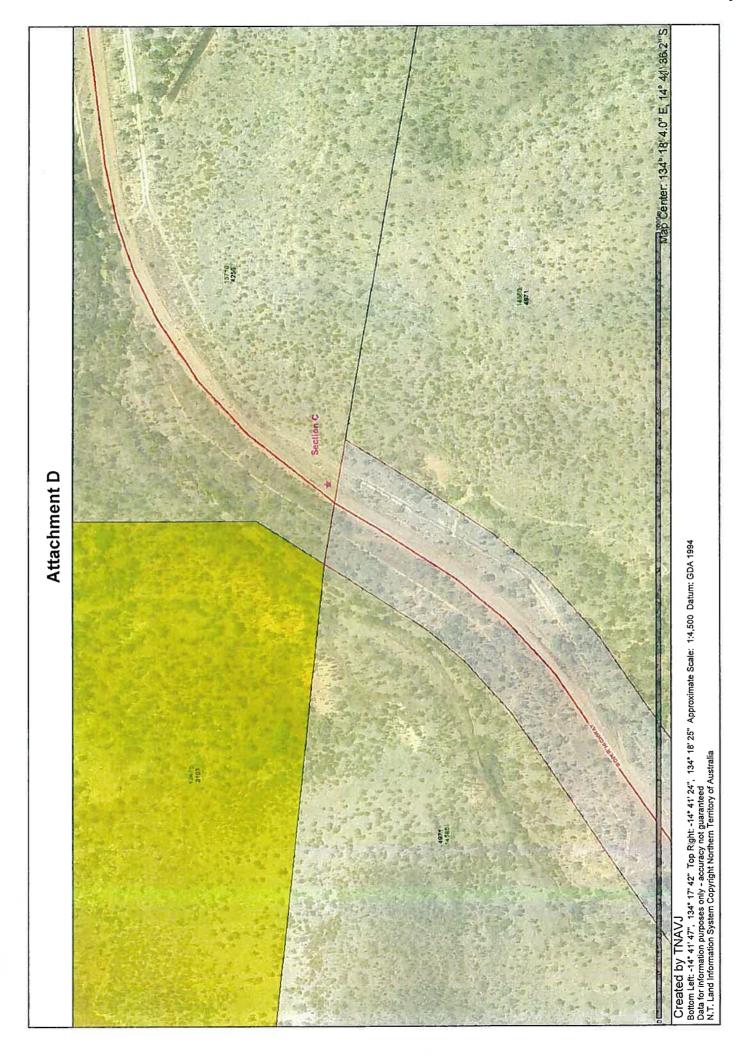
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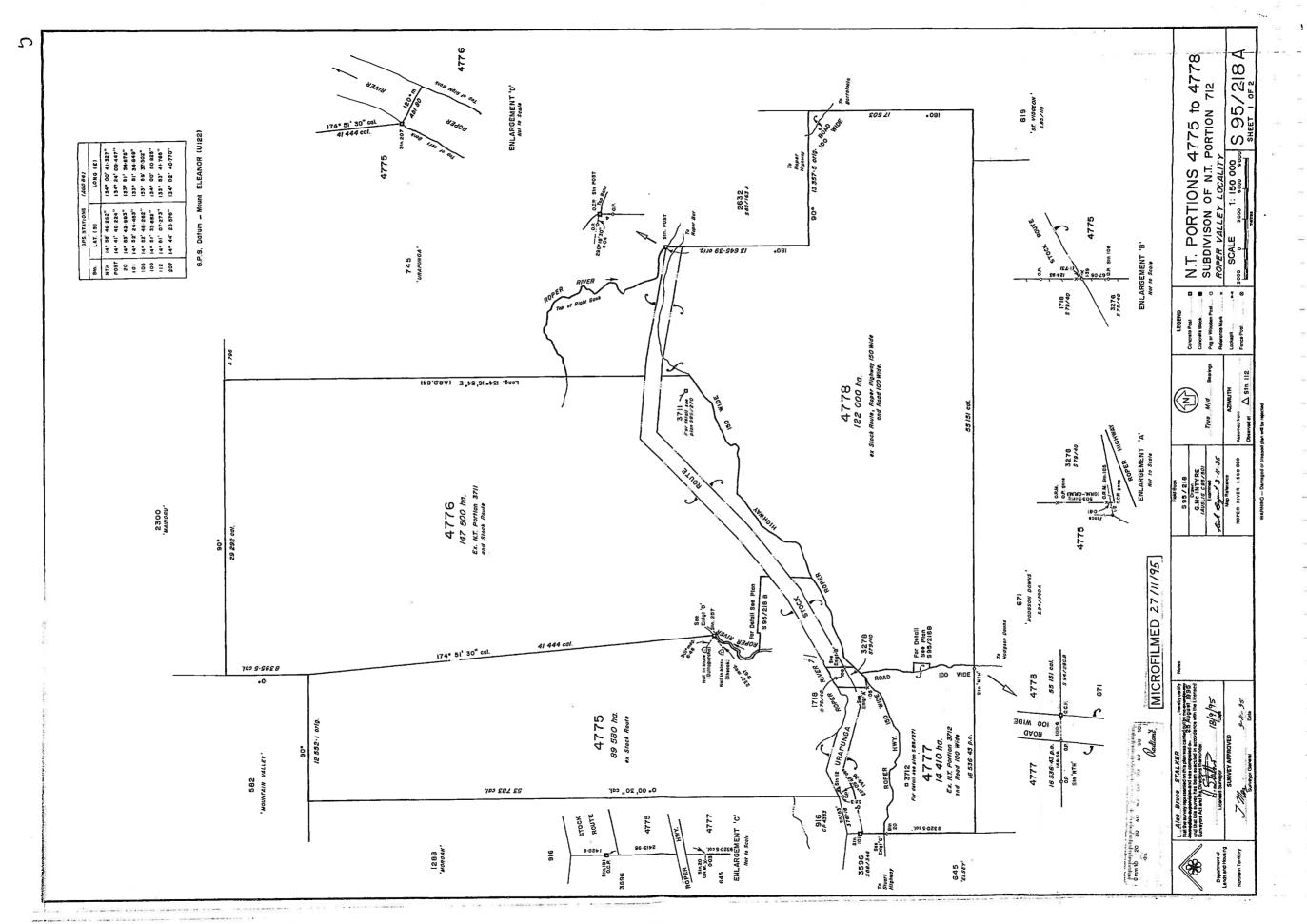
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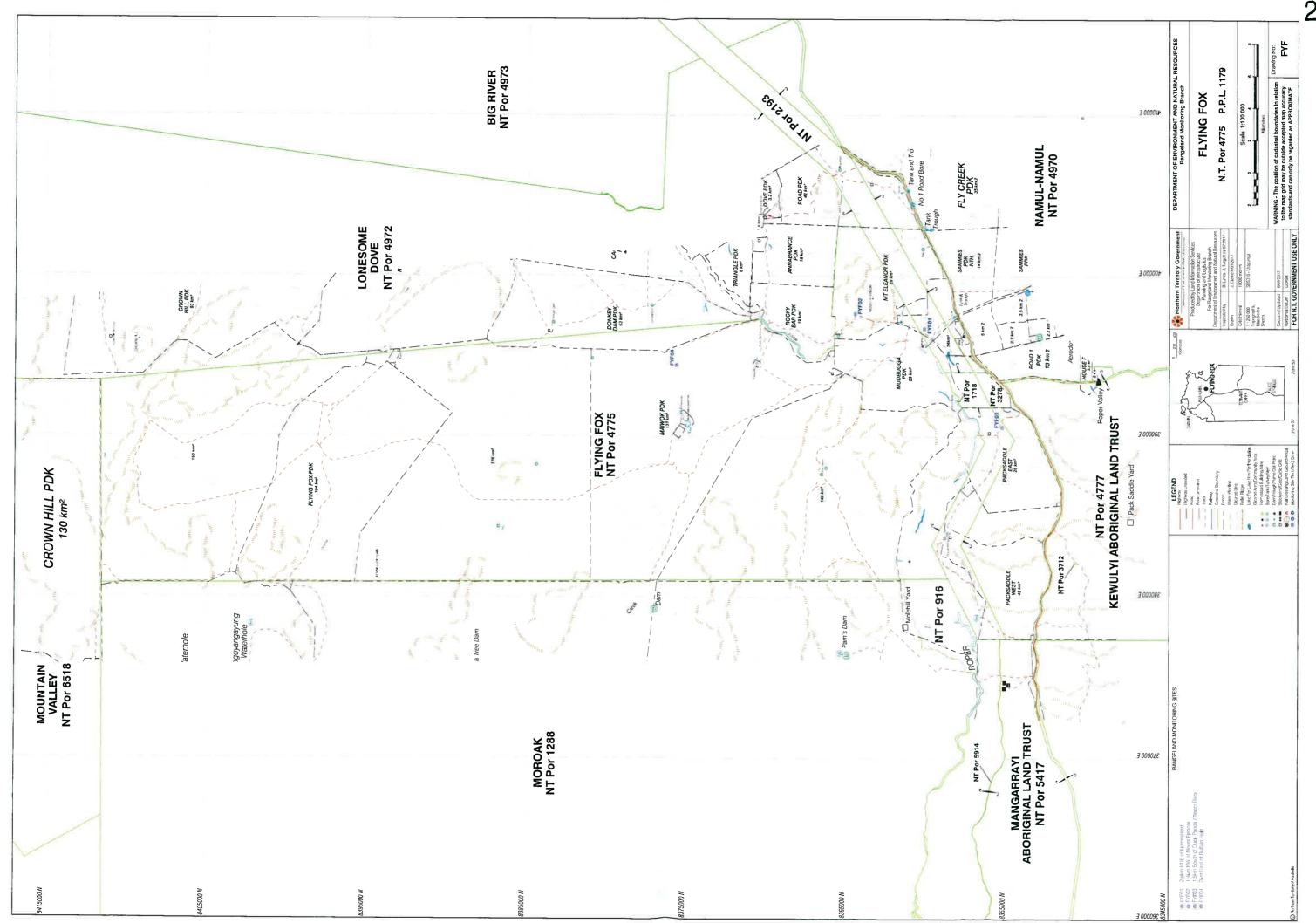


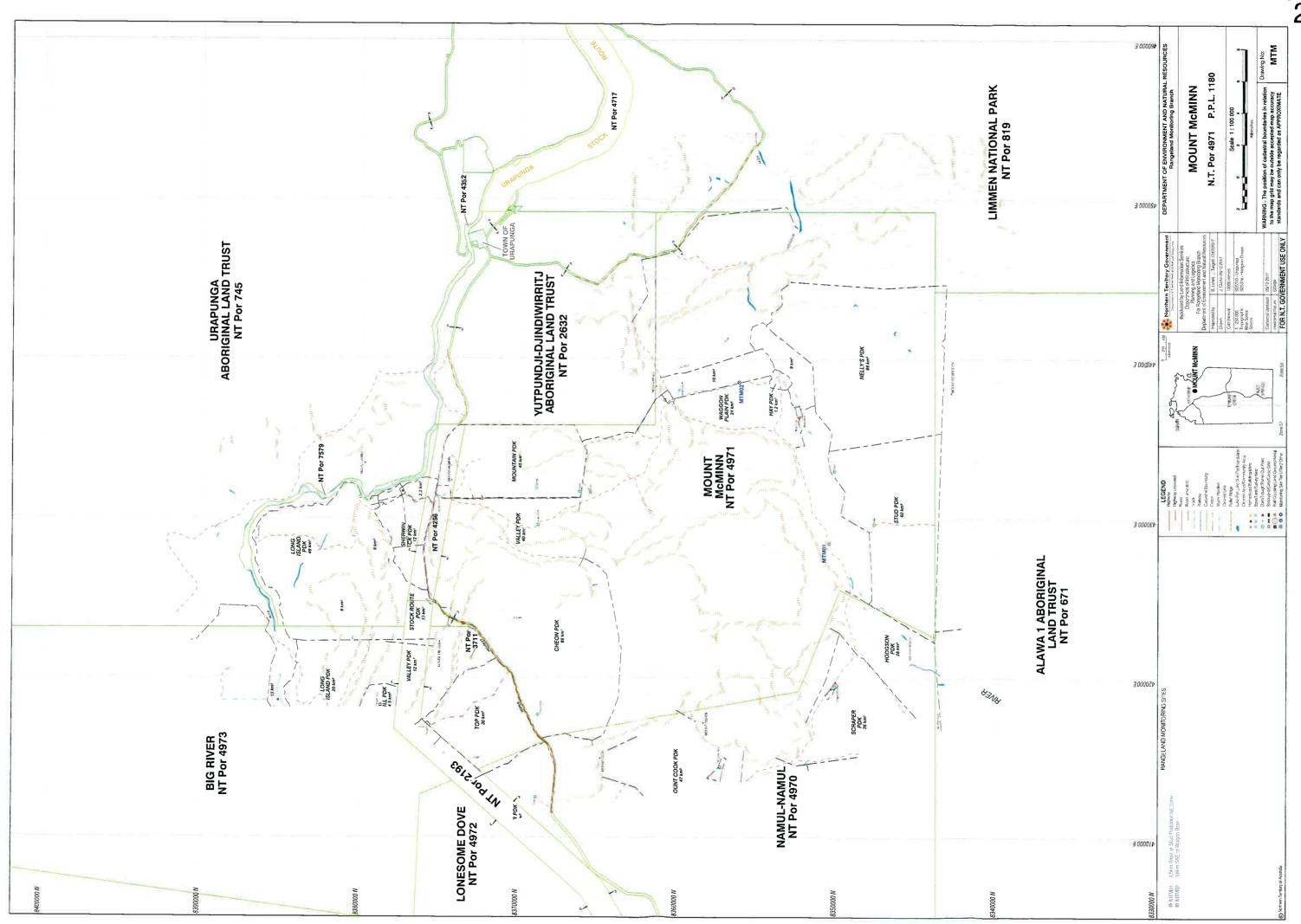


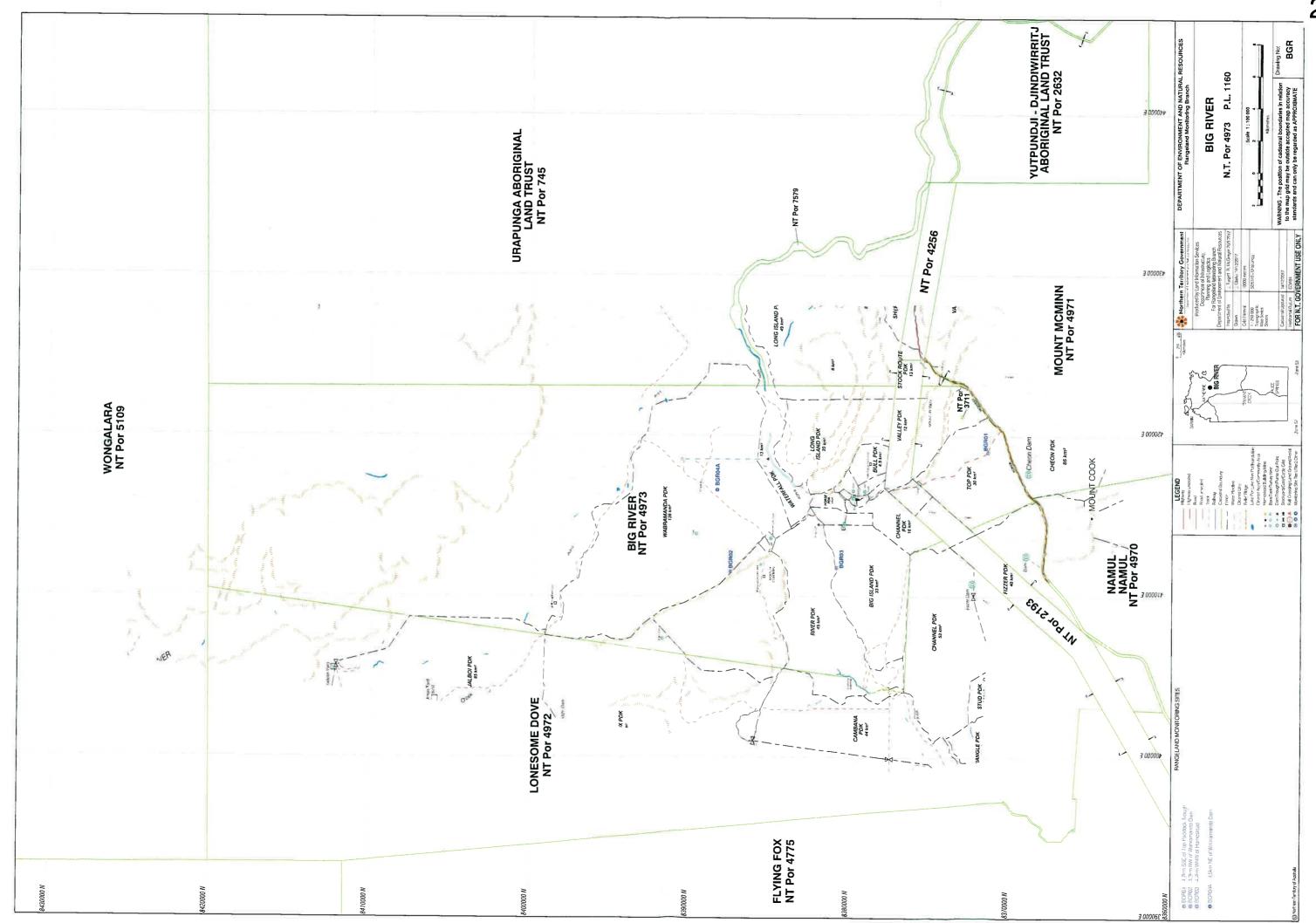


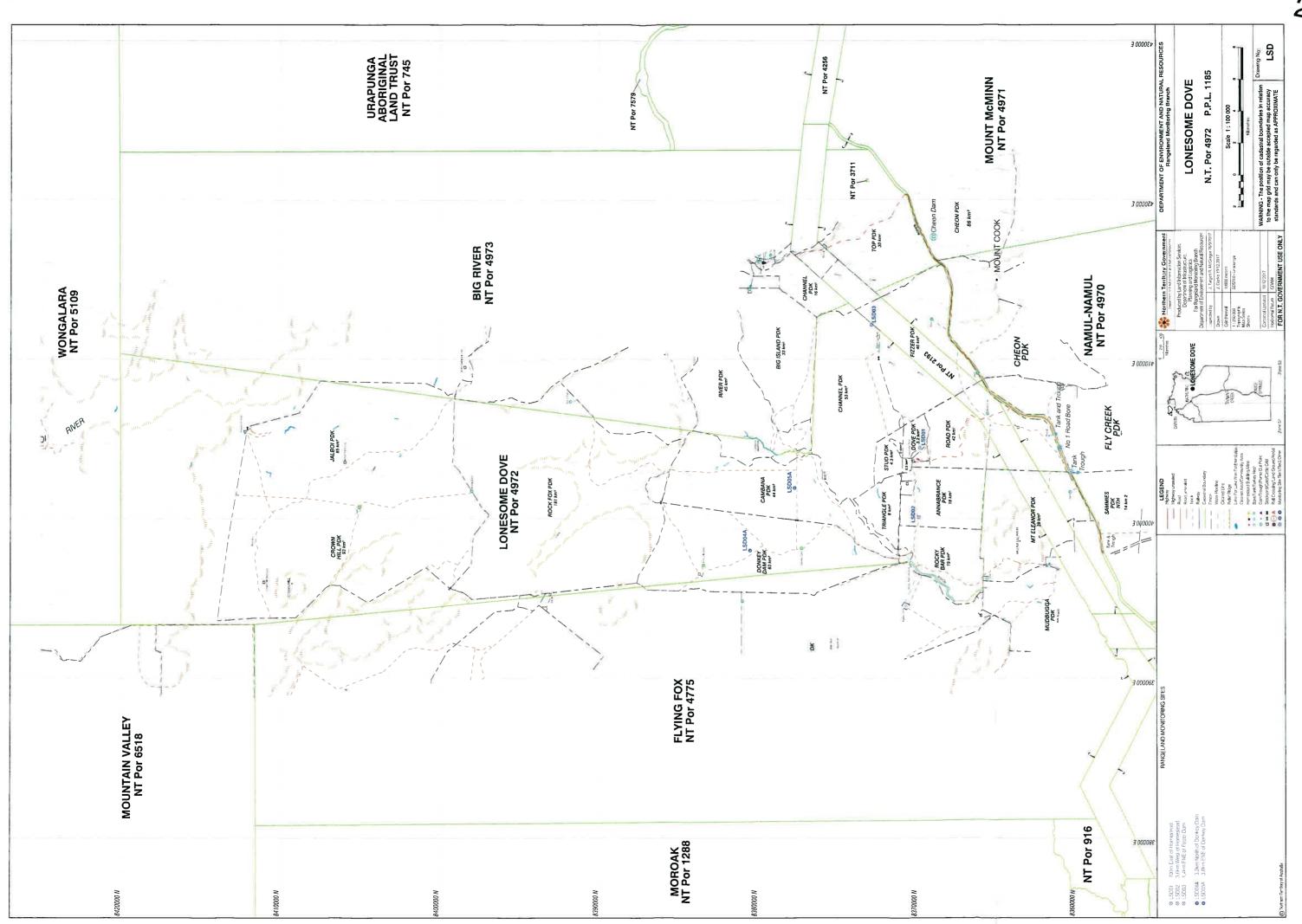


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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA Petroleum Act TITLE REGISTER

TITLE SUMMARY

Title: Exploration Permit 162

Status: GRANT

Field:

Basin: McArthur Basin

Mapsheet: ROPER RIVER (SD53)

Application Date: 5/06/2009 Grant Date: 21/08/2012 Expiry Date: 20/05/2020 **Registered Date: 22/08/2012**

Associated Titles:

Party Details		ACN/ABN/ARBN	%
Туре	Name	28 135 299 062	25
Current	TAMBORAN RESOURCES LIMITED	25 255 255	
	Suite 502, 22 Central Avenue, , Manly, , 2095	33 083 077 196	75
Current	SANTOS QNT PTY LTD	33 063 077 130	
	c/- Team Leader Tenures, Level 26, 32 Turbot St,		
	BRISBANE, , 4000	22 222 277 106	$-\frac{1}{0}$
Manager	SANTOS ONT PTY LTD	33 083 077 196	0
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	BRISBANE, , 4000		
Operator	SANTOS ONT PTY LTD	33 083 077 196	1
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	BRISBANE, , 4000		50
Past	SANTOS QNT PTY LTD	33 083 077 196	
	TAMBORAN (BEETALOO) PTY LTD	76 163 215 021	50
Past	TAMBORAN RESOURCES LIMITED	28 135 299 062	50
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Name Change			
	RESOURCES PTY LTD (2014-03-19)	28 135 299 062	100
Applicant	TAMBORAN RESOURCES LIMITED		

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Transactions			
	Effective Date	Expiry Date	Area
Туре		20/08/2017	106 Blocks (5'x5')
Grant	21/08/2012	20/00/2017	107 Blocks (5'x5')
Application	05/06/2009		107 Blocks (3 x3)

Endorsements

Endorsements			Effective Date	Registered Date
Туре	Period	Year		16/02/2018
Suspension and Extension	18 Months	4	16/02/2018	
	12 Months	4	21/12/2016	23/12/2016
Suspension and Extension	12 1/10/16/10	3,4	25/05/2015	26/05/2015
Variation		3,4	10/09/2014	11/09/2014
Suspension and Extension	3 Months	2		22/08/2012
Initial	5 Years	_	21/08/2012	22/08/2012

Registered Documents

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-	ument Type	Section 71 of the Petroleum Act	31/07/2017
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Directions S	Section 71 of the Petroleum Act	31/07/2017

Security

Туре	D			
	Receipt	Lodgement Date	Discharged Date	Folio
Bank Guarantee		04/07/2016		203
Cash Security	6812136631	17/08/2012		+
		17/00/2012	<u> </u>	89

Annual Fee

Year	Amount		
Year 6		Received Date	
Year 5	\$9,752.00	23/08/2017	
	\$9,752.00	23/08/2016	
Year 4	\$10,727.20		
Year 3	\$10,260.80	01/09/2015	
Year 2		25/09/2014	
	\$9,911.00	30/10/2013	
Year 1	\$2,798.40	27/09/2012	

Dealings

Dealing No	Туре	Dealing Title	Approved Date	Registered Date
2017-32	Transfer	2017, between Santos QNT Pty Ltd and	31/01/2018	01/02/2018
		Tamboran Resources Limited, lodged 11 December 2017		
2016-124	Dealing	Deed of Assignment of a Security Interest, dated 30 September 2016, between Belbay Investments Pty Limited, Paul Geoffrey Fudge and Geotech Investments Pty Limited, dated 30 September 2016	25/10/2016	25/10/2016
2016-113	Dealing	Deed of Assignment, dated 1 August 2016, between Tamboran (Beetaloo) Pty Ltd and Tamboran Resources Limited, lodged 7 October 2016	25/10/2016	25/10/2016
2016-117	Transfer	Transfer of Title, dated 1 August 2016, between Tamboran (Beetaloo) Pty Limited and Tamboran Resources Limited, lodged 7 September 2016.	25/10/2016	25/10/2016
2016-120	Dealing	General Security Deed, dated 6 September 2012, between Tamboran Resources Limited and Belbay Investments Pty Limited, lodged 14 October 2016	25/10/2016	25/10/2016
2015-68	Dealing	Farm-in Agreement, dated 26 September 2014, Option exercise date: 28 April 2015 between TOTAL GLNG Australia and Santos QNT Pty Ltd lodged on 27 July 2015	03/09/2015	08/09/2015
2014-47	Transfer	Transfer of Title dated 30 November 2013 between Tamboran Resources	21/03/2014	20/05/2014

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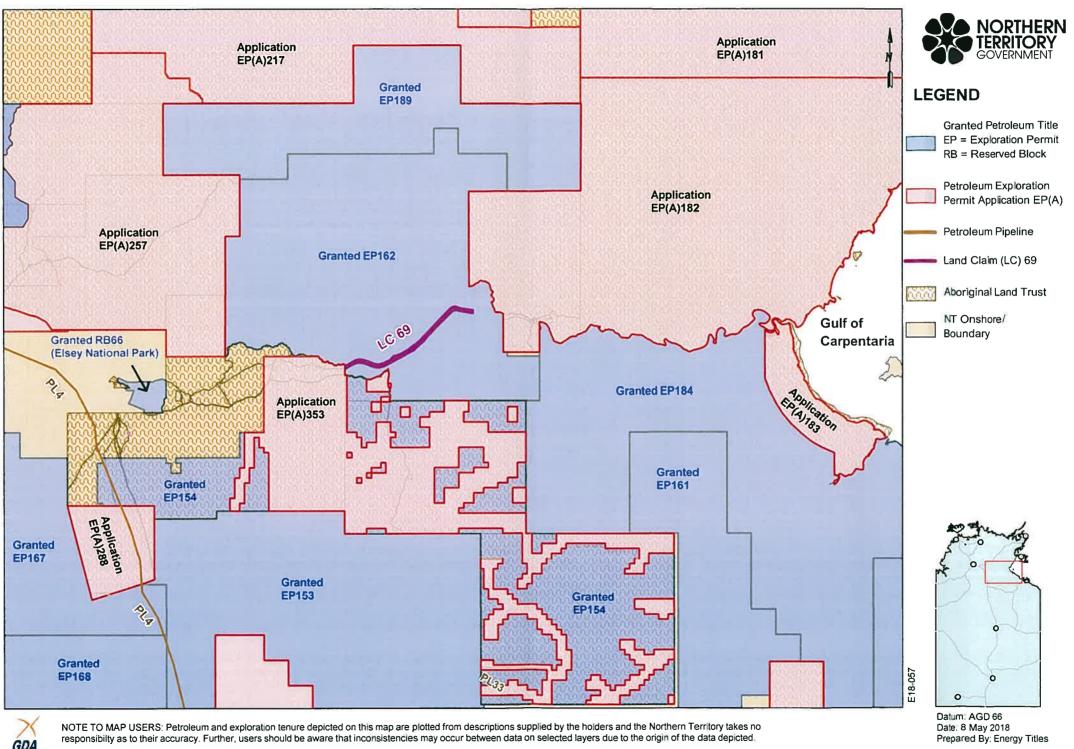
		Limited and Tamboran (Beetaloo) Pty		
		Ltd lodged 27 February 2014		
2013-10	Transfer	Transfer of title dated 14 February 2013 between Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd	19/02/2013	20/02/2013
		and Santos QNT Pty Ltd lodged 18 February 2013		
2012-75	Dealing	Joint Operating Agreement dated 11 December 2012 between Santos QNT Pty Ltd and Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd lodged on 18 December 2012	04/01/2013	04/01/2013
2012-79	Dealing	Deed of Cross Security dated 11 December 2012 between Santos QNT Pty Ltd and Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd lodged on 18 December 2012	04/01/2013	04/01/2013
2012-71	Dealing	Farmin Agreement dated 11 December 2012 between Santos QNT Pty Ltd and Tamboran Resources Pty Ltd lodged on 18 December 2012	04/01/2013	04/01/2013

I hereby certify this to be a true extract of the data in the Register



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Date 09 May 2018



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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA Petroleum Act TITLE REPORT

TITLE SUMMARY

Title: Exploration Permit 353

Status: APPLICATION

Field:

Basin: McArthur Basin

Mapsheet: ROPER RIVER (SD53)

Application Date: 11/01/2008

Grant Date:

Expiry Date:

Registered Date:

Associated Titles: *EP154*

Party Details

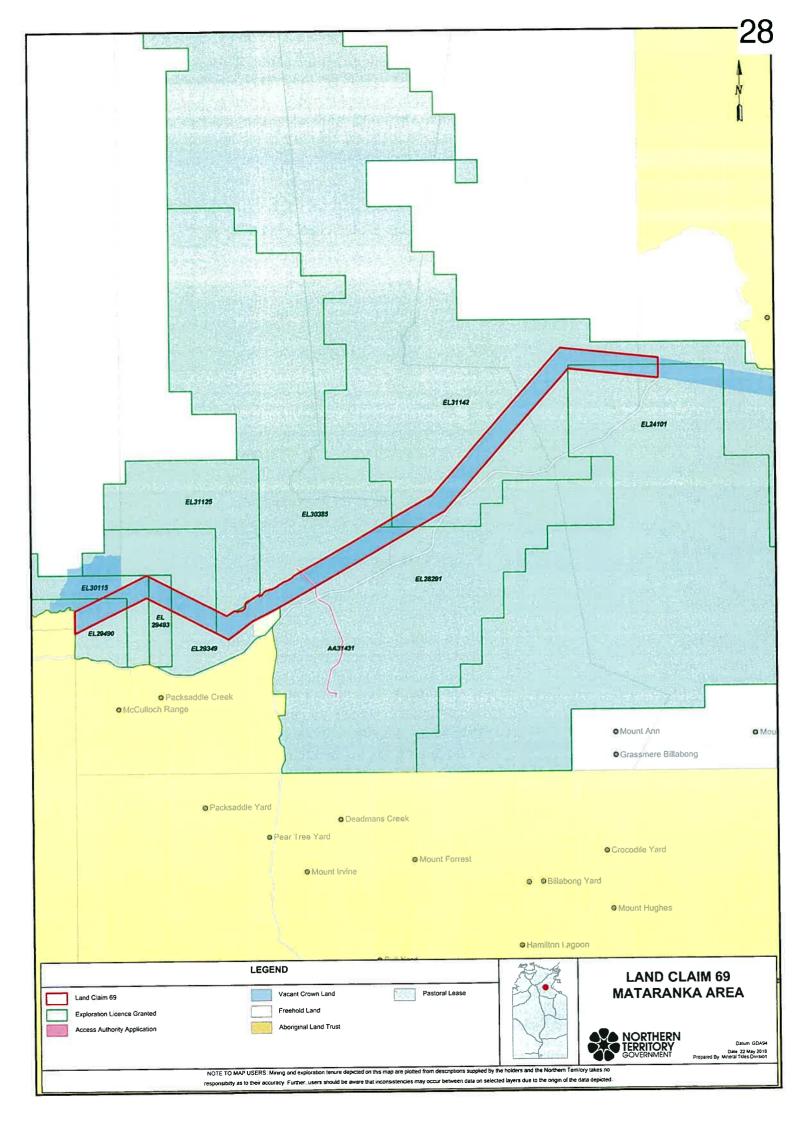
Туре	Name	ACN/ABN/ARBN	%
Current	JACARANDA MINERALS LIMITED	68 117 264 570	50
	Locked Bag No. 2, WEST PERTH, 6872		
Current	MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	47 124 475 538	50
	Locked Bag No. 2 , WEST PERTH, 6872		
Manager	MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	47 124 475 538	
	Locked Bag No. 2 , WEST PERTH, 6872		
Operator	MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	47 124 475 538	
	Locked Bag No. 2 , WEST PERTH, 6872		11
Applicant	JACARANDA MINERALS LIMITED	68 117 264 570	50
Applicant	MINERALS AUSTRALIA PTY LTD	47 124 475 538	50

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Transactions

Type	Effective Date	Expiry Date	Area
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Application	11/01/2008	Ţ#.	102 Blocks (5'x5')

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13	28291	Australian Ilmenite Resources Pty Limited Suite 17 Level 9 320 Adelaide Street ERISBANE QLD 40000 0427515477 rphillips@macmines.com	Roper Resources Pty Ltd Suite 17 Level 9 320 Adelaide Street BRISBANE QLD 4000 0427515477 rphillips@macmines.com	renew retained	20/03/2010	06/05/2011	05/05/2019
3	29349	Ronald Edwards, Rodney Johnston, Scriven Exploration Pty Ltd, Kaylan Resources Pty Ltd and Thomas Redcliffe	Australian Mining & Exploration Title Services Pby Ltd GPO Box 888 DARWIN NT 0801 89411911 nt@anets.com.au	grant	19/01/2012	21/11/2012	20/11/2018
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Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act (Cth) 1976

Review of Detriment Issues

Aboriginal land claims recommended for grant but not yet finalised

Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69 – Area 4: Urupunga Stock Route

Submissions of the Northern Territory in Reply to the Claimant's

Submissions of 17 August 2018

- 1. By letter dated 11 May 2018, the Aboriginal Land Commissioner ("ALC") invited the Northern Territory ("NTA") to participate in the review of detriment issues in the Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69 ("Land Claim") being conducted by the ALC under Terms of Reference issued by the Federal Minister pursuant to section 50(1)(d) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act* ("ALRA").
- 2. On 4 July 2018, the NTA lodged with the Office of Aboriginal Land Commissioner (OALC) a document entitled "Detriment Review: Finniss River Land Claim No. 39 and Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69 Updated detriment and proposed patterns of land usage Information on behalf of the Northern Territory of Australia for Consideration by the Aboriginal Land Commissioner" ("the first NTA Submissions").
- 3. It is noted that four other parties also lodged submissions with the OALC in respect of the Land Claim detriment review, namely: (i) DK Pastoral Company Pty Ltd (DKP), (ii) Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA), (iii) Northern Territory Iron Ore Pty Ltd (NTIO) and (iv) the proprietors of Flying Fox Station (Flying Fox).
- 4. On 17 August 2018, Mr David Avery as Solicitor for the Claimants in the Land Claims lodged with the OALC a document entitled "Review of Detriment Aboriginal land claims recommended for grant but not yet finalized Mataranka Area Land Claim No. 69 Area: Urapunga Stock Route" ("the Claimants' Submissions").
- 5. By email dated 7 September 2018, the OALC advised that the ALC agreed to the extension for the NTA to provide its reply to the Claimants' Submissions by 18 September 2018 instead of 11 September 2018. The Claimants' Submissions are filed on behalf of the claimants in the Land Claim (rather than the NLC) and these submissions (the NTA Submissions in Reply) are made on that basis.
- 6. The NTA Submissions in Reply below address specific numbered paragraphs of the Claimants' Submissions. Where a specific paragraph of the Claimants' Submissions is not addressed it is either on the basis that the respective paragraph relates to another party or the NTA has nothing further to add from what was contained within the first NTA Submissions.

NTA SUBMISSIONS IN REPLY RESPONDING TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS OF THE CLAIMANTS' SUBMISSIONS

The following numbering refers to the paragraph numbering of the Claimants' Submissions.

Subdivision of Roper River Pastoral Lease

7. Under section 61 of the *Pastoral Land Act*, a pastoral lessee may apply to the Minister for approval to subdivide the land the subject of a pastoral lease. The Pastoral Land Board shall make recommendations to the Minister in relation to an application for subdivision. Section 61(4) provides that the Board must consider certain matters, including "such other matters as it thinks fit."

The initial subdivision (Roper Valley Station PPL 1123) and subsequent subdivisions were assessed by the Board which found that the subdivisions were capable of individually supporting a sustainable commercial pastoral enterprise.

At the time of the offer, the lessees were made aware, amongst other things, that if the land claim to the Urapunga Stock Route passing across Lots A – two parts (NTP 4776 & 4777), Lot B (NTP 4778) and Lot C (NTP 4475) was granted as Aboriginal Land, the lessee of each block would need to negotiate a point of access across that land with the Northern Land Council. It was also made clear that if an agreement could not be reached, a determination on any access route could be made by an independent arbitrator appointed by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs: refer various correspondence attached and marked **Attachment 1.**

Furthermore it was stated that negotiating this or any other access to the lots was the sole responsibility of the lessees.

Attempt to resolve the detriment issues

16. Adding land to an existing pastoral lease would have positive implications when considering economies of scale. However from a pastoral perspective small parcels of land operated in isolation are often considered unviable.

The Claimants' Submission refers to the NT Submission regarding consolidation of stock routes adding value to pastoral properties benefiting from the amalgamation and the analogy of the potential economic loss to the claimants if their legitimate claim was frustrated. It appears that the potential economic loss referred to would derive from ownership of the claim area as Aboriginal land and the ability of the traditional owners to lease or licence the land to third parties to use the land.

17-19. Attachment 5 of the first NTA Submissions shows NT Portion 2193 to be the current parcel number for the stock route. Survey Plan No. S2016/068 and the

associated NT Portion numbers are simply a data allocation for future survey should the need arise. There has been no survey conducted and there is no survey plan S2016/068 drawn up nor approved by the Surveyor-General.

Pastoral

- 20. The NTA adopts its general remarks in paragraphs 42 to 53 of its submissions in respect of the Lower Daly Land Claim No. 68 dated and filed on 26 July 2018.
- 21. It is irrelevant to any function of the ALC to inquire into a person's state of knowledge about a land claim and the bearing, if any, which that knowledge had, or should have had, on their exposure. The NTA adopts its remarks at paragraphs 14 to 19 and 26 to 35 of the "Submissions of the Northern Territory of Australia as to the Proper Approach of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to Detriment Matters Arising After a Land Claim" dated 16 May 2018 and paragraphs 7 to 30 of the "Submissions of the Northern Territory of Australia in Reply to the Submissions on Behalf of the Northern Land Council Concerning Legal Principles in Respect of Detriment Interests Acquired Post Land Claim" dated 6 June 2018.
- 22. The comments in paragraph 22 of the Claimants' Submissions are merely speculative. There is no evidence to support the assertion that the parties are simply opposed to the grant of the claimed area under any circumstances. Accordingly, paragraph 22 should not be given any weight.

NTCA

24. The Claimants' Submission refers to sub-leasing being adverse to Aboriginals who currently enjoy native title rights of access to pastoral leases. The NTA submits that the examples provided regarding subleasing on pastoral land in comparison to the effect of the grant of Aboriginal land is inappropriate. The focus of the review is for the ALC to make comments about the detriment or effect on proposed patterns of land usage that may arise in the event of a grant not to make an analogy between the effect of the grant of Aboriginal land compared with subleasing on pastoral land. In our view these comments are irrelevant to any function of the ALC and should not be afforded any weight.

The NTA adopts its remarks at paragraphs 8 to 10 and 20 to 21 of the "Submissions of the Northern Territory of Australia as to the Proper Approach of the Aboriginal Land Commissioner to Detriment Matters Arising After a Land Claim" dated 16 May 2018.

Flying Fox: PPL 1179

31. The NTA repeats its remarks in respect of paragraph 21 above.

Lonesome Dove: PPL 1185

32. The Claimants' Submissions at paragraphs 32 to 34 inclusive respond to a letter from the Lonesome Dove's legal representatives dated 30 May 2018 and the NTA understands that Lonesome Dove will be provided with an opportunity to file a submission in reply. The NTA, however, does wish to respond to paragraph 32 as follows.

The NTA adopts its remarks at paragraph 20 to 24 of the "Submissions of the Northern Territory of Australia as to the Proper Approach of Aboriginal Land Commissioner to Detriment Matters Arising After a Land Claim" dated 16 May 2018.

The NTA maintains that "cumulative detriment" can arise from two or more separate pieces of Crown land being claimed. If access to such land is prohibited or restricted, the extent of detriment and effect on proposed or existing patterns of land usage for the affected land holder is compounded.

Roper Highway - Road Reserve

The fence along the corridor at the point marked 'Section A' on Attachment 17 of the first NTA Submissions and the area south of the fence is not required for road corridor purposes. The Department does not own or maintain the fence. The existing 150 metre road corridor as depicted on survey plan S93/325B is adequate for current road activities.

The detriment submitted by the NTA referred to "Section C" as marked on Attachment 17 of the first NTA Submissions as being in the vicinity of the Land Claim area. The Claimants' Submissions assert that no part of the road corridor is in NTP 2193 and that the road corridor is unaffected by the Land Claim.

The Territory confirms that the road corridor is not directly affected by the Land Claim and no adjustment is required at this time in respect of Section A and Section C as marked on Attachment 17 of the first NTA Submissions.

Per
KALLIOPÍ (POPPI) GATIS and ANNE-MARIE CHIN
SOLICITOR FOR THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

18 September 2018

Offer to Lessees for Original Subdivision

DEPARTMENT OF LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

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DARWIN NT 0801
Telephone No: (089) 6882
Facsimile No.: (089) 7046

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Your Rei:

Mr W Tapp Administrator of the Estate of C W Tapp Roper Valley Station PO Box 654 KATHERINE NT 0851

Dear Mr Tapp

RE: APPLICATION TO SUBDIVIDE ROPER VALLEY STATION

I refer to your application to subdivide Perpetual Pastoral Lease No 1123, Roper Valley Station.

I am pleased to advise you, pursuant to my delegation of the Minister's powers under section 61(7) of the Pastoral Land Act, that the Minister has approved the subdivision of the existing lease into the three portions designated Lots A, B and C on the attached plan, subject to:

- the two parts of Lot A being contained in one Perpetual Pastoral Lease without development conditions;
- . Lot B being a Perpetual Pastoral Lease without development conditions;
- . Lot C being a Pastoral Lease for a term of 25 years or as extended with a general condition requiring the development of sufficient infrastructure to enable the land to be used for sustainable pastoral purposes;
- . surrender of Perpetual Pastoral Lease No 1123;
- . survey of the three portions to be arranged and paid for by you;
- . any easements required by the Northern Territory at no cost to the Territory;



Northern Territory Government

Offer to Lessees for Original Subdivision

- . the reservations, conditions, covenants and provisions set out in the
- ment of the fees and charges set out in the attached Schedule; and
- . payment of all outstanding rent on Perpetual Pastoral Lease No 1123.
- The fees and charges need not be paid until I send you a surrender closer to when survey is completed and the three new leases can be prepared.

The annual rent in respect of each new lease will be 1% of the unimproved value of the land contained in each lease, subject to future review by the Minister as provided for in the Pastoral Land Acr. Now that the subdivision has been approved, the Valuer-General will assess the unimproved value of the three portions after which you will be advised.

Please note that any access to the Roper Highway will be constructed at the lessess expense to the requirements of the Department of Transport and Works.

It should also be noted that if the Land Claim to the Stock Route passing across Lots A, B and C result in the land being granted to traditional owners, the lessee of each block will be entitled to access across that land by a route agreed to by themselves and the Northern Land Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act. If agreement cant be reached, a determination is made by an independent arbitrator appointed by the Federal Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.

The same situation would have applied even if Roper Valley had not been subdivided. The responsibility for negotiating this or any other access to the blocks will be the sole responsibility of the lessees.

The Stock Route passes right across Roper Valley but the Land Claim does not include the Stock Route from where it meets the Roper Highway (longitude 134°18') to the eastern boundary of Roper Valley. I will seek approval to have this part of the Stock Route revoked and added to you lease at no extra cost to you.

If you wish to accept this offer, please sign each page of the duplicate copy of this letter and two Schedules and return them to me at the above address within 30 days of the date of this letter.

After acceptance, the next step will be for you to arrange survey as discussed this morning by telephone. Your surveyor will be able to obtain a survey brief from the Surveyor-General who has already assessed the method required for survey.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone 99 6862 if there is any matter I can assist you with.

Yours sincerely

Tony Fowlestone
Delegate of the Minister

27 July 1995





DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER MINISTER FOR LANDS, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PARLIAMENT HOUSE DARWIN NT 0800 GPO BOX 3146, DARWIN NT 0801 TELEPHONE: (08) 89 996155 FACSIMILE: (08) 89 996910

To Dir 8/1/97

Ms S Gilmour Legal Advisor Northern Land Council PO Box 42921 CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Ms Gilmour

I refer to your letter of 25 November 1996 to the Pastoral Land Board concerning the subdivision of Pastoral Lease No. 632, Roper Valley Station, a drop copy of which you sent to me.

The Pastoral Land Board has written to me expressing its opinion that its report and recommendations to me in respect of the subdivision are confidential and that details of its deliberations should not be released without my consent. In the circumstances the Board does not believe it is appropriate that it should respond to the submissions by the Northern Land Council and has asked me to do so.

Firstly, the current situation is that Pastoral Lease No. 632, Roper Valley Station has been subdivided into five pastoral leases and one Crown lease perpetual, all of which have been registered. You would be aware that I approved the grant of the Crown lease perpetual over an area around the Roper Valley Station homestead for sale to the Kewulyi Aboriginal Corporation and I presume that you do not have any concerns in this regard.

Three of the pastoral leases are traversed by the Urapunga Stock Route comprised in the Mataranka Area Land Claim (Area 4) and I am advised that should a grant of Aboriginal freehold be made over this area, the pastoral lessees will each be entitled to access across that land by a route agreed to by themselves and the Northern Land Council under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act. If agreement on a route cannot be reached, there is provision for a determination to be made by an independent arbitrator appointed by the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.

At the time the subdivision applications were made the applicants held valid title to the land which excluded the Urapunga Stock Route. Although not then surveyed, the stock route



was sufficiently described in the lease titles and diagrams to satisfy the requirenments of the Surveyor-General and the Registrar-General. Each of the resultant subdivision lease titles clearly excludes the Urapunga Stock Route in the same manner as the lease from which they were subdivided. Few if any stock routes through other pastoral leases are surveyed, yet the boundaries of those leases are not legally in question.

At the time the applications to subdivide Roper Valley Station were made it was known that the boundaries of the stock route land claim area were in the process of being surveyed and that consultation between the parties was taking place to ensure the location of the boundaries was mutually acceptable. I am advised that the survey has been completed.

I am satisfied, on the advice of the Pastoral Land Board, that each subdivided pastoral lease is capable, by itself, of supporting a sustainable commercial pastoral operation.

The proposal by the Northern Land Council that the area under claim be exchanged for negotiated alternatives is a matter I would be pleased to consider if agreement can be reached by the Council with the relevant pastoral lessees. A precedent for such an exchange exists. I have approved the surrender of parts of Rockhampton Downs pastoral lease for scheduling under the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act to the Warumungu land claimants in exchange for the lifting of a land claim over part of the South Barkly Stock Route so that land could be added to the pastoral lease. This exchange, which also involves revocation of the stock route, is nearing completion.

I would be pleased to see the parties arrive at a mutually satisfactory resolution of the matter but stress that the matter is one which I cannot consider without agreement first being reached between yourselves and the pastoral lessees.

Tony Fowlestone of my Department, who can be contacted on telephone 89 994686, would be pleased to provide you with copies of the relevant pastoral leases and any other assistance you may require.

Yours sincerely





Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act (Cth) 1976

Review of Detriment Issues

Aboriginal land claims recommended for grant but not yet finalised

Finniss River Area Land Claim No. 39: Former Rum Jungle Mine, Section 2968 Hundred of Goyder

Submissions of the Northern Territory in Reply to the Claimant's

Submissions of 31 August 2018

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- 3. It is noted that three other parties also lodged submissions with the OALC in respect of the Land Claim detriment review, namely: (i) Australian Government of Department of Industry, Innovation and Science; (ii) Northern Territory Resources Pty Ltd; and the Doe Run Company.
- 4. On 31 August 2018, Mr David Avery as Solicitor for the Claimants in the Land Claims lodged with the OALC a document entitled "Review of Detriment issues Finniss River Land Claim No. 39" ("the Claimants' Submissions").
- 5. By letter dated 13 September 2018 the ALC requested the NTA's reply to the Claimants Submissions in particular paragraphs 3-6 and paragraphs 12 and 14. The Claimants' Submissions are filed on behalf of the claimants in the Land Claim (rather than the NLC) and these submissions (the NTA Submissions in Reply) are made on that basis.
- 6. The NTA Submissions in Reply below address specific numbered paragraphs of the Claimants' Submissions. Where a specific paragraph of the Claimants' Submissions is not addressed it is either on the basis that the respective

paragraph relates to another party or the NTA has nothing further to add from what was contained within the first NTA Submissions.

NTA SUBMISSIONS IN REPLY RESPONDING TO NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS OF THE CLAIMANTS' SUBMISSIONS

The following numbering refers to the paragraph numbering of the Claimants' Submissions.

Rehabilitation of mine site on Area 4 – NT Portion 2968

- 5. The NTA acknowledges the position of the NLC and the claimants with respect to the assumption of any future risks relating to failed rehabilitation, and the indemnities in relation to the same that they seek from governments.
- 6. The NTA agrees that consultations with claimants, the NLC and the Commonwealth continue under the Project Agreement for the Management of the Former Rum Jungle Mine Site (Stage 2A), and that the final extent of the rehabilitation works required, and the final responsibility for undertaking and funding those works, is the subject of current assessments and negotiations.

Mining Interests

- 10. The restriction on the title of ELR No. 146 is correctly set out and has not changed. ELR No. 146 will expire on 18 September 2021. The conditions will be reviewed then however they are unlikely to change or be removed, unless developments occur which require it. In 2016, a mine management plan for ELR146 was authorised. There are currently no activities authorised for this site.
- 11. It should be noted that there is NO paragraph 11 included in the Claimant's Submissions.

Roads

12. The NTA offers the following in response to the comments in this paragraph that the Rum Jungle road and the unconstructed and unmaintained road noted in the First NTA Submissions do not enter the boundaries of the claim area.

The NTA agrees that the unconstructed and unmaintained roads DO NOT enter the claim area. However, it confirms that Rum Jungle Road (RIMS ID 316) does traverse part of Section 2968 (the Claim Area). Approved survey plan S92/288 depicts the extent of the Rum Jungle Road reserve part of the Claim Area. A

copy of this survey plan is marked **Attachment 1:** refer to the enlargement on the plan. Future actions by the relevant road authority (Local Government) may result in road closure. However, the road currently remains open and accessible as a public road.

The relevant portion of the Rum Jungle Road 100 metre wide road reserve should be excluded from any grant of the Claimed land under ALRA.

Public Recreation

- 13. The NTA notes the position of the Claimants and offers the following in response. The former Rum Jungle mine site is currently fenced with signs to assist in managing public health and safety risks. Should funding be provided for rehabilitation works, site access will be appropriately controlled to manage public health and safety risks. Post rehabilitation land use, it is proposed to restrict public access while also providing free access to Traditional Owners. It is agreed that public recreation will not suffer in the area as a result of the grant.
- 14. The NTA agrees with the contents of this paragraph of the Claimant's Submissions.



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