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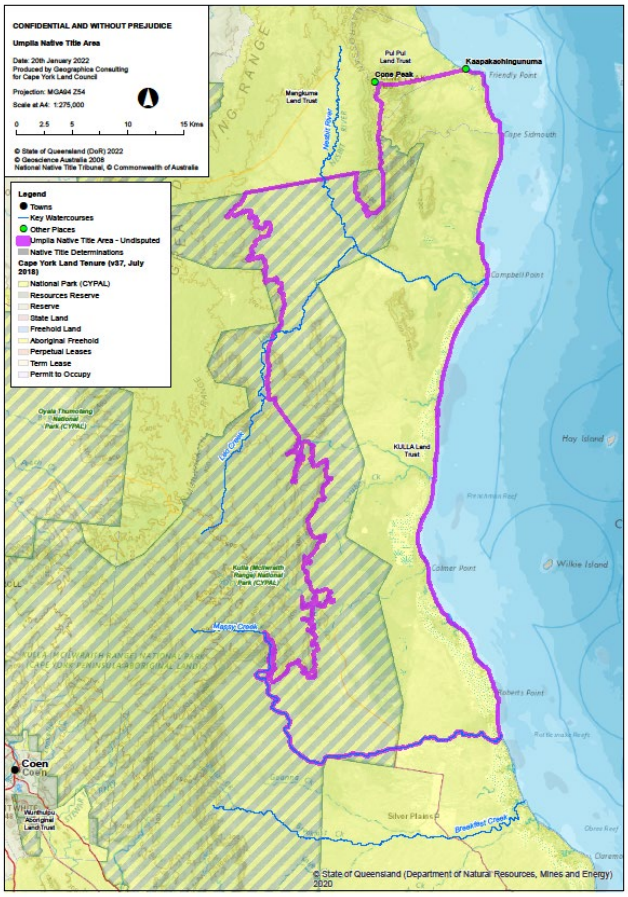
PRE-AUTHORISATION MEETING FOR A NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION AGREEMENT

Umpila Native Title Group

Cape York United Number 1 Native Title Claim (QUD673/2014)

Cape York Land Council (CYLC) will hold a pre-authorisation meeting on **Tuesday 22 February 2022** in Cairns to discuss the proposed authorisation process for the Umpila Native Title Group to authorise the proposed s87A native title agreement for a determination of native title over the undisputed part of the Umpila claim area. This is the area generally between the vicinity of Cape Sidmouth south to Massey Creek (as shown on the map below). CYLC will also provide an update and seek instructions in relation to the inclusion of two apical ancestors, Frank Port and George Rocky #1, in the group description for the Umpila Native Title Group.



A determination of native title involves a decision of the Federal Court. Important things about a determination of native title include that the Federal Court determines (1) who holds native title, (2) what the native title rights are, (3) the area to which the native title rights apply after any determination is made, and (4) which corporation will represent the determined native title holders. Following the pre-authorisation meeting on **Tuesday 22 February 2022**, the meeting to authorise the s87A native title agreement will be held on **Wednesday 30 March 2022** where the Umpila Native Title Group will consider whether to authorise the proposed agreement for a determination of native title in relation to the undisputed part of the Umpila claim area. If the Native Title Group decides in the affirmative, the determination will then be sought in the Federal Court. The Court has listed a hearing for a potential consent determination **in the week of 4 July 2022**.

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Who is invited to attend the meetings?
The meetings are open to all descendants by birth, or adoption in accordance with traditional law and custom, of one or more of the following apical ancestors:

1. Charlie Captain; 2. Puyalkuupi (first husband of Emma Clarmont); 3. Ampulukuupi and his wife Wukaaka; 4. Annie Wapun Matty; 5. Jimmy (father of Douglas Ropeyarn); 6. Tommy Clarmont; 7. Topsy Clarmont; 8. Charlie Clarmont; 9. Lizzie of Night Island; 10. Chaaminchunyu (aka Tommy Thompson and Tommy Nebo (Nipu));	11. Yi'alma; 12. Mother of Charlie Bezai; 13. Emma (later Woodward); 14. Kaputhana; 15. Mary Ann Kamanmutu; 16. Frank Port (Nangkayunumu); 17. George Rocky 1 Marrakañtyinhu aka Old Jack Rocky) 18. George Rocky 2; 19. Johnny (father of Johnny Tayku Clarmont); or 20. George Clarmont and his sister Miriam Clarmont.

Any person who is a descendant of one or more of the apical ancestors listed above is invited to attend these meetings. Please contact CYLC if you would like to confirm whether you are a descendant of one or more of the apical ancestors listed above and so entitled to attend the meeting.

Location and time of meeting on 22 February 2022
The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: **Tuesday 22 February 2022**
Venue: **The Benson, 50 Grafton Street Cairns QLD 4870**
Time: **9.30am – 3.30pm**

The location and time of the meetings on 30 March 2022 will be publicly notified and notices will be sent out to all members of the Native Title Group with contact details on the CYLC database. Please contact us on free call number **1800 623 548** or by email jcopelin@cylc.org.auto update your details.

If you have any queries about this meeting or to confirm your attendance whether in person or via phone or video-link, please contact Jayd Copelin before **Wednesday 16 February 2022** at CYLC on free call number **1800 623 548** or by email jcopelin@cylc.org.au.

COVID-19 and Queensland Government Public Health Measures
Video-conferencing facilities will be made available at the meeting. If you would like CYLC to arrange a video-conference from your location, whether you live at the location of the meeting or elsewhere, into the meeting please contact CYLC on the number above. Attendance by video-conferencing facilities is offered because of, among other things, the potential for the COVID-19 emergency to interfere with potential attendance. It is important to provide every opportunity for persons entitled to attend the meeting to attend.

Your safety is our priority and as we are sure that you can appreciate, CYLC also has a requirement to adhere to public health measures imposed by the Queensland Government as of 17 December 2021. This includes the requirement for all those entering hospitality venues to be fully vaccinated and to wear face masks in all indoor settings. Business operators will also require you to provide your contact information, proof of vaccination status or evidence of medical contraindication by using the 'Check In Qld' app when entering the premises. CYLC will also take whatever other means necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of its staff and clients and to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19.