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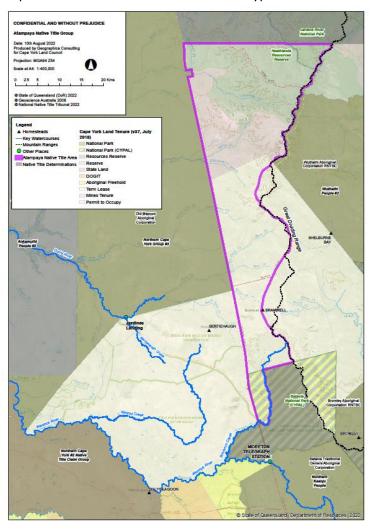
NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION AGREEMENT

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

Atampaya Native Title Group

Thursday 8 September 2022 Bamaga

Cape York Land Council (CYLC) will hold a meeting on Thursday 8 September 2022 in Bamaga for the Atampaya Native Title Group to consider whether to authorise a proposed agreement for a determination of native title for the area shown on the map below. Note that this area does not include the area disputed by the Wuthathi Native Title Group, which includes two sections extending west from the Great Dividing Range, and the area disputed by the Taepadhighi Native Title Group which extends east to the Southern Bypass Road.



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 members of the determined native title group. If the meeting on **Thursday 8 September 2022** authorises the proposed determination of native title, the determination will then be sought in the Federal Court. The Court has listed a hearing for a potential consent determination for the area shown on the map above, if there is to be a consent determination, **in the week of 3 October 2022**.

A copy of the proposed agreement for a determination of native title for the area shown on the map above will be available at the meeting on **Thursday 8 September 2022**. At the request of the people who constitute the Applicant in the Cape York United Number 1 Native Title Claim, CYLC staff and consultants will be in attendance to be available to explain things such as the meaning and effect of the proposed agreement at the meeting. Any person attending the meeting will be able to ask questions about the proposed agreement and state their views about it.

Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)

CYLC will seek instructions in relation to an Indigenous Land Use Agreement for the purpose of doing agreed acts in an agreement area that covers about 2430 sq km, located approximately 90 km east of Weipa in the vicinity of Batavia Downs Homestead.

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. Mary McDonnell & Jack Snake
- 2. Ourinda & Emara McDonnell Charcoal
- 3. Nataki Charlie
- 4. William 'Willie' McDonnell
- 5. Charlie Otomo McDonnell
- 6. Alligator McDonnell (aka Wondorognu/Wondoronio)
- 7. Wargo (father of Kitty McDonnell, Jacko and Frank Doyle)

- 8. Epiden & Eteman (parents of Doris Harry)
- 9. Kaio
- 10. Sambo Wooleye (father of Simon and Sarah Peter)
- 11. Aitapu aka Atapu/Oitutu (spouse of Jack Wantanu McDonnell and Atunmer/Atunmu)
- 12. Atunmer aka Atunmu (spouse of Aitapu aka Atapu/Oitutu)
- 13. Jack Wantanu McDonnell (spouse of Aitapu aka Atapu/Oitutu)
- 14. Vaseline

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.

The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday 8 September 2022

Venue: Family Resource Centre, Lot 10 Adidi Street, Bamaga, QLD

Time: From 5:00pm

Video-conferencing and COVID-19

Video-conferencing facilities will be made available at the meeting. If you would like CYLC to arrange a video-conference from your location into the meeting, whether you live at the location of the meeting or elsewhere, please contact CYLC on the number below. Attendance by video-conference is offered because of the potential for the COVID-19 emergency to interfere with attendance. It is important to provide every opportunity for persons entitled to attend the meeting. Your safety is our priority. CYLC will take whatever means necessary to protect the health and wellbeing of its staff and clients and to mitigate the risk of the spread of COVID-19.

Purpose of the Authorisation Meetings

The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether or not to approve the proposed agreement for a determination of native title for the area shown on the map above. The agenda of the meeting will be to consider whether the persons present:

- agree and adopt a decision-making process;
- agree to the proposed agreement for a determination of native title;
- nominate a corporation to represent the native title holders identified in the proposed agreement for a determination of native title or decide to incorporate a proposed corporation for these purposes;
- if a decision is made to incorporate the proposed corporation, make a decision (1) to approve the rules of the proposed corporation, (2) to identify who will be the initial directors and contract person for the

proposed corporation, and (3) to authorise one or more named persons to apply to the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations to register the proposed corporation;

- agree to nominate the proposed corporation, once it is registered, to be the corporation to represent the native title holders identified in the proposed agreement for a determination of native title (called a "prescribed body corporate"); and

 authorise the Principal Legal Officer of CYLC to nominate the proposed corporation, once it is registered, in writing to the Federal Court for it to be the prescribed body corporate under s.57(2)(a)&(b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) for the proposed determination of native title.
To register your interest in attending this meeting or to enquire about travel assistance , please contact Jayd Copelin at CYLC on free call number 1800 623 548 or by email <u>icopelin@cylc.org.au</u> no later than Monday 8 August 2022 . Note that there is limited funding available for travel assistance. If you have queries about this meeting, please contact Caleb King on 0427 128 692 or <u>cking@cylc.org.au</u> .
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