

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS  
NATIONAL NATIVE TITLE TRIBUNAL

**Question No. 24**

**Senator Humphries asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2010:**

Please provide information on the native title determinations in Western Australia which appear to stop neatly on the border with South Australia and the Northern Territory.

**The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:**

There are no native title applications in either the Northern Territory or South Australia abutting the determinations in central Western Australia along the border. Freehold titles to those lands have already been granted to Indigenous groups under either Federal or State statutes: in South Australia much of the land along the Western Australian boundary is Aboriginal freehold under South Australian legislation, and the land on the Northern Territory side of the border is Aboriginal freehold under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Cwlth).

The following are the Western Australian determinations which abut the border in central Western Australia:

28/11/2000 WAD6043/98 Spinifex People (WC95/51)

20/08/2001 WAD160/97 Tjurabalan People (WC95/74)

19/10/2001 WAD6019/98 Kiwirrkurra People WC95/16)

29/06/2005 WAD6004/04 Ngaanyatjarra Lands (Part A) (WC04/3)

18/10/2007 WAD357/06 Ngururpa (WC06/5)

There are two determinations along the border of Western Australia in the Kimberley:

09/12/2003 WAD6001/95 Miriuwung Gajerrong (WC94/2) - Part in NT

24/11/2006 WAD124/04 Miriuwung Gajerrong 4 (WC04/4)

Both of these determinations have native title applications which abut in the Northern Territory, a number of which overlap each other as a result of the recently filed applications in the Northern Territory.

Attached is a map of Australia showing the extent of Indigenous lands granted under such legislation and the extent of determinations of native title as at 30 September 2010.