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The High Court hold by a majority that native title can apply to offshore areas, but there is no evidence establishing that the Commonwealth was responsible and liable.22

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