Native Title: A Vehicle for Change and Empowerment?
An Invited Academic Workshop on Native Title

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Faculty of Law, UNSW

At the twenty-year point for the Native Title Act 1993, this two-day workshop will explore the recent past and the mid-term future for native title in Australia.

Hosted by the Indigenous Law Centre (ILC), with the support of the UNSW Faculty of Law and the Gilbert + Tobin Centre for Public Law, the workshop will provide a clear-eyed appraisal of the positive and negative developments of the past twenty years and a realistic assessment of where native title might go in the next twenty. A number of renowned Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal speakers will present, and three main themes will be considered:

- native title and economic empowerment
- native title and political empowerment
- the impact of native title on wider Australian law and society.

This is a by-invitation event. Beyond speakers and discussants, the workshop will include a small number of academics, research students and people who work in the native title system. The organisers intend to have the collected papers from the workshop published after the event.

The workshop will be held in the Law Building on the Kensington campus of UNSW in Sydney. Updates will be available in early 2013 on the ILC website www.ilc.unsw.edu.au.

On the evening prior to the workshop, Thursday 4 April, the ILC is also hosting an Open Forum with Professor Marcia Langton talking on Native Title, Land Rights and the Mining Boom. Everyone is most welcome to attend this public event. Further details will be available from the ILC website.

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