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ILC : OPEN FORUM SERIES

Native Title and the Mining Boom

In Semester 2, the ILC will be hosting an open forum on Native Title and the Mining Boom and an invitation only academic workshop commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision. At this forum Professor Marcia Langton will be launching her book: 'Common Futures, Legal Architecture: Foundations for Indigenous Peoples in the Global Mining Boom.'

ILC Open Forums are open to all and free. We will be posting more details in future e-newsletters, regarding dates and panel members. Inquiries regarding the forum email us at ilc@unsw.edu.au

ILC NEWS

11th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) 2012

Professor Megan Davis attended her second [UNPFII](#) in NY as an expert member of the UNPFII. This year, Megan was elected Rapporteur of the UNPFII and wrote the report for ECOSOC. Megan presented the interim report on Violence Against Indigenous Women and the interim report on indigenous constitutional recognition processes in Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh, Congo, Kenya and South Africa. Megan also presented the report of the Expert Group Meeting on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Article 22(2) of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which was held in January 2012 where she was elected Rapporteur of the Expert Group Meeting.

Megan was also appointed by the UNPFII to undertake a study into the Australian mining boom's impact on indigenous communities and a study into the potential for an Optional Protocol to the UNDRIP.

'Turning Points: Remembering 'Koowarta v Bjelke-Petersen', 1982, 153 CLR 16' Symposium, Melbourne Law School

On 11 May 2012, ILC Research Fellow Sean Brennan delivered a paper at the 'Turning Points: Remembering *Koowarta v Bjelke-Petersen* (1982) 153 CLR 16', Symposium at Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne. The paper (to become a book chapter co-authored with Megan Davis in an edited book) titled '*Koowarta: Constitutional Landmark, Transition Point or Missed Opportunity?*' focuses on aspects of the constitutional content and significance of the Koowarta decision and the judiciary's contribution as an arm of government to this country's still unresolved encounter with globalisation, race, Aboriginal issues and human rights protection. In particular it interrogates the majority's insistence that a general law prohibiting racial discrimination cannot be sustained by the races power.

2012 the Annual National Native Title Conference in Townsville - Echoes of Mabo: Honour and Determination 4 – 6 June

Megan Davis and ILB Editor Robert McCreery attended the National Native Title Conference in Townsville 4 – 6 June. A special Mabo anniversary edition of the ILB has been set aside for the July-August issue Volume 8-1, so stay posted.

Megan Davis will be delivering the [2012 Wentworth Lecture](#)

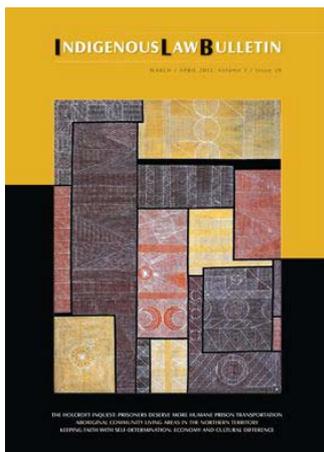
Organised by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, the Wentworth Lectures are held biennially in honour of the Honourable W.C. Wentworth AO. In 1959 Mr Wentworth argued for a comprehensive effort by the Australian Government to record the culture of Australian Indigenous peoples. As a result of Mr Wentworth's political skills, the Institute was established by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies Act in 1964, with an interim Council set up in 1961.

The Wentworth Lectures were established in 1978 to pay tribute to Mr Wentworth's contribution to Indigenous studies in Australia and as a means to encourage all Australians to gain a better understanding of issues that go to the heart of our development as a nation.

The 2010 Wentworth lecture was presented by The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG, former Justice of the High Court of Australia.

Centre Publications

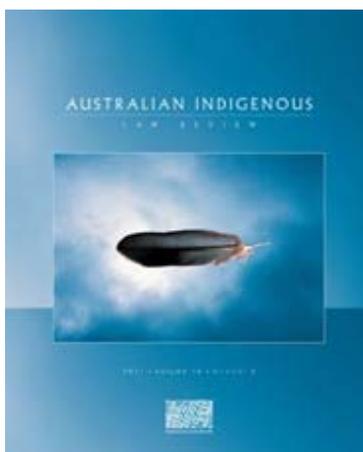
Indigenous Law Bulletin 7-29 (March-April 2012)



In this issue Eddie Cubillo has contributed an interesting piece on the integration of Aboriginal recruits from communities, into the AFL. In his article, Eddie questions whether the current AFL recruitment and player welfare system leads to discrimination against Indigenous players, and if so, what steps can be taken to close the gap.

To learn more about the publication please refer to the [Current Issue](#) page.

Australian Indigenous Law Review 15-1



The latest issue of the AILR 15-1 examines the legacy of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody ('RCIADIC'), timed to coincide with the 20th anniversary of the release of its National Report. In the opening chapter of the Report, Commissioner Elliott Johnston acknowledged that the RCIADIC would not have taken place but for the deaths of the 99 Aboriginal men and women, which it was convened to investigate. The RCIADIC recorded its sympathies to the families of the deceased. Since then, Aboriginal men and women have continued to die in custody. This publication is dedicated to them, and to the men and women who have fought for reform on this important issue. To learn more about the publication please refer to the [Current Issue](#) page.

Student Involvement at ILC

Interns studying at ILC Semester 2, 2012

We are pleased to announce that the following students will be interning with us in Semester 2 of 2012:

Social Justice Interns: Michael Brull & Courtney Adamson

ILB Student Editors: James Zovaro, Nichole Soo & Jacqueline Fetchet

AILR Student Editors: Amanda Kazacos, Priscilla Varsanyi, Hannah Sewell & Giridhar Kowtal

Staying informed with legal issues affecting Indigenous Australians

Don't forget to check out our 'Months in Review' on our ILC website, which is compiled by the Indigenous Law Bulletin Editor and the Student Editors which is published in each issue of the ILB.

http://www.ilc.unsw.edu.au/sites/ilc.unsw.edu.au/files/ILB%207%5B29%5D%20March_April.pdf

<http://www.ilc.unsw.edu.au/news-and-events/month-review>

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