



presentations and engaged in discussion — provides a unique opportunity for the discussion of common concerns and the development of valuable networks. This also makes the event attractive to other stakeholders, who gain insight and access to Indigenous native title networks through their participation in the conference. All of the relevant state and Commonwealth ministers have addressed the conference, alongside the federal judiciary and industry leaders.

Following the inaugural meeting in Melbourne, the conference has now been held in Townsville, Geraldton, Alice Springs, Adelaide, Coffs Harbour, Darwin, Cairns and Perth, arriving back in Melbourne for the tenth anniversary in 2009.

A significant feature of the conference program is the annual Mabo Lecture. The lecture is a dedication to the late Koiki (Eddie) Mabo and his historical legacy of the *Mabo* case that established native title under Australian law. The lecture aims to provide a contemporary commentary on native title issues in the context of Indigenous peoples' struggle for recognition and control over their country and their lives.

It is hoped that this volume goes some way to capturing the spirit of dialogue and accumulated wisdom of the conference, and that it marks its importance as a national forum to move native title forward in the pursuit of Indigenous land justice.

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