

Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation

OVERVIEW

The Hopevale Congress Aboriginal Corporation, together with the [Dhubbi Warra Aboriginal Corporation](#) and [Walmbaar Aboriginal Corporation](#), administers land on behalf of the Gamaay people. The Gamaay people's ownership was recognised by the *Hopevale* determination of December 2007.

This determination arose from a claim made in June 1996 on behalf of 11 Hopevale clans. These clans were later joined by two other clans. The clans agreed to form a body called the Hopevale Congress of Clans, comprising one representative of each of the clans. Following a series of mediations, several internal issues between the applicants were resolved. In particular, the delimitation of some clan boundaries was agreed upon.

Both the state of Queensland and the Hopevale Aboriginal Council recognised that the Congress of Clans was an appropriate body to claim native title. This recognition was formalised in a Deed of Agreement, created between May and November 2007. This recognition was important as the land being claimed had been granted to the Hopevale Aboriginal Council in 1986 to be held on trust for the Aboriginal inhabitants. All parties agreed to recognise the Gamaay people's native title rights and interests.

This agreement was affirmed and approved by the Federal Court in December 2007.

RNTBC PROFILE

NAME OF RNTBC ORIC HYPERLINK	HOPEVALE CONGRESS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION
TYPE OF RNTBC ATNS HYPERLINK	AGENT
STATE/TERRITORY	QLD
MAP NNTT HYPERLINK	http://www.nntt.gov.au/Publications-And-Research/Maps-and-Spatial-Reports/Documents/Quarterly%20Maps/Determinations_PBCs_A4.pdf
CONTACT DETAILS ORIC HYPERLINK	http://www.orac.gov.au/Search.aspx?Search=Hopevale+Congress+Aboriginal+Corporation&Type=Name

RNTBC ADMINISTRATION

INDIGENOUS CORPORATION NUMBER	3135
DATE OF INCORPORATION	30/08/2005
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION ORIC HYPERLINK	http://www.orac.gov.au/document.aspx?concernID=103135
CORPORATION OBJECTS & RULES ORIC HYPERLINK	http://www.orac.gov.au/document.aspx?concernID=103135
LIST & NAMES OF MEMBERS ORIC HYPERLINK	http://www.orac.gov.au/document.aspx?concernID=103135

NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION INFORMATION

NNTT SHORT NAME NNTT HYPERLINK	HOPEVALE
CASE LAW AUSTLII HYPERLINK	Erica Deeral (On behalf of herself & the Gamaay Peoples) & Ors v Gordon Charlie & Ors [1997] FCA 1408 (8 December 1997)
DATE OF DETERMINATION	08/12/1997
TYPE OF DETERMINATION ATNS HYPERLINK	CONSENT DETERMINATION
DETERMINATION OUTCOME	NATIVE TITLE EXISTS IN PARTS OF THE DETERMINATION AREA
TRIBUNAL FILE NO	QC96/15
FEDERAL COURT FILE NO	QUD174/97
NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS ¹	Formulated in a Deed of Agreement that is not available online
AREA OF LAND	881.4 SqKm
GENERAL LOCATION OF DETERMINATION AREA	HOPEVALE NEAR COOKTOWN, FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND
MAP	http://www.atns.net.au/objects/pdfs/QC96_15.pdf
NTRB REGION NTRB HYPERLINK	CAPE YORK LAND COUNCIL

ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Case note	'Erica Deeral (on behalf of herself and the Gamaay Peoples) & Ors v Gordon Charlie & Ors [1998] AILR 8 http://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/sinodisp/au/journals/AILR/1998/8.html?query=~%20erica%20deeral
Media releases	National Native Title Tribunal, <i>Tribunal President welcomes Hopevale Determination</i> (05/12/1997) http://www.nntt.gov.au/News-and-Communications/Media-Releases/Pages/Tribunal_President_welcomes_Hopevale_Det.aspx

¹ These native title rights and interests are subject to the laws of the Commonwealth and the State of Queensland. They may also be subject to particular interests specified in the determination.