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Ngadju People - Native Title Determination

After an 18 year process, the Ngadju People will have their native title recognised by the Federal Court of Australia at a native title determination at Buldania Rockhole, east of Norseman.

On 21 November 2014, the Federal Court will formally acknowledge native title over an area of approximately 102,000sq km surrounding Norseman, 700 kilometres east of Perth, of which almost 45,000sqkm will be the highest form of native title - exclusive possession.

The determination recognises the native title rights and interest of Aboriginal people of the area who are known as the Ngadju People – a landmark occasion identifying the first official recognition of exclusive rights to country in the Goldfields Region for Aboriginal people.

The CEO of the Goldfields Land and Sea Council, Mr Hans Bokelund, said the “The exclusive nature of the native title rights and interests of this determination confirms the Ngadju People’s connection to country and will allow them to, protect and enhance their traditions, culture and heritage over these lands. It has been a long hard struggle and I commend the Ngadju People for the perseverance that they have shown to reach this milestone.”

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