

# MEDIA STATEMENT

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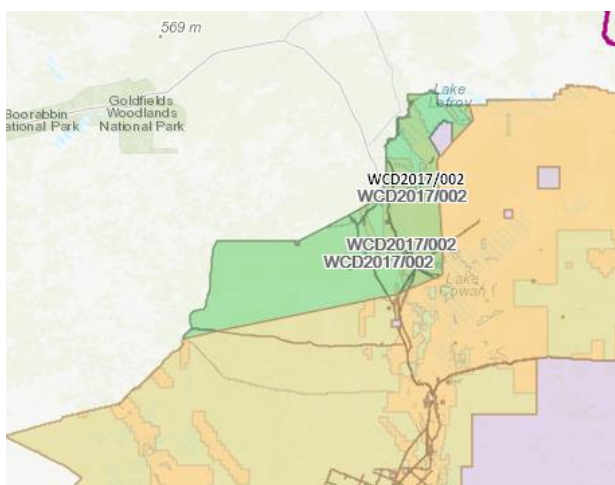
## Ngadju People Part B – Native Title determination

On 17 July 2017 Justice Griffiths gave orders, by consent of the parties, determining that native title exists in the Ngadju Part B determination application area – an area of some 1,174 square kilometres, located roughly halfway between Kalgoorlie and Norseman. The majority of the determined area was determined as exclusive possession native title.

The Ngadju Part B determination area is an area that previously formed part of earlier Ngadju native title claims made in 1995, but was heard separately from the main Ngadju claim area as it was overlapped by two other claims, (which were subsequently withdrawn or dismissed).

The protracted litigation involving the main Ngadju Determination included appearances before the Federal Court of Australia, the Full Court of the Federal Court and the High Court and finally ended in April 2016. In contrast, the Ngadju Part B Determination was determined by consent of the parties, and was the third determination of native title in the Goldfields region. The combined area covered by both Ngadju determinations is some 42,514 square kilometres.

Justice Griffiths' determination of Ngadju Part B was conditional on provision within two months of a nomination of a prescribed body corporate (PBC) to perform the functions set out in section 57(3) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth), along with the consent of the nominee corporation to perform the role of PBC.



### Determined Outcomes: Ngadju Part B

**Name** Ngadju Part B

**Tribunal No** WCD2017/002

**Fed Court No** WAD6020/1998

**Fed Court Name** Graham on behalf of the Ngadju People (Ngadju Part B) v State of Western Australia

**Determined** 17 Jul 2017

**Method** Consent

**Outcome** Native title exists (exclusive)

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