

TORRES STRAIT REGIONAL SEAS CLAIM (QUD6040/2001)

INFORMATION MEETINGS AND AUTHORISATION MEETING

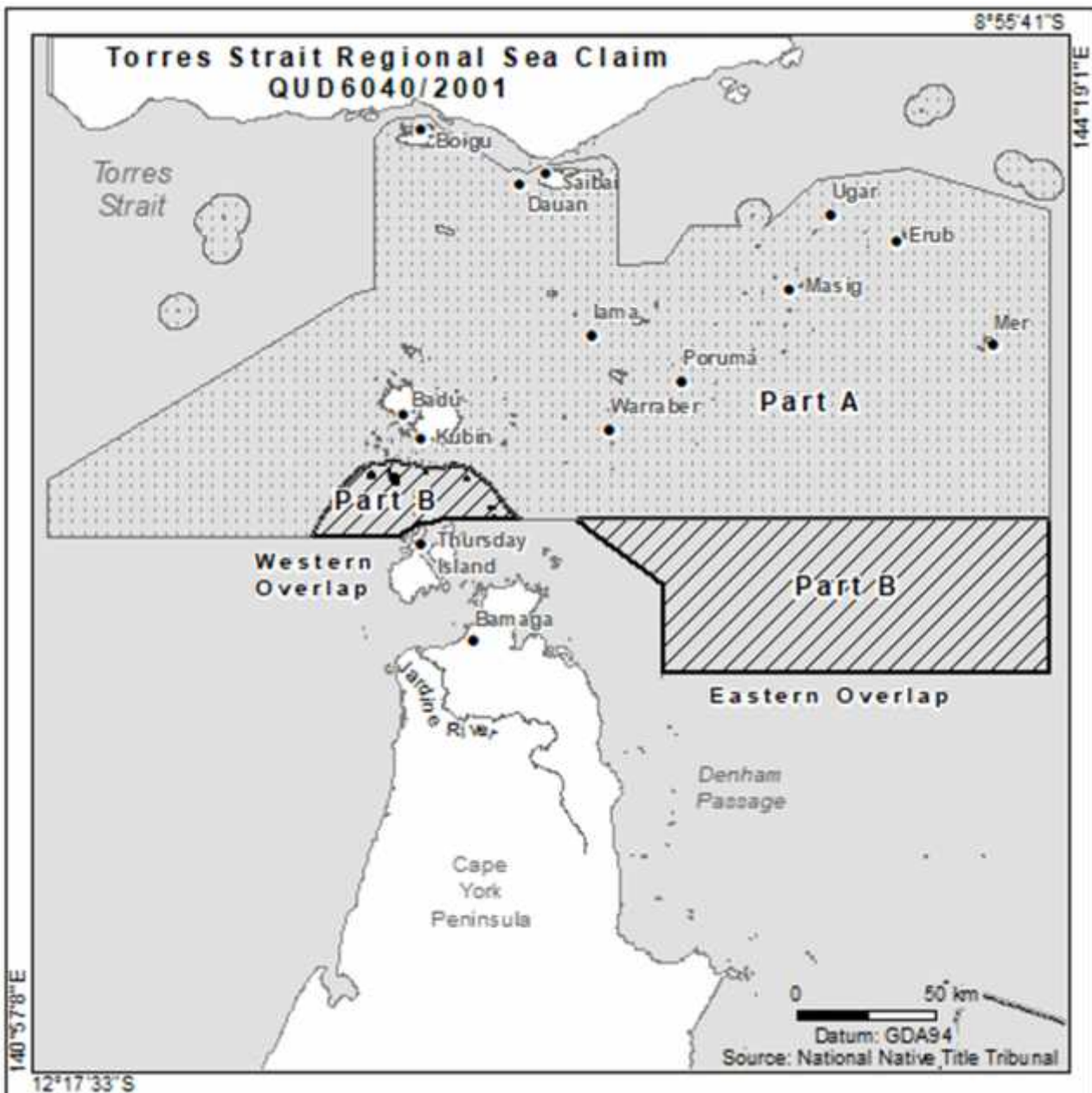
The members of the island communities that comprise the claim group (the **Sea Claim Group**) for the **Torres Strait Regional Seas Claim (QUD6040/2001)** (the **Sea Claim**) are invited to attend:

- any of the Information Meetings; and
- the Authorisation Meeting

described below.

BACKGROUND

Part A of the Sea Claim was successfully determined on 2 July 2010 by Finn J of the Federal Court on behalf of the Sea Claim Group. Only Part B of the Sea Claim is now left for determination by the Court.



INFORMATION MEETINGS

The purpose of the Information Meetings is to provide the Sea Claim Group with information about the decisions that may be made at the authorisation meeting. The information sessions will be held at the dates and times shown in the table below.

Community / Audience	Date	Time	Venue
Thursday Island / PBC Chairs	Fri 2 Nov 2018	10:00 am to 5:00 pm	Port Kennedy Hall
Saibai / Claims Group	Mon 12 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Poruma / Claims Group	Mon 12 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Mer / Claims Group	Tue 13 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Dauan / Claims Group	Tue 13 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Mabuiag / Claims Group	Wed 14 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Badu / Claims Group	Wed 14 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Warraber / Claims Group	Wed 14 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Erub / Claims Group	Thu 15 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Norah's Ark Hall
NPA / Claims Group	Thu 15 Nov 2018	9:45 am to 4:00 pm	New Mapoon Hall
Thursday Island / Claims Group	Fri 16 Nov 2018	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	TI Bowls Club
Ugar / Claims Group	Sat 17 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Iama / Claims Group	Mon 19 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Masig / Claims Group	Tue 20 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Boigu / Claims Group	Wed 21 Nov 2018	9:30 am to 4:00 pm	Community Hall
Townsville / Claims Group	Thu 22 Nov 2018	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Hotel Grand Chancellor
Brisbane / Claims Group	Thu 22 Nov 2018	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	IBIS Styles Hotel
Cairns / Claims Group	Fri 23 Nov 2018	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Rydges Plaza Hotel
Mackay / Claims Group	Sat 24 Nov 2018	10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Clarion Hotel at Marina
Moa (Kubin) / Claims Group	Sat 24 Nov 2018	9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Community Hall
Moa (St Pauls) / Claims Group	Sat 24 Nov 2018	2:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Community Hall

Community Notices have been distributed to PBC Chairs and TSIRC Counsellors for display on Community Notice Boards. Radio 4 MW will be broadcasting details of community meetings during the Breakfast Show every morning.

AUTHORISATION MEETING

The purpose of the Authorisation Meeting, which has been ordered by the Court, is for the Sea Claim Group to decide whether to:

- change the Sea Claim Group so that it only includes claimants for the Part B area; and
- appoint a new applicant from the claimants for the Part B area.

The details of the Authorisation Meeting are:

Date: Saturday, 8 December 2018

Time: Registration from 8.30am for 9.30am start, finishing at 5:00pm

Place: Port Kennedy Association Hall, 64-66 Douglas Street Thursday Island.

The Authorisation Meeting will be held in two parts:

Meeting 1 – the Sea Claim Group will decide whether to change the claim group description to Meriam, Erubam Le, Ugarem Le, Masigalgal, Porumalgal, Warraberalgal, Iamalgal, Mualgal and Badulgal only.

Meeting 2 – the Sea Claim Group as decided at Meeting 1 will:

- (a) decide whether to replace the current applicant and determine the extent of any new applicant's authority; and
- (b) consider and authorise such steps as they determine necessary or desirable to progress determination(s) of native title in relation to the Western Overlap and Eastern Overlap.

THE CURRENT SEA CLAIM GROUP DESCRIPTION

The Sea Claim Group is currently described as the members of the **Meriam, Erubam Le, Ugarem Le, Masigalgal, Porumalgal, Warraberalgal, Iamalgal, Mualgal, Badulgal, Gumulgal, Saibailgal, Boigulgal and Dauanalgal** island communities who are the biologically and socially recognised descendants of:

Abai, Aclan, Agirri, Aib, Aiwa, Aki, Alau Messiah, Ale, Amani, Ani, Annai, Ano, Anu, Anu Namai, Apaga, Apap, Ape, Apelu, Arkerr Malili, Asiah Messiah, Assau, Asse, Au, Auara, Auda, Aukapim, Aukapim, Aupau, Ausa, Ausi Waria, Awas, Bade/Bagari, Baigau, Bailat, Baira, Baki, Balози, Bambu, Baniam, Bari, Barigud, Bauba, Bazi, Beiro, Bina, Bobok, Boggo Epei, Boingan, Buli, Busei, Dabad, Dabor, Dadu, Dako, Daleku, Damu, Damui, Darima, Daugiri, Dawao, Demag, Deri, Diri, Diwadi, Dobam, Duawadi, Dudei, Eba/Matul, Ekai, Ema, Emeni, Enemi, Epei, Eti, Gabai, Gagabe, Gaiba, Gaidan, Gainab, Galeka, Ganagi, Ganume, Garmai, Gavid, Gawadi, Gebadi, Gedor, Geigi, Geigi, Gemai, Getawan, Gewar, Gewe Jack, Gi, Gibuma, Gizu, Goa, Gumaroo, Ika/Aiaka, Ikasa, Ik:ob, Imai, In, Inor, Isaka, Jack Moa, Jack Oroki, Janny, Jawa, Jawai, Kadal, Kaidam, Kaigod, Kakai, Kalai, Kamui, Kapen, Kapen Kuk, Karud, Kaupa, Kauta, Kawiri, Kebei, Kebekut, Kebisu, Keisur, Kelam, Kober, Kogikep, Koia, Koim, Koiop, Koit, Komagaigai, Konai, Kopam, Kopam, Koreg, Kudin, Kuniyam, Kupad, Kuri, Lag, Laieh, Laza, Maber/Garau, Mabo, Mabua, Madi, Madua, Maga, Maiamaia, Maigi, Maii, Maima, Maima, Maite, Maki/Salgar, Maku, Malili, Malo, Mamai, Mano, Mapoo, Marau/Daueme, Mariget, Masig, Mau, Maudar, Mele, Meo, Migui, Magar, Mogi, Mononi/Babi, Morabisi, Nadai, Nadai, Naiama, Naisi, Namagoin, Namai, Namu, Nanai Pisupi, Narmalai, Nawarie Goba, Nazir, Nazir, Nazir, Nazir Mesepa, Neru, Newar, Nipuri, Nokep, Nosarem, Nuku Idagi, Nunu, Odi (I), Odi (II), Oodoro, Opiso, Oroki, Pagai, Pagem/Naii, Pai, Paipa, Paipa, Paipa/Alageda, Panetha, Peid, Petelu, Piapi, Pitpit, Pitu, Polpol, Porrie Daniel, Rebes, Rusia, Saba, Sagiba, Sagigi, Sagul, Saimo, Sakauber, Sam, Samukie, Sapal, Sawi, Seik, Sepa Bani, Seregay, Serib, Sesei (I), Sesei (II), Sesei/Mokar, Sibari, Siboko, Sida, Sidmu, Sigai, Sipo, Siwia, Sogoi, Sorogo, Soroi, Spia, Suere, Supaiya, Tahu, Tahu, Tagai, Taku, Taroa, Tau, Timoto, Toik, Tom Ober, Udai, Ugarie, Ulud, Umai, Uria, Urpi, Vabun, Wabu, Wada, Wadai, Wagai, Waina, Wairu, Waisie, Wakaisu, Walit, Wamo, Waria, Wasada, Wasalgi, Wasi, Wawa, Whaleboat, Whap, Wimet, Wyio, Yart, Zaber, Zaiar, Zarzar, Zaua, Ziai, Zib, Zimoia.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SEA CLAIM GROUP DESCRIPTION

If a determination of native title is made, the claim group description will set out who are recognised as the native title holders of Part B of the Sea Claim. If the current description of the Sea Claim Group is amended to remove the Gumulgal, Saibailgal, Boigulgal and Dauanalgal communities, they will not be recognised as determined native title holders for Part B (but will continue to hold native title under the determination for Part A).

REGISTERING YOUR INTEREST

To receive more information or register your interest to attend the Authorisation Meeting, please contact your communities RNTBC chairperson (PBC chair).