

Estimates Committee 2007
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Subject: Polygon Claims in Newcastle Waters Proceedings

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Question: In the annual report 2005-06 is a mention that the Newcastle Waters matters involving six separate proceedings, all but one of which were polygon claims. Could you please explain what the proceedings were about? What are polygon claims and has this matter been decided?

Answer:

Answered On:

Answer: The proceedings in Newcastle Waters involved six native title claims over two pastoral leases in the Barkly area plus the town of Newcastle Waters. The reason they are called polygon claims is that they were lodged in response to future act notices under the Native Title Act and they follow the shape of the mining tenement which applied, so they are sort of drawn out and they call them polygons.