



Northern Land Council

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Historic land claim ‘landmark achievement’

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive Norman Fry has welcomed today’s announcement by Indigenous Affairs Minister, Amanda Vanstone, that she will recommend the grant of land in the Warnarrwarnarr-Barranyi (Borroloola No. 2) Land Claim to its traditional owners (TO)s.

“The settlement is a landmark achievement since it concerns a longstanding dispute deriving from the Borroloola No. 1 land claim in 1978 which was successful other than in relation to Centre Island and related islands,” Mr Fry said.

The grant of land, an island group situated in the Sir Edward Pellew Group in the Western Gulf of Carpentaria represents the settlement of the longest running land claim in the Northern Territory.

Twenty-eight years ago in 1977, the land was included in the first claim ever lodged under the NT Aboriginal Land Rights Act (1976).