

B. The Mabo decision has had a ~~great~~ ~~successful~~ successful impact on Australian Indigenous communities. The Mabo decision ~~was~~ acknowledged all Indigenous Aboriginals by fighting for Native title and land rights and because of this Aboriginal people's culture, heritage and identity lives on.

At first the access to Native title caused a lot of confusion with the general public of Australia, including Aboriginal people themselves, also with farmers and pastoralists, the fishing industry, the tourism industry, and the mining industry.

The general public of Australia were confused on what ^{land} Australian Indigenous people could claim. Many Australians feared they would lose their

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house, although Aboriginal people could only claim vacant Crowned land.

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The farmers and pastoralists were also confused on what this meant. Many farmers were ignorant and arrogant and would not let Aboriginal people on their land. After the Wik Decision in 1996 Aboriginal people were allowed on farmers properties to access sacred sites or do ceremonies, but they could only do this if they sought the farmers permission first.

In the Mabo case and Wik decision no one unfortunately made a claim for the sea. The fishing industry and Aboriginal people have tried to come to negotiations but nothing has yet to come about. Hopefully they can use parts of the sea together and contain a mutual partnership.

The Mining Industry had to abide by certain rules as well. Both parties had to try and agree so both parties could be happy. The mining industry mined on



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Aboriginal peoples land so to gain the fruit of
Aboriginal people they offered them jobs in the
mining industry. Unfortunately some mining companies
are too interested in gaining more profit and
therefore did not offer any jobs.

The tourism industry was all for Aboriginal
people working in this industry because so
many people from other countries want to
know more about Aboriginal culture and heritage
from centuries ago.

The Mabo decision impacted in more positive
ways than negative ways and Australian
Indigenous communities gained better access to
land and Native Title.