

b) The Mabo decision led to the Native Title Act, which was the biggest step towards reconciliation between Indigenous & non-Indigenous peoples. It also provided Aboriginal communities across the whole of Australia, to begin proving past ownership & claiming Native Title.

Kariakwal Mountain ~~Byron Bay Headland~~ is a clear example of Native Title, which resulted in years of trials due to John Howard's amendment Act. The Title claim led to the natural deaths of 6 of the 8 claimants - over \$1.5 million of taxpayers money.

The Native Title Act provided hope & independence for Aboriginal communities across Australia, who were previously seeking <sup>futile</sup> land claims before the Act. The Act itself recognised the past ownership of Australia to communities across the country.

However, after various claims and successful victories, it seemed the equality between white Australians & Aboriginal Australians had been achieved, ~~until~~ until John Howard was elected as Prime Minister in 2002?

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He proposed the Native Title Amendment Act which virtually abolished Mabo's decision, by making land ownership almost impossible to achieve. The ACT meant providing Govt. officials with historical archaeologist's reports & other scientists to verify the age of evidence. With almost all Aboriginal history being oral, the evidence relied heavily on tools, paintings & bones. All these obstacles were costly & not to mention time consuming.

The Karikual Mountain trials were publically followed to remind Aboriginal Australians the difficulty of proving past ownership is. However, following the Mabo decision was the Wik case which created an option to work cooperatively ~~with~~ <sup>between</sup> companies & Aboriginal people. This forming ILLA's which were



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# Indigenous Land Use Agreements

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Which allowed communities to form a treaty with a specific company working on their proposed land.

The ILUAs provided a compromise to Native Title, as well as providing work for Indigenous members with their agreed partner. Which benefitted