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RECONCILIATION WA WELCOMES REGISTRATION OF NOONGAR NATIVE TITLE

Reconciliation WA has welcomed the decision by the National Native Title Tribunal to register the Six Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, which collectively form the Noongar Native Title agreement. The former State Government, led by former Premier Colin Barnett and the current McGowan Government need to be congratulated for the bipartisan manner in which this matter has been dealt with in the State Parliament.

This bipartisan approach was reflected in the passing of the *Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Act* in 2016. This was the first part of the settlement” according to the Aboriginal Co-Chair of Reconciliation WA, Carol Innes, who was actively involved in the negotiations surrounding the Noongar ILUA.

After the announcement by the Native Title Tribunal yesterday, Ms Innes stated, “This is a very significant achievement by the Noongar people and clearly demonstrates their amazing resilience following the colonisation of their Country by Europeans nearly 200 years ago”.

“Reconciliation WA is looking forward to working with Corporate, Government and Community Leaders in the Reconciliation movement to maximise the opportunities for Noongar people and their future generations so that we can ensure that they have a healthy and secure future in Noongar Country where they have lived for over 50,000 years.”

The “deal” as outlined in the 6 ILUA’s is only the beginning. We see a great opportunity to use this landmark agreement as leverage to develop further support from the Corporate Sector in particular”, Ms Innes concluded.

For further commentary about this momentous decision you can listen to a podcast of an interview on RtR FM on Thursday 18th October 2018 between Hosts Jim Morrison and Nick Abrahams with a range of Noongar Leaders including Carol Innes and Wayne Nannup, the CEO of the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council:

<https://rtrfm.com.au/story/native-title-settlement-largest-in-aus-history/>