



Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Queensland Registry

Division: General

No: QUD356/2025

CHARLES WOOSUP and others named in the schedule
Applicant

STATE MINISTER FOR THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND and others named in the
schedule
Respondent

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BERNARD CHARLIE and others named in the schedule
Applicant

STATE MINISTER FOR THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND and others named in the
schedule
Respondent

ORDER

JUDGE: Chief Justice Mortimer

DATE OF ORDER: 6 August 2026

WHERE MADE: Melbourne

THE COURT NOTES THAT:

A. Expressions used in these orders have the same meaning as in the orders of 3 June 2026.

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

Online file

1. There is to be established an online file in relation to these proceedings, with the parties to be consulted each time before further material is added to the online file.
2. The following documents in the proceedings are to be made available on the online file:
 - (a) the parties' concise statements and concise replies, as filed and to be filed;
 - (b) the parties' submissions, as filed and to be filed;
 - (c) the Court's orders.



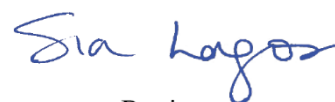
Confidential case management conference

3. Senior Judicial Registrar McGregor is to invite the Cape York Land Council to attend a confidential case management conference with the parties, including Ms Elu, to discuss the possibility of the CYLC providing objective information to the communities who are involved in these sea claim proceedings ahead of the listings commencing 14 September 2026.
4. Senior Judicial Registrar McGregor is to convey to the CYLC the Court's view that:
 - (a) this information is best provided both in person at a meeting or meetings, and through social media; and
 - (b) the objective information should clearly explain:
 - (i) what issues are involved in the forthcoming hearings, what issues are not involved; and
 - (ii) emphasise the need for all members of the community to conduct themselves with respect and tolerance; and
 - (iii) for there to be no intimidation or threats in relation to the proceedings, or in relation to any persons participating in the proceedings.

Filing of expert evidence

5. Subject to Order 6, the date and time for compliance by the Ankamuthi Applicant and the Gudang Yadhaykenu Applicant with Order 9 of the orders of 3 June 2026 be varied to 4 pm on 11 August 2026.
6. Leave be given for the Ankamuthi Applicant to file on or before 4 pm on 2 October 2026 an expert report by Dr Kate Waters.

Date orders authenticated: 6 August 2026


Registrar

Note: Entry of orders is dealt with in Rule 39.32 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011*.



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Applicant	TAPEE SALEE
Applicant	JEAN TAMWOY
Respondent	TORRES SHIRE COUNCIL
Respondent	TALEI ELU
Respondent	NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL
Second Respondent	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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Applicant	CONWELL YOUNG
Applicant	MYIESHA YOELU
Applicant	TREVINA LIFU
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Respondent	REGINALD WILLIAMS
Respondent	NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Respondent

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