



Federal Court of Australia

District Registry: Queensland Registry

Division: General

No: QUD357/2025

QUD356/2025

**BERNARD CHARLIE & ORS ON BEHALF OF THE GUNDANG YADHAKENU
PEOPLE SEA CLAIM**

Applicant

**CHARLES WOOSUP & ORS ON BEHALF OF THE ANKAMUTHI PEOPLE SEA
CLAIM GROUP**

Applicant

STATE MINISTER FOR THE STATE OF QUEENSLAND

Respondent

ORDER

JUDGE: Chief Justice Mortimer

DATE OF ORDER: 17 March 2026

WHERE MADE: Melbourne

THE COURT ORDERS THAT:

1. Pursuant to s 67(1) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) and rule 30.11 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth), and subject to any further order of the Court, the following proceedings are to be dealt with together:
 - (a) native title determination application QUD356/2025 (**Ankamuthi**); and
 - (b) native title determination application QUD357/2025 (**Gudang Yadhaykenu**).

Separate Questions

2. Pursuant to Rule 30.01 of the *Federal Court Rules 2011* (Cth), the following questions are to be decided separately from any other questions in the Ankamuthi or Gudang Yadhaykenu proceedings (including questions arising under ss 225(c), (d) and (e) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth):



- (a) But for any question of extinguishment of native title, does native title exist in relation to any and, if so what, land and waters of the area the subject of the proceedings?
- (b) In relation to that part of the claim area where the answer to (a) above is in the affirmative:
 - (i) Who are the persons, or groups of persons, who hold the common or group rights comprising the native title?
 - (ii) What is the nature and extent of the native title rights and interests?

Listing

- 3. The separate questions be set down for hearing (**Separate Questions Hearing**) of lay evidence on 14 September 2026 for 13 days at locations to be agreed on or near to the area of the proceedings.

Concise Statements

- 4. By 30 March 2026, the Ankamuthi Applicant and the Gudang Yadhaykenu Applicant are each to file a concise statement of facts, issues and contentions.

Case Management

- 5. The proceedings are to remain in intensive case management before Acting Senior Judicial Registrar McGregor.
- 6. A case management conference is to be held before Acting Senior Judicial Registrar McGregor on a date to be set after 11 May 2026.



Date orders authenticated: 17 March 2026

Sia Lagos
Registrar

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



Schedule

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Applicant	TREVOR LIFU
Applicant	CONWELL YOUNG
Applicant	MYIESHA YOELU
Applicant	TREVINA LIFU
Respondent	COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA