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Dear Ms Creemers

**WAD297/2020 Dennis Forrest & Ors on behalf of the Kakarra Part A Native Title Claim Group and State of Western Australia (WC2020/005)**

On 16 December 2020, the above native title determination application was filed in the Federal Court of Australia (the Federal Court).

The *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (the Act) requires the Federal Court to give the application to the Native Title Registrar (the Registrar) to consider for registration. On 3 March 2021, the Registrar decided to accept the application for registration. This means that details of the application were entered on the Register of Native Title Claims. The native title claimants can now exercise certain rights under the Act, including the right to negotiate about certain proposed acts in the area covered by the application.

Once the registration decision is made, the Registrar is required to notify certain people and organisations of the details of the application. Under s 66(3)(a) of the Act, those people and organisations include:

- any proprietary interest holders in the area covered by the application;
- any registered native title claimants and registered native title bodies corporate in the area covered by the application;
- any relevant representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander bodies;
- the Commonwealth Minister;
- any relevant local government authorities; and
- any person whose interests may be affected by a determination in relation to the application.

Native Title Services Goldfields has been identified as a representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body in the area covered by the above application.

A copy of the public notice is enclosed to provide you with the details of the application. The notice also indicates that under the Act, there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to the application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.

The Act requires that the application be notified for a period of three months. The notification day for this application is **16 June 2021**.

If you wish to become a respondent party to this application, you must file a Form 5 (Notice of Intention to become a Party) with the Federal Court **on or before 15 September 2021**, being three months from the notification day. After this date, you will need to seek leave from the Federal Court to become a party. For information regarding how to file a Form 5, please visit the Federal Court's website [www.fedcourt.gov.au](http://www.fedcourt.gov.au) or call (08) 9268 7100.

The National Native Title Tribunal cannot provide legal advice, however should you require further information about native title please email [claimsassistance@nntt.gov.au](mailto:claimsassistance@nntt.gov.au) or visit our website [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au).

If you have any queries, please contact me on the details below.

Yours faithfully



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