

GITHABUL DETERMINATION AGREEMENT

Parties signing the agreement: New South Wales Government and Githabul people

Location signed– Woodenbong, New South Wales

Date signed: 28 February 2007

The largest ever Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) was signed on 28 February between the New South Wales Government and the Githabul People. It has settled the New South Wales section of the group's native title claim, involving 112,000 hectares of national parks and State forests in the Kyogle, Woodenbong and Tenterfield area.

The Queensland Government has so far refused to enter negotiations over a similar agreement, citing a lack of evidence over the land claimed on the Queensland side of the border. Of the total land claimed by the Githabul people, over 15 percent lies within Queensland's jurisdiction.

Once the ILUA has been registered, the Githabul People will submit it to the Federal Court in order for the court to make a consent determination definitively recognising their native title rights and interests.

Further information on the Agreement and the ILUA, as well as a map of the area covered by the ILUA, is available on the website of the National Native Title Tribunal: <www.nntt.gov.au>.