

**David Saylor**  
**Solicitor, Legal Advocate and Advisor on Indigenous Property, Native Title and Cultural Heritage Management and Protection**

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David Saylor graduated from UWA Law School in 1996. Since being admitted to practice, he has continually worked a Solicitor for the Aboriginal Legal Service WA, North Australian Aboriginal Legal Service, Kimberley Land Council, Queensland South Representative Body, Torres Strait Regional Authority and the North Queensland Land Council. David currently has his own legal practice based in Townsville. His principal areas of practice are native title and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage protection. He has assisted Traditional Owners with prosecuting many native title cases before the Federal Court and assists Traditional Owners with negotiating Cultural Heritage Management Agreements. David also practices in the areas of discrimination law and fisheries law. David works mainly in Queensland however, he has practised in Western Australia and the Northern Territory. In 2020 David was listed on Doyle's Rankings as a recommended leading native title lawyer.

David has been the Solicitor on the record in the following matters.

#### Trial

- *Akiba v Queensland and Ors [2010] FCA 643* – judgment (after trial) that Torres Strait Islanders are a single society and that native title exists over the sea, the seabed and the subsurface and that native title holders can take resources for any purpose including trade and commerce.

#### Consent Determinations

- *Nona and Others v Queensland [2005] FCA 1118.*
- *Nona v Queensland [2006] FCA 412.*
- *Manas v Queensland [2006] FCA 413.*
- *Colin McLennan & Ors on behalf of the Jangga People [2012] FCA 1082.*
- *Ernie Hoolihan & Ors on behalf of the Gugu Badhun People [2012] FCA 800.*
- *Eileen Beryl Pegler & Others on behalf of the Widi#1 People [2019] FCA 1159*

## Other Proceedings

- *Neowarra v Same (W001/461)* - the expedited procedure does not apply to the grant of an exploration licence.
- *Butterworth v Queensland [2010] FCA 325* – a member of the claim group only joined on rare occasions.
- *Budby v Queensland [2013] FCA 314* – application dismissed for want of prosecution and abuse of process.
- *Budby v Queensland [2013] FCAFC* – decision of Collier J in *Budby v Queensland [2013] FCA 314* overruled.
- *Mooney v Queensland [2014] FCA 1244* – removal of an Indigenous respondent party.
- *Butterworth v Queensland [2014] FCA 590* – Authorisation process agreed to and adopted by the claim group is valid.
- *Budby v Queensland [2014] FCA 670* – overlapping claims programmed to trial.
- *Budby v Queensland [2015] FCA 629* – Joinder application by Indigenous respondent.
- *Lynette Blucher & Others on behalf of the Gaangalu Nation People [2018] FCA 1369* – application by Indigenous respondent to rejoin allowed.
- *Lynette Blucher & Others on behalf of the Gaangalu Nation People [2018] FCA 1621* – material filed in one proceeding can be used in another proceeding.
- *Lynette Blucher & Others on behalf of the Gaangalu Nation People [2019] FCA 108* – Indigenous respondent joinder application dismissed.
- *Eileen Beryl Pegler & Others on behalf of the Widi#1 People [2019] FCA 711* – Indigenous respondent joinder application dismissed.

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