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SWALSC Launches SNC Appeal Website

The South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council has launched a new web site to keep the community informed about the Single Noongar Claim Appeal.

The site, which can be accessed via www.noongar.org.au will have up-to-date information about the Single Noongar Native Title Claim. The Single Noongar Claim is a native title claim that was lodged by SWALSC, on behalf of the Noongar people.

The original decision, which covers the Perth Metropolitan areas, was handed down in September 2006 which held that the Noongar community has maintained its connection to the South West under a body of laws and customs which have been observed and acknowledged through to the present day. This was challenged by the State and Commonwealth Governments.

Mr Glen Kelly CEO of SWALSC said, "This website will be an information portal for the community. The Appeal decision and the Single Noongar Claims are extremely significant events for the Noongar Community. Resolving native title is not simply about land, it is an historic opportunity for the State and Commonwealth to turn a new page in history in relation to Noongar people."

"There are so many misconceptions about native title, Native title does not remove any rights or land already owned by the community. There are a lot of people out there spreading information that is simply not true, this service aims to provide a balanced and truthful view on native title. Hopefully people will access this new information service to uncover the truth themselves", he added.

Any information relating to the Appeal will be loaded to the site and be available for the community, businesses and media outlets to access. This includes the decision when it is handed down, images and media release, fact sheets as well as legal reviews of the original decision.

Visit www.noongar.org.au for more information about the Single Noongar Claim and to access the new site. The Appeal decision is expected to be handed down soon.

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