# South West Native Title Settlement - Agreement to Commencement Timeline

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<td>Early 2015</td>
<td>Between 31 January and 28 March 2015 the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) conducted six formal authorisation meetings to allow eligible Noongar people in each of the six native title claim areas to vote to accept or reject the Settlement agreement. All six Native Title Agreement Groups voted in favour of the Settlement.</td>
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<td>8 June 2015</td>
<td>Execution of the ILUAs. Commencement of the Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement.</td>
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<td>July 2015</td>
<td>SWALSC commenced work toward establishing the Noongar Corporations and work commenced towards selection of the Noongar Boodja Trustee.</td>
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<td>16 September 2015 - 16 December 2015</td>
<td>ILUA Registration process for the six authorised ILUAs commenced, with a three month notification period during which objections could be lodged. The notification period ended on 16 December 2015.</td>
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<td>October 2015</td>
<td>The Noongar Recognition Bill was introduced to the Parliament of Western Australia.</td>
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<td>November 2015</td>
<td>The Land Administration (South West Native Title Settlement) Bill 2015 was introduced to the Parliament of Western Australia.</td>
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<td>16 December 2015 - onwards</td>
<td>Notification period ended. The Native Title Registrar commenced consideration of the 107 valid objections lodged by 25 objectors, to the registration of the ILUAs.</td>
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<td>December 2015</td>
<td>Four High Court applications commenced in December against the Native Title Registrar and the parties to the ILUAs on the basis that all four ILUAs were not ILUAs as defined by the NTA.</td>
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<td>February 2016</td>
<td>The High Court applications were remitted to the Full Federal Court in February 2016</td>
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<td>April 2016</td>
<td>WA Government and the SWALSC provided submissions to the Native Title Registrar in response to the objections lodged.</td>
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<td>6 June 2016</td>
<td>On WA Day the proclamation of the Acts were announced: Noongar (Koorah, Nitja, Boordahwan) (Past, Present, Future) Recognition Act 2016; and Land Administration (South West Native Title Settlement) Act 2016.</td>
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<td>7 June 2016</td>
<td>Gazettal of Water By-Laws: Country Areas Water Supply Amendment By-laws 2016;</td>
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Announcement of the successful Trustee company – Perpetual Trustee Company Limited will be the initial Trustee for the Noongar Boodja Trust.

The Trustee will only be appointed at the ‘Trust effective date’ which will be after conclusive registration of the ILUAs.

July 2016

The Full Court of the Federal Court hearing in late July - for McGlade v Native Title Registrar 2017

October 2016

SWALSC releases the Transition Programs for both the Central Services Corporation and the 6 Regional Corporations.

2 February 2017

Judgment handed down by the Federal Court - McGlade v Native Title Registrar 2017.

The Federal Court Judgment does not have any bearing on the content of the South West Native Title Settlement Agreements, but relates only to the registration of the Agreements under the Native Title Act 1993. The judgment delayed the commencement of the Settlement. Learn more about McGlade v Native Title Registrar 2017.

15 February 2017

Australian Commonwealth Government introduced the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017 to address the implications of the McGlade Judgment.

20 March 2017

Parliament of Australia - Senate Committee report has released its response to the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017


22 June 2017

The Commonwealth Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreement) Act 2017 began operation.

The Act amended the Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 and removed uncertainty around the validity of registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements, specifically Area ILUAs, following the McGlade Judgment.

22 August 2017

Fresh applications were lodged with the Native Title Registrar for the:

Ballardong People ILUA;
South West Boojarah #2 ILUA;
Wagyl Kaip & Southern Noongar ILUA; and
Whadjuk People ILUA.

The other 2 ILUAs, the Yued ILUA and the Gnaala Karla Booja ILUA, not the subject of the McGlade Judgment were taken to be, and to
always have been ILUAs and are awaiting a registration decision by the Native Title Registrar.

11 January 2018
Conclusion of the notification period for the registration of the ILUAs. Check the NNTT website.

17 October 2018
All six ILUAs successfully registered by the Native Title Registrar. See the National Native Title Tribunal’s media statement, Minister Wyatt’s media release, and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council’s Latest News.

December 2018
Applications seeing Judicial Review of the Native Title Registrar’s decision to register the six ILUAs were lodged with the Federal Court.

30-31 May 2019
The Applications seeking Judicial Review were heard by the Full Federal Court. At the hearing the applicants also sought leave to raise an additional ground for review arising from a recent decision in *Northern Land Council v Quall FCA 989*. The Full Court agreed to hear this additional ground during their next sitting.

25 November 2019
The Full Federal Court will hear the final (Quall) ground for judicial review of the Native Title Registrar’s decisions to register the six South West Settlement Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

2020 (estimated)
Subject to successful resolution of the judicial review applications, conclusive registration of the ILUAs, followed by the formal commencement of South West Native Title Settlement. The Noongar Boodja Trust will be established upon commencement, followed by the subsequent appointment of the Central Services Corporation and six Noongar Regional Corporations.