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The relationship between native title and Queensland planning legislation: The application of the future acts regime to major land use controls – *Michael Walton*

The recognition of native title in Australia in 1992 gave legal force to indigenous peoples' involvement in the planning and use of land subject to native rights and interest. There was early recognition by some commentators and local governments that native title had the potential to interact with land use and environmental laws in a positive way. However, after 20 years it seems that this initial optimism has been replaced with a view that the denial of indigenous interests in planning and environmental assessment has led to the marginalisation of indigenous interest in this process. While the resolution of interaction between native title and planning and environmental laws is a challenging exercise, it is not an issue which is presently prominent in the debate on native title matters. 125

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