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ABSTRACT

Following the decision by the Australian High Court decision in *Mabo v Queensland (No. 2)* in 1992, aboriginal native title was recognised for the first time in Australia. The High Court rejected the doctrine of **terra nullius** in favour of the common lawdoctrine of Aboriginal title. This talk examines the desirable features of a system of property rights over land. The distinction in economics between Pareto optimality and wealth maximisation is briefly discussed to emphasise the fact that economics is not, in a practical policy sense, value free - a conclusion well known to economists but which is often ignored in policy practice. Given the fact that a new interest in land was recognised, some comments are made as to some desirable economic features of native title.

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