

Notes on contributors

Jon Altman

Jon Altman has a disciplinary background in economics and anthropology. He has been involved in research in relation to Indigenous Australians since the late 1970s. In 1990 he became the inaugural director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University, where he is still located. Professor Altman divides his research effort between a focus on national economic and policy issues and a specific regional focus on western Arnhem Land where he has worked with communities for 30 years. Professor Altman was Chief Investigator on the Indigenous Community Organisations and Miners: Partnering Sustainable Regional Development? ARC Linkage project. He is currently an ARC Australian Professorial Fellow.

Sarah Holcombe

Sarah Holcombe worked at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University for six years, to early 2008. Dr Holcombe was a part-time Research Associate on the ARC Linkage project while also working on the 'Indigenous Community Governance' project. She was then Social Science Coordinator for the Desert Knowledge CRC for two years. Before coming to CAEPR her previous research focused on applied anthropology in the Northern Territory. Her PhD research in social anthropology was undertaken in the Central Australian Luritja community of Mt Liebig (Amunturrngu), on the processes by which this settlement evolved into an Indigenous 'community'. Dr Holcombe is currently a Research Fellow at the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at The Australian National University.

Robert Levitus

Robert Levitus is an anthropologist whose primary research field since 1981 has been Kakadu National Park and surrounding areas, where he has researched social history, human ecology and land management, and applied issues around traditional ownership and Park management, sacred site documentation and protection, and the social impact of mining. He worked at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University from 1999 to 2005 on land rights reform, CDEP, and the relationship between Aboriginal development and self-determination, and completed his doctoral thesis on the sacred site aspects of the Coronation Hill dispute. Since 2005 he has worked as a private consultant on traditional ownership issues in the east Kimberley and south-west Queensland.

David Martin

David Martin is an anthropologist who worked at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University from 1995 to 2006. His research interests had a central focus on incorporating the recognition of the realities of Aboriginal cultural difference in establishing sustainable futures. They included welfare reform, community development, native title, and governance. He was the Senior Research Associate on the Indigenous Community Organisations and Miners: Partnering Sustainable Regional Development? project for its duration, working on issues of diversity and social sustainability, as well as Indigenous organisation capacity, governance and design. As a consultant, he played a significant role in establishing the organisations required to implement the Century Mine agreement.

Benedict Scamبارy

Benedict Scamبارy is an anthropologist with over 10 years experience working with the Native Title Act in the Northern Territory. In 2007 he completed a PhD at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University under the Indigenous Community Organisations and Miners: Partnering Sustainable Regional Development? project, titled *My Country, Mine Country: Indigenous People, Mining and Development Contestation in Remote Australia*. In 2005 he published CAEPR Monograph No. 25 with Dr John Taylor, *Indigenous People and the Pilbara Mining Boom: A Baseline for Regional Participation*. Dr Scamبارy is now the Chief Executive Officer of the *Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority in the Northern Territory*.

Katherine Trebeck

Katherine Trebeck has a disciplinary background in political science. Dr Trebeck completed a PhD at the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University under the Indigenous Community Organisations and Miners: Partnering Sustainable Regional Development? project in 2005; her PhD was titled *Democratisation through Corporate Social Responsibility? The Case of Miners and Indigenous Australians*. This innovative research used a 'top down' from the company perspective versus 'bottom up' from community perspectives. Dr Trebeck is currently Research and Policy Executive at the Wise Group, a social enterprise based in Glasgow.

John Taylor

John Taylor is Senior Fellow and Deputy Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research at The Australian National University. With a disciplinary background in geography and population studies, he has been researching issues related to demography, socioeconomic status, and regional profiles since 1986. He is co-editor of *Population Mobility and Indigenous Peoples in Australasia and North America* (Routledge, 2004) and the author of numerous papers concerned with Indigenous social and economic policy development. Dr Taylor was an Associate Investigator on the Indigenous Community Organisations and Miners: Partnering Sustainable Regional Development? ARC project and undertook a series of regional profiles from the perspective of applied demography in the East Kimberley, Pilbara and the West Kimberley. These were sponsored by Rio Tinto.