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A photograph of a river flowing through a forest. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding trees. The foliage is in autumn, with many leaves turned yellow and orange. The trees are dense and their branches are visible against the sky.

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This year marks the 25th anniversary of the *Mabo v Queensland [No 2]* (1992) (Mabo) decision in the High Court of Australia. In recognising the rights of the Meriam people to their country in the Torres Strait Islands, the High Court held that through native title Australian law recognises Indigenous peoples' held pre-existing rights to their land and waters and these rights survived to be protected by the common law.

Over three editions this year, AIATSIS celebrates the Mabo case and subsequent history of native title. Through our articles, we acknowledge both the successes and difficulties that native title has, and continues to bring, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities throughout Australia.

We will feature interviews, research articles, youth perspectives and community organisations.

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