# After mabo

Pre-viewing**:** Before viewing the relevant video clips, write a brief description of each of the following key people or terms.

| Paul Keating | Eddie Mabo | John Howard | Native Title |
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| High Court | Terra nullius | Racial Discrimination Act | Crown land |
| House of Representatives | Senate | Claimants | Legislation |

Post-viewing**:** After viewing the relevant video clips, complete the following.

Why was the Mabo decision so significant? In your answer, focus on the impact upon Indigenous Australians.

Explain three key ideas you learnt about the reception of the Mabo decision from the *After Mabo* clips.

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Does the Mabo decision remain controversial? Further, do you think most people living in Australia in 2012 are aware of the Mabo decision? (You will need to do some research to inform your answer to these questions.)

In a [Ministerial Statement](http://bit.ly/Kewx0l) released in the lead up to the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision earlier in 2012, the Attorney General stated that “*The Mabo decision marked a turning point for reconciliation in Australia. The decision was a significant step forward in truly recognising the proud history of the Indigenous peoples of this land, the oldest continuing cultures on our planet.”[[1]](#footnote-1)* Here, the Attorney General highlights the Mabo decision as one part of improving the rights of Indigenous Australians. Research Vincent Lingiari’s Wattie Creek walk-off which was resolved in 1975 and relate this event to the Mabo decision, passed down almost twenty years later.

1. <http://bit.ly/Kewx0l> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)