VISITING THE AUSTRALIAN CLIMATE CASE DECISION



The decision on this landmark case will be handed down at the Federal Court sitting in Cairns, here's what you need to know about watching the decision.

Date: Tuesday 15 July 2025

Time to arrive: 1:15 PM for Smoking Ceremony, the decision will be read at 2 PM sharp

Court address: Courtroom 1, Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia, Commonwealth Centre, Level 4, 104 Grafton Street, Cairns

Livestream link: There will also be a livestream link available for those who can't attend in person. The stream will appear on this youtube page: www.youtube.com/@FederalCourtAus

What is the decision about, and what do we expect to see/hear?

- This is the **decision** in Uncle Pabai and Uncle Paul's case. The Court has finished hearing evidence and closing arguments from both sides. The Uncles' will now hear the Federal Court's decision on about the government's responsibility to protect their homes, communities and culture at risk from climate disaster.
- The case is very complex which means there are lots of different legal questions the Judge has had to make a decision about.
- If the Judge says that Uncle Paul and Uncle Pabai have won all or even just some of these legal questions it would make history and be a huge step in the fight for First Nations and climate justice.
- Governments and people from all over the world will be watching this decision so it is **our chance to show the strength of our people and culture and that win or lose, we will keep fighting.**

Protocols for attending Court:

Dress code: There are no rules about what to wear in court, but the Court is a formal place so please show respect by removing sunglasses or hats prior to entering the courtroom. If you are comfortable we would love everyone to come in their Island dress to show the pride and strength of Islander culture.

Entering and exiting the courtroom: If the judge is already in the courtroom when you arrive, you should bow your head as you enter or leave. If the judge is not in the courtroom yet, you do not need to bow your head. Please enter and leave the courtroom as quietly as possible to avoid interrupting the judge.

Watching the decision:

- There will be four different rooms to view the decision. The main courtroom where the judge will deliver his decision is small and will be allocated to the plaintiffs, their direct families, witnesses, and the litigation team. There will be three other rooms for community members to view the judge delivering his decision through a live stream video.
- Please switch off or silence your mobile phone/any other device to ensure that any sounds or alerts etc. don't interrupt the court hearing.
- Please keep any noise or talking to a minimum while in the courtroom.
- Don't take any photos or video/audio recordings these are strictly prohibited.



CAIRNS CLIMATE CASE DECISION SCHEDULE



14 - 15 JULY 2025

MON 14

COMBINED CHURCH SERVICE

6:30 PM St John Anglican Church, Cairns

Cnr Lake and Minnie St. Led by Father Jeff Coop in collaboration with Rev Stan Banu and Aunty McRose in a combined community church service to speak to the ancestors and prepare our spirits before the big day. **Service 7 PM sharp.**

WATCH THE DECISION

1 PM Federal Circuit and Family Court, 104 Grafton St, Cairns Come to Court to watch Justice Wigney hand down a decision in the Australian Climate Case. Welcome to Country begins at 1:15 and **the decision will be read at 2 PM sharp.** If you can, come dressed in your traditional island colours!

TUE 15

3.30 PM Solidarity Ceremony & Media Conference

Stick around after the decision outside **36 Shields Street** where we will gather for a media conference and solidarity ceremony ft. Muyngu Koekaper and Sagerau Poenypan dance teams. Win or lose, this will be a big, proud, historical moment to show the world the strength and power of our communities.

TUE 15

ISLAND NIGHT

*DRY EVENT

6.30 PM Tigers Club, 32 Behan Street, Manunda
Island community only event to come together after the decision & get a briefing from the lawyers starting at 7 PM sharp.

Dinner provided followed by more dance performances.



MORE INFO:

AUSTRALIANCLIMATECASE.ORG.AU

QUIET AREA

Please remember to:

- turn your phone on silent
- close the door behind you
- keep noise to a minimum
- leave the room if you need to talk



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- Each time the Court commences or takes a break, a court officer will ask everyone to stand up for the judge's entrance to or exit from the room.



