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Abstract: <i>Max. 300 words</i>	<p> This presentation is based on our recently published by AIATSIS as Discussion Paper No. 31. http://aiatsis.gov.au/ntru/documents/WensingTaylorDP_web.pdf </p> <p> In what is a complex technical–legal environment, sometimes without precedence, the full range of housing tenure possibilities open to native title holders are often not fully explored. At the heart of the national debate there continues to be a disjuncture between the relative merits of exercising individual over collective property rights. </p> <p> This paper discusses alternative approaches to enabling home ownership possibilities to be realised in Aboriginal communities, with particular reference to Aboriginal Lands Trust reserve lands </p>



in Western Australia.

The impediments to private home ownership on ALT reserve lands that are also subject to native title rights and interests are examined.

Specifically, the paper explores two options for achieving secure tenure outcomes and facilitating commercial lending for housing while also retaining the communal elements of property ownership and land use decision making that are valued by Aboriginal people.

The authors will also outline the next stage of their research in this field.