The Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people are part of the wider Bundjalung nation and lived in the area before the arrival of non-Aboriginal people. The ancestors of the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal people have passed on the traditions and cultural practices that are alive in many of their descendants today.

An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) is an agreement between a native title group and others about the use and management of land and waters. These agreements allow people to negotiate flexible, pragmatic agreements to suit their particular circumstances.

An ILUA can be negotiated over areas where a native title claim has been lodged.

ILUA’s can be formed on the following topics; native title holders agreeing to a future development, how native title rights coexist with the rights of other people, access to an area, extinguishment of native title and compensation.

When registered with the National Native Title Tribunal an ILUA binds all parties and all native title claimant or holders to the terms of the agreement.

“We want to work as partners to help look after this country: the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Arakwal People, National Parks and Wildlife Service and the wider community working together as one. We want to repair the country so that native plants and animals continue to return and the water is clean. We want to care for it by removing the weeds and to make country safe and healthy. By doing this we will fulfil past, present and future cultural obligations.”

Arakwal National Park Management Committee, 2011

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