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effect on indigenous status and land claims, ownership of skeletal remains, the political mobilization of Aboriginal interests, and native advocacy.