Over the past 25 years agreement-making between Australian Aboriginal traditional land owners and mining companies has come to prominence as the preferred method for resolving issues of native title, reducing inequalities, and improving the wellbeing of Indigenous communities in mining regions. Although agreements are broadly aimed at improving the economic status, health, and wellbeing of Indigenous communities, there has been little formal evaluation of their ultimate impacts. This is primarily due to two factors: lack of quality data and a lack of appropriate methodological approaches.

In this context, the aim of this thesis was to develop and test qualitative and quantitative methodological approaches for investigating the relationship between mining, agreement-making, and Indigenous health and social outcomes. Datasets were developed from various sources and were used to investigate this relationship, and preliminary findings from these analyses are presented. Developing methodologies that can be used for evaluating agreements across various measures and levels is crucial to identifying and replicating effective strategies and is of benefit to policy makers, mining companies, and most importantly, Indigenous communities.

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