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What is DRIPA?

British Columbia has incorporated the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) into provincial law through the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA). While reconciliation is important, recent government actions and court decisions have raised concerns about legal uncertainty, transparency, and the rule of law.

Current Situation

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The Issue

Uncertainty surrounds the overlap between private land titles and Aboriginal title in British Columbia. The recent Cowichan court ruling held that fee simple titles (private ownership) are not fully protected from Aboriginal title claims. Uncertainty remains about whether banks will continue lending and renewing mortgages as usual amid the ongoing confusion. This decision undermines confidence for landowners, businesses, and investors across the Province, with potential serious and widespread impacts on multiple industries.

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