What does co-existence mean?

Co-existence means to exist together, at the same time.

In relation to native title it means that native title and other rights and interests exist alongside other rights and interests to areas of land or waters. For example, native title rights to go onto land or to hold ceremonies on it may coexist with the rights of a pastoral leaseholder to graze cattle on the same land. Coexistence is about sharing the land or waters in a way that recognises everyone’s rights and interests in the area.

Although native title may continue to exist in an area, the recognition of native title cannot displace or over-ride other rights and interests issued by Governments in the same area.