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Introduction

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It should be noted that the contents and production of these reports are governed by time and resource constraints. They are often prepared in four to eight weeks by a single research officer with some input from a research assistant and Tribunal librarian. Generally most of the references sought for these reports are available only from the AIATSIS library, which in turn has limited resources available to supply material. Therefore care is taken to request only that material which appears relevant to the scope of a particular report.

Disclaimer. The bibliographies are a list of materials that have been used by the Research Unit of the Tribunal to provide background information for native title mediations. The Tribunal forms no view on the accuracy, completeness, or relevance of the reference material cited in these bibliographies. Most of this material is held at libraries and is available to the public. The Tribunal library may be able to assist in locating items.
Area Survey: Cox Peninsula to Daly River, Northern Territory Report

The Area Survey: Cox Peninsula to Daly River, Northern Territory report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the form five applications lodged in relation to the Bynoe (DC01/49), Town of Batchelor (DC01/56) and Lower Reynolds Channel Point (DC01/60) native title applications. This report was based on publicly and readily available information relating to the location of the Larrakia, Marri, Brinken, Wogait, Djerait and Kungarakan groups, with particular attention paid to the social organisation within, and the historical interaction between these groups. This report was completed within a limited time frame (four weeks) and therefore is by no means a comprehensive overview of all the relevant historical material relating to the areas and groups concerned.

Research Method

• AIATSIS Catalogue Search

A search was made of the print collection held in Mura, the AIATSIS catalogue¹, using a number of language groups in the “Language/Group” field. Brief printouts were made from the following AIATSIS catalogue searches in this field:

Larrakia - 216 results
Wogait - 124 results
Djeradj - 18 results
Marinunggo - 37 results
Kungarakan - 0 results

Brief Printouts were made from the following AIATSIS catalogue searches in the “Keyword” field:

Kungarakan - 1 result
Marri - 6 results
Kenbi - 34 results

Owing to the large number of results, full printouts of all items were not printed. The brief printouts were filtered for duplicated, foreign/Aboriginal language and overly technical materials. These were omitted from the lists. Then, full printouts of the remaining items were made. These full printouts were scanned and material considered not relevant or overly technical was omitted. Following the filtering, there were 226 items remaining. A copy of these printouts were given to the library, requesting that they attempt to locate these items. Unfortunately, all of these items could not be reviewed owing to time constraints. As a result some 80 items were selected from this list and I requested that the library prioritise accessing these items. Subject to availability and/or access restrictions these were reviewed during the course of research.

- Tindale (1974) Bibliography

Additionally, I requested access to the relevant items listed under the relevant tribal headings in Tindale’s *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*. If available, these were reviewed during the course of research.
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