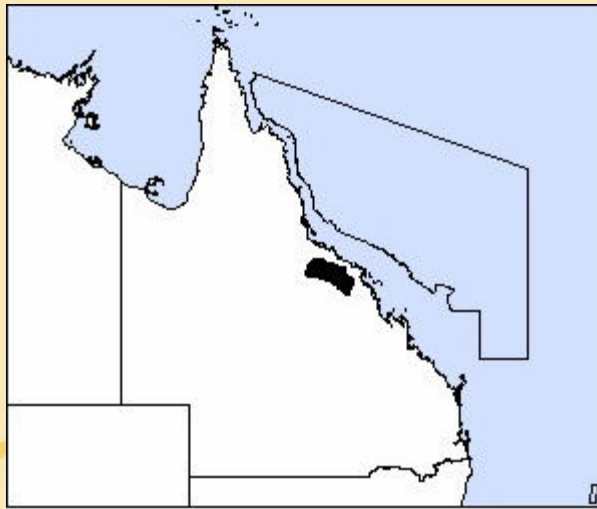


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The Birri People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Birri People (QC98/12, QG 6244/98) native title claim. This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location of Birri people.

Research Method

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, *Mura*, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale's 1940 and 1974 texts and Horton's 1994 work. All references cited by Tindale and Horton were followed up. An additional seven general references were used:

- Capell's *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
- Davidson's *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Davis' *Australia's Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories*;
- Donahue's 'AIATSIS Library Language Names and Community/Established Language Names';
- Haebich's *Broken Circles: Fragmenting Indigenous Families 1800-2000*.
- O'Grady, Wurm and Hale's *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*; and
- Sutton's *Country: Aboriginal Boundaries and Land Ownership in Australia*.

Duplicated references were then removed, and the following filtering process was applied. Of references listed on *Mura* only those listed as 'print collection' material were obtained as sound tapes and film sources are difficult to process given time and resource constraints. Material on microfilm was omitted for the

same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted. Also filtered from the list were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work.

Of the final list of print references sought, some had restricted access status and/or were not available on loan from AIATSIS or other sources within the timeframe allowed for this report.

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