East Pilbara Region: Njamal, Birrimaya, Kariyarra Yinjibarndi People, Warrarn #1, and Njamal People #10

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East Pilbara Region Report
The East Pilbara Region report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the following native title applications:

- WC95/53 Kariyarra Yinjibarndi People;
- WC95/60 Birrimaya;
- WC95/61 Warrarn #1;
- WC99/08 Njamal; and
- WC00/05 Njamal People #10.

The report is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the groups listed above.

Research Method
The research material collected for review in this report was based initially on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, using the keywords Kariyarra, Nyamal and Yindjibarndi. Extensive searches were performed to find material on Birrimaya and Warrarn, but information linking these names to a traditional location could not be found. Library searches were restricted to print material as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process within the time constraints. Foreign language material and edition repetitions of the same work were similarly excluded.
The search yielded a substantial amount of material—too large to review within a multiple-group report. On the basis of providing an overview of the region, the list of materials was pared down. A sample of texts relating to a single group was selected. This list was supplemented by a more extensive body of material that dealt with two-to-three of the groups, rather than focusing solely on one group. The material generated by the Mura search was then supplemented by references gleaned from Tindale’s 1974 *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*. All references from Tindale’s work were followed up, and where obtainable and relevant, were included. Notably there was some overlap between the catalogue and Tindale’s references. Not all of the materials included in the final list were reviewed in the body of this report, as not all materials obtained proved valuable on the question of connection-to-land issues.

The list of sources generated by the keyword Mura search and Tindale’s references was then supplemented by additional material generated by a geographic search of the east Pilbara area. Some sources listed below, provide a critical review of other commentator’s work, or information on tribal movement or post-contact history.

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