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Introduction

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Innawonga, Bunjima and Niapaili Report

The Innawonga, Bunjima and Niapaili 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: Innawonga, Bunjima & Niapali (WC96/61), Niaparli (WC99/4), Martu Idja Banyjima (WC98/62), Innawonga (WC98/69) and Gobawarrah Minduarra Yinhawanga (WC97/43). The report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the location of the Innawonga, Bunjima and Niapaili people.

Research Method

The research material reviewed in this report was based initially on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, using the key words ‘Banyjima’, ‘Nyiyaparli’ and ‘Yinhawangka’. Materials with access restrictions were omitted from the list of items requested as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, microforms and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula.

The material generated by these searches was supplemented by relevant material and further references found in Tindale’s 1974 text *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia: Their Terrain, Environmental Controls, Distribution, Limits, and Proper Names*, Thieberger’s 1993 text *Handbook of Western Australian Languages South of the Kimberley Region* and Horton’s 1994 text *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*, although not all references
were obtainable at the time of writing. Material from relevant references from previous research reports was also included.

Additional material concerning the location of the Banyjima, Nyiyaparli and Yinhawangka peoples was found in the following general references and was included in this report:

- Bates 1985, *The Native Tribes of Western Australia*;
- Capell 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
- Davidson 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Donohue 1991, ‘AIATSIS Library Language Names and Community/Established Language Names’;
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