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Kariyarra People: Traditional Society and Contact History Report
This report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from a native title application by the Kariyarra People (WC99/3). The report is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the cultures, customs and contact history of the Kariyarra People.

Research Method
The research material reviewed in this report was based initially on a search of the AIATSIS on-line catalogue, *Mura*, using the key word 'Kariyarra'. The search was restricted to printed material as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process within the time constraints. Foreign language material and repetitions of the same material (for example, different editions of the same work) were similarly excluded. Further exclusions included those which dealt with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis (for example, material which analysed the 'Kariarra type' of kinship).

A search was made of the Environment Australia, HERA on-line catalogue, under the headings: Port Hedland, Yandeyarra, Kangan Pool and Cape Thouin. Relevant material relating to 'Aboriginals' was requested.

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*.

Material from relevant references from previous research reports was also included. Additional material concerning the Kariyarra People was found in the following general references and was included in this report:

- Bates 1985, *The Native Tribes of Western Australia*;
- Curr 1886, *The Australian Race*;
- Horton (ed) 1994, *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
- Thieberger 1993, *Handbook of Western Australian Languages South Of The Kimberley Region*;
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