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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.

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Koinjmal People Report
The Koinjmal People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the Koinjmal people’s native title application (QC01/4). This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the Koinjmal people.

Research Method
The research material used for this report was based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura. The material generated by these library 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, although not all references were obtainable at the time of writing.

The Norman Tindale website was also reviewed for further material, including any readily available manuscript materials listed on the net. Further manuscript or notebook materials cited as relevant to the Koinjmal People are not indexed by item and are not readily available without further research at the South Australian Anthropology Museum. The website is: www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindale

Additional general references were used:
- Davidson, D.S. 1938a, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Davis, S.L. 1993, *Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories Resources*;
- Greenway, J. 1963, *Bibliography of the Australian Aborigines And The Native Peoples Of Torres Strait To 1959*;
- Oates, L. 1975, *The 1973 supplement to a revised linguistic survey of Australia*;
- Tindale, N.B. 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field Survey’;

The search of *Mura* catalogue of ‘print collection’ material produced a number of entries, listed below in the table. Also listed is the numbers of articles requested for reviewing. These were filtered from the original lists by the method outlined below.

**AIATSIS Search Results**

Koinjmal did not yield any results in the initial AIATSIS search. Reference to Donohue (1991), used by AIATSIS to cross-reference their online catalogue *Mura*, identified Guwinmal as the correct search term. This produced few items (12), too few to produce a background report. Further searches were then undertaken using alternative names for Koinjmal listed in sources such as Greenway (1963) and Tindale (1940, 1974), particularly Kooinmerburra and similarly spelled names. The result of the AIATSIS searches is set out in the table below:

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Sound tapes and film sources are difficult to process given time and resource constraints and they were omitted. 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. Genealogical materials were omitted.

Further filtering took place on examination of the expanded details from the *Mura* catalogue. Of the final list of print references sought, some have restricted access status and/or were not available on loan from AIATSIS or other sources within the timeframe allowed for this report. Other sources were viewed but not cited because they were not specifically relevant to this report. Although the AIATSIS catalogue correlated the Guwinmal language with the Maric language family, this appeared to be an error. This was confirmed by reference to O’Grady, Voegelin and Voegelin (1966) in which Koinjmal is mapped as part of the Waka-Kabic language family. Others dealt with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis which were not obviously relevant to this report.

**Environment Australia Search Results**

A search was also made of the Environment Australia on-line catalogue (HERA)¹ for materials under the keywords Rockhampton, Shoalwater Bay, Broad Sound and individual town names.

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Australia and the routes by which it spread itself over the continent, Vol. III, pp. 52-53.


Richardson, N. 1982, The Fitzroy River Region: a guide to anthropological and archaeological research, Department of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement. Archaeology Branch, Brisbane.


