RESEARCH REPORT BIBLIOGRAPHY

Moorawarri People

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Introduction
The Tribunal’s Research Unit prepares bibliographies as a ready reference for anyone wanting to locate readily available, published material about Indigenous Australian people within a particular region or locality. The bibliographies are produced for general library use from reports prepared by the Tribunal for parties to native title mediations. The bibliographies are not exhaustive reference lists about any particular Indigenous group, nor is the published material necessarily an accurate or insightful report of Indigenous society. The Research Unit may update bibliographies from time to time, usually because a new research report has been reproduced for parties to mediation.

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.

Disclaimer: The bibliographies are a list of materials that have been used by the Research Unit of the Tribunal to provide background information for native title mediations. The Tribunal forms no view on the accuracy, completeness, or relevance of the reference material cited in these bibliographies. Most of this material is held at libraries and is available to the public. The Tribunal library may be able to assist in locating items.

Moorawarri People Report
The Moorawarri People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in their discussions about boundaries. This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of Moorawarri people. The report also includes materials from some neighbouring language groups (specifically the Badjiri, Budjiti and Kunja groups).

Research Method
The research material on Moorawarri referred to in the report was largely based on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, Mura, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale’s (1974) Aboriginal Tribes of Australia, and Horton’s (1994) The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia.

An additional three general references were used:

- Capell, 1963, Linguistic Survey of Australia;
- O’Grady, Wurm & Hale, 1966, Aboriginal Languages of Australia (map); and
- Davis, 1993, Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories (map).

A search was undertaken of the Mura catalogue using appropriate key words for the four ‘Tindale’ language groups underlying the Moorawarri claim area (note: Tindale’s
spelling: Kunja, Parundji, Baranbinja, and Morowari). Of the resulting references only print sources were followed up as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process given time and resource constraints. Additional references listed in Tindale against Kunja and Morowari and in Horton listed against Kunja and Muruwari were also sought.

There was far more reference material available for the Moorawarri than the other groups. Tindale, for example, lists 18 references for Moorawarri as opposed to 1 for Kunja. AIATSIS lists 182 ‘records’ for the Moorawarri, and 24 for Kunja. Selective sampling was undertaken: for example, for Kunja all Tindale listed references were followed up, but only published material listed in the Mura catalogue (i.e. articles, serials and books) were sought. Manuscripts (eg. fieldnotes), microfilm and foreign language material were not. It should be noted that in many cases manuscripts are unobtainable on inter-library loan from AIATSIS. Also the material in ‘manuscripts’ often forms the basis for later published material. An exception to the guideline was made where an author had only unpublished material cited against them, in this case an example of their references were sought.

Of the references sought, some had restrictions on access and/or were unobtainable on loan from AIATSIS, or other known and readily accessible sources, and were not included in the report. These were:

- Lang, A. 1908, The Origins of Religion and Other Essays [rare book]

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