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Introduction

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Ngadjon-Jii People Report

The Ngadjon-Jii People report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Ngadjon-Jii people’s native title application (QC99/30). This report was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the Ngadjon-Jii people.

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 ‘Ngadjon’. Library searches were restricted to print material as sound tapes and film would be difficult to process within the time constraints. 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 this search 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*, and Horton’s 1994 text *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*. All references were followed up, and where obtainable and relevant, were included. Notably there was some overlap between the catalogue and Tindale’s references. Further references were obtained from Huxley’s 1994 *A Short History of the Ngadjonji*, available on the group’s website at: [www.koori.usyd.edu.au/ngadjonji/](http://www.koori.usyd.edu.au/ngadjonji/).
Additional material concerning the location of the Ngadjon-Jii People was found in the following general references which were included in this report:

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