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Nyiyaparli Language Group Report

This report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from native title applications by David Stock & Others on behalf of the Nyiyaparli (WC99/4) and Nicholas Cooke and Others on behalf of Innawonga, Bunjima and Niapaili People (WC96/61). The report is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the Nyiyaparli Peoples.

Research Method

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale (1974), Horton (1994) and Thieberger (1993). NNTT staff have not undertaken any 'primary' research using archival documents, nor have they conducted any oral history. Only 'secondary' source material such as published texts, or readily available manuscripts have been consulted.

After reference to general sources and maps including Capell (1963), Oates and Oates (1970), Tindale (1940 & 1974), Horton (1994) and Davis (1993), a search of the AIATSIS catalogue was made for Nyiyaparli in the 'language group' fields. Thirty-one records were listed as relevant to the Nyiyaparli language group. Foreign language publications, sound tapes, film sources and microfilm were filtered out because they are
difficult to process given time and resource constraints. Material not obviously relevant to this report or dealing with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis, were also omitted. 27 publications were ordered for reading.

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