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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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Port Curtis/Coral Coast Report
The Port Curtis/Coral Coast report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Port Curtis/Coral Coast native title application (QC01/29). According to the Register of Native Title Claims this application is a combination of five pre-existing claims: that of the Bailai People, Gooreng Gooreng People, Taribelang People, Gooreng Gooreng People #2 and Gurang People. The claim lodged by the Gurang People described the claimants as descendants of either Meeroni, Goeng or Tulu. This report, then, is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of five language groups from the region – the Goeng, Baihl, Tulu, Taribelang and Gooreng Gooreng. Some writers reviewed in this report described Meeroni as an alternate name for Goeng.

Research Method
The research material used for the 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 the following general references:

- Davidson, 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Davis, 1993, *Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories*;
- Horton, 1994, *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
• O’Grady, Wurm & Hale, 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;
• Tindale, 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey’; and
• Tindale, 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*.

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 five groups are not indexed by item and are not readily available without further research at the South Australian Anthropology Museum. The website is located at: [www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindale](http://www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/tindale).

The AIATSIS catalogue was then searched using the following names in the ‘language group’ field: Gureng Gureng, Bayali, Goeng, Tuluoa and Taribelang. Each record was examined to determine its likely relevance or usefulness. Materials with access restrictions were omitted as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, apparent cataloguing errors, microforms, audio material and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula.

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