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Red River Report

The Red River report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the Red River native title application (QC 02/30). The report is based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the identity and location of people with a particular relationship to the Red River area.

Research Method

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS online catalogue, *Mura*, supplemented by relevant references found in Tindale's (1974) *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*. Since there was no reference to any particular language group in the Application Documents, a preliminary search was made for identified groups with a specific connection to the area identified by the AUSLIG Red River co-ordinate: SE54.08.

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 Agwamin, Kurtjar, Araba, Kunjen/Ngunjan, Olkola and Tagalag in the ‘language group’ fields. The result of these searches is set out in the table below:
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<th>Search term</th>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Raw result</th>
<th>After filtering</th>
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<td>Language group</td>
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<td>5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kurtjar</td>
<td>Language group</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>21</td>
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<tr>
<td>Araba</td>
<td>Language group</td>
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<td>Kunjen</td>
<td>Language group</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>48</td>
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<tr>
<td>Olkola</td>
<td>Language group</td>
<td>59</td>
<td>12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tagalag</td>
<td>Language group</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td></td>
<td><strong>193</strong></td>
<td><strong>88</strong></td>
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Another *Mura* catalogue search using the names of rivers and stations within the Geo Science Gazetteer Grid Reference SE 54.08 Red River provided more potential sources. The aim of this search was to identify additional sources that may not be held by AIATSIS. This resulted in the following additional listings:

<table>
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<td>Place (142° 37 x 17° 11) SE54.08</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Place</td>
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<td>Word</td>
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<td>Strathmore</td>
<td>Place</td>
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<td>Einasleigh</td>
<td>Place</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mistake Creek</td>
<td>Place</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Geo Grid: SE 54.08</td>
<td>Place</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>6</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>82</strong></td>
<td><strong>12</strong></td>
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The following filtering process was then applied to the lists: Sound tapes and film sources were omitted because they are difficult to process given time and resource constraints; material on microfilm was omitted for the same reason. Foreign language material was also omitted as were repetitions of the same material, such as different editions of the same work. Material not obviously relevant to this report or dealing with highly technical aspects of language and culture analysis, were also omitted.
Although the majority of sources relate to Kundjen and Olkolo the research included complex information about the location of different groups with possible connection to the Red River area between Pelican Creek/Vanrook, Georgetown, Dunbar and Chillagoe. In regard to Kurtjar and Araba only those references which discussed territory or boundaries were resourced.

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