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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.

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.

South West Trial Area 2 Report
The South West Trial Area 2 report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the native title applications known as South West Trial Area 2, comprising of the following separate native title applications: Southern Noongar (WC96/109), Wagyl Kaip (WC98/70) and to the extent of the overlap of Wom-Ber (WC96/105). The native title applications cover an area of land in the region of the south and south coast of Western Australia, including the towns of Northcliffe, Albany, Hopetoun, Gnowangarup and Katanning. The South West Trial Area 2 report included material relating to accounts on location and contact history as well as addressing location.

Research Method
For organisational purposes the search for sources focussed on linguistic headings Kaneang, Minang, Koreng, Wiilmen, Wudjari and Nyungar in the geographic region of Trial Area 2. A search for material under the heading ‘Nyungar’ in the Geographic Area of South West Trial Area 2, was also completed. These terms provide a framework for searching the AIATSIS catalogue and covering the South West Trial Area 2 region.

In addition to the AIATSIS catalogue the following general references were also used:

- Berndt, R.M & C.H. 1979, Aborigines of the West;
• Capell, A. 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
• Davidson, D.S. 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
• Davis, S.L. 1993, *Australia’s Extant and Imputed Traditional Aboriginal Territories* Resources Managers Pty Ltd and Australian Mining Industry Council;
• Greenway, J. 1963, *Bibliography of the Australian Aborigines And The Native Peoples Of Torres Strait To 1959*;
• Haebich, A. 1992, ‘For Their Own good’: *Aborigines And Government In The South West*;
• Horton, D. ed. 1994, *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
• Jarvis, N.Y. 1979, *Western Australia: An atlas of human endeavour*;
• Tindale, N.B. 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field Survey’;
• Tindale, N.B. 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia: Their Terrain, Environmental Controls, Distribution, Limits, and Proper Names*.

The research material used for this report is 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 Tindale’s 1974 text *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia: Their Terrain, Environmental Controls, Distribution, Limits, and Proper Names*, although not all references were obtainable at the time of writing.

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 South West Trial Area 2 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.

The search of AIATSIS’ online catalogue of print collection material produced 39 for Minung, 23 for Goreng, 34 for Wilman, 15 for Kaniyang and 42 for Wudjari. Thirteen additional sources were located under the search term ‘Nyungar’ in the geographic areas covering South West trial Area 2 AUSLIG co-ordinates; SI50-05,07,08,10,11,12,14.¹

The following filtering process was applied to the remaining list. 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. Biographical index or genealogical materials were also omitted.

¹ An overall search of AIATSIS catalogue using AUSLIG co-ordinates for the SW Trial Area 2 region, revealed 742 entries.
A search of the Environment Australia online catalogue under the heading Noongar and Nyungar generated 2 entries, both were relevant to the region of South West Trial area 2.

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