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Wajuk language group Report

This report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal as the second last report in a series of reports on the South West of Western Australia. It was written on the Wajuk language group although it mentions other language groups in the area approximately bounded by Mandurah in the south, York and Northam in the east, Yanchep and Toodyay to the north and the coast to the west. The report covers the area formerly claimed by the Combined Metro Working Group WC99/6.

This report, then, is based on publicly and readily available information that describes the location of the Wajuk language group. The report also includes material that describes relationships between groups in Perth and the surrounding area, for example, through trade, ceremony, mythology or marriage. The movement of groups into and out of this area has also been noted.

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's (1974) Aboriginal Tribes of Australia, Thieberger's (1993) Handbook of Western Australian Languages South of the Kimberley Region and Horton's (1994) The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia. The following general references were also used:
• Bates 1985, *The Native Tribes of Western Australia*;
• Capell 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
• Davidson 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
• Horton (ed) 1994 *Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
• Oates & Oates 1970, *Revised Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
• O'Grady, Wurm and Hale, 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;
• Thieberger 1993, *Handbook of Western Australian Languages South Of the Kimberley Region*;
• Tindale 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey';
• Tindale 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*; and

The AIATSIS catalogue was searched using Wajuk in the 'language group' field. Each record was examined to determine its likely relevance or usefulness. Materials with access restrictions were omitted as were foreign language materials, obvious duplications, microforms, audio material and material that appeared to deal with technical aspects of language or education curricula. The result of this search is set out in the table below:

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The Environment Australia catalogue was then searched using the following references in the 'subject keyword' field: Woodman Point, Muchea, Byford, Mandurah, Wungong Dam, North Dandalup, Yanchep, Serpentine WA, Jarrahdale WA, Darkin River, Canning River, Helena River, York WA, Northam WA, Spencers Brook, Wundowie, Bullsbrook, Kalamunda, Wundoo, Upper Swan, Lake Pinjar, Neerabup, Mundaring, Fremantle and Perth. However, the results included 13 items relevant to this report.

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