Introduction
The Tribunal’s Research Unit prepares bibliographies as a ready reference for anyone wanting to locate readily available, published material about Indigenous Australian people within a particular region or locality. The bibliographies are produced for general library use from reports prepared by the Tribunal for parties to native title mediations. The bibliographies are not exhaustive reference lists about any particular Indigenous group, nor is the published material necessarily an accurate or insightful report of Indigenous society. The Research Unit may update bibliographies from time to time, usually because a new research report has been reproduced for parties to mediation.

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.

Wirangu No. 2 Report
The Wirangu No. 2 report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of the Wirangu No. 2 native title application (SC97/006). It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the traditional location of the Wirangu people.

Research Method
The search was initiated by consulting the AIATSIS Library Language Names and Community/Established Language Names, a set of maps that show the Aboriginal group locations used by AIATSIS when cataloguing material. On the map for area ‘C’, 1 entry ‘Wirangu’ was found within the claim area. A search was then made of the print collection held in Mura, the AIATSIS catalogue. As the ‘word or phrase’ category searches through ALL fields on the Mura database, it was not deemed necessary to complete a search in the ‘Language/Group’ field: All records appearing in the ‘Language/Group’ search would also appear in the ‘word or phrase’ search.

The printout for each record was examined to determine its likely relevance or usefulness. Materials with access restrictions were omitted, as were obvious duplications, material relating to areas outside of South Australia, foreign languages, bible translations and microforms.

A search was made of HERA, an Environment Australia web catalogue\(^2\) of heritage survey research reports and other relevant material. The aim of the search was to identify additional relevant materials that may not be held by AIATSIS. It is less likely than the AIATSIS catalogue to refer specifically to a language identified group, using general categories (e.g. Indigenous) and geographic area. Therefore, a search was conducted in the ‘Source/Abstract Keyword’ category using a range of spellings for the word ‘Wirangu’ and a number of place names within the claim area.

The search yielded a number of records. The abstracts for each record were examined to determine their likely relevance or usefulness. Only those materials that referred to histories of the area, to Aboriginal people or to Aboriginal sites were ordered. The omitted materials include obvious duplications, those that refer to areas outside of South Australia, and surveys within South Australia that do not include the above details.

The following general references were also used:

- Capell 1963, *Linguistic Survey of Australia*;
- Davidson 1938, *A Preliminary Register of Australian Tribes and Hordes*;
- Horton 1994, *The Encyclopaedia of Aboriginal Australia*;
- O’Grady, Wurm and Hale 1966, *Aboriginal Languages of Australia: A Preliminary Classification*;
- Tindale 1940, ‘Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey’;
- Tindale 1974, *Aboriginal Tribes of Australia*; and

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Eyre, E.J. 1845, Journals of Expeditions of Discovery into Central Australia and Overland from Adelaide to King George’s Sound in the Years 1840-1, T. & W. Boone, London.


Tindale, N.B. 1940, ‘Results of the Harvard-Adelaide Universities Anthropological expedition, 1938-1939, Distribution of Australian Aboriginal Tribes: A Field
Survey’, *Transactions of the Royal Society of South Australia*, vol. 64, no. 1, pp. 140-231.
