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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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Yugunga-Nya Report

The Yugunga-Nya report was prepared by research staff of the National Native Title Tribunal to assist in the mediation of issues arising from the Yugunga-Nya native title application (WC99/46). The Yugunga-Nya report included material relating to accounts on location, commentaries on culture and custom and movement across country. It was based on publicly and readily available information relevant to the Yugunga-Nya people.

Research Method

The research material used for this report is based largely on a search of the AIATSIS on-line 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;
- Oates 1975, The 1973 Supplement to a Revised Linguistic Survey of Australia;
- Thieberger 1993, Handbook of Western Australian Languages South Of The Kimberley Region;
- Tindale 1940, 'Distribution of Australian Aboriginal tribes: a field survey'; and
A search of the AIATSIS catalogue using Yugunga-Nya or Yugonhunga in the 'word or phrase' or 'language group' fields did not yield any results. Consequently, a map of the Yugunga-Nya claim area was compared to maps produced by linguists and anthropologists showing language or tribal names in that area.

Tindale's 1974 map, 'Tribal Boundaries in Aboriginal Australia', shows a number of language groups in the area being claimed by Yugunga-Nya: Barimaia, Madoitja, Ngalawongga and Koara.

Horton's 1994 map, 'Aboriginal Australia', shows a number of language groups in the area being claimed by Yugunga-Nya: Tjupany, Badimaya, Wawula, Watjari and Koara.

The AIATSIS catalogue was then searched using the following names in the 'language group' field: Badimaya/Barimaia, Koara, Madoidja, Ngalawongga, Tjupany, Watjari and Wawula. 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. The result of these searches is set out below.

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The AIATSIS catalogue was also searched in the 'place field' on the following locations: WA SG 50-08 – Peak Hill, WA SG 50-12 - Meekatharra, WA SG 50-15 - Cue and WA SG 50-16 - Sandstone.

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The Environment Australia on-line catalogue was also searched under the headings: Peak Hills, Meekatharra and Cue. Unfortunately, after filtering none of the material was found to be relevant.

Material from relevant references from previous research reports was also included.

Of the material which arrived within the time constraints, some were not cited in the report because they were not specifically relevant to the location of the group or did not add any new information relevant to location or were not relevant to the
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