

AIATSIS / FORGOTTEN TRIBES OF FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

OPEN LETTER TO AIATSIS

1996, the year this map was published, was the year they attempted Modern Day Genocide on tribes they have knowingly left out of this map, to reduce the number of Aboriginal tribes, or for another purpose we don't know about.

It is certainly upsetting that tribes have been eliminated from this map causing the death of our identities: who we are, and more importantly who we were, our ancestors who survived the Frontier Wars are now forgotten on this map.

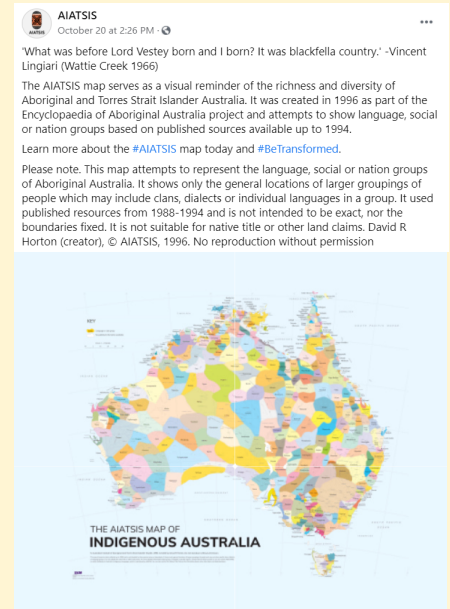
Up here in the Cairns area, the killing times are in living memory, the stories handed down from our grandparents, the suffering at the hands of the pioneers sent here to claim our ancestral lands as their own. Stories of Bama resistance over many generations prove to us we never left the lands and waters of our ancestors.

Long disclaimers and fine print don't count for us when the visual presentation is a *high resolution map with commercial value being published by a government authority*.

25 years in my lifetime is enough damage done. Continuing to publish and sell this map will continue to cause more harm to our Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, for our children and grandchildren.



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#CORRECTTHEAIATSISMAP

Buluwai

Yirrganydji

Gunggay

Ngadjan

Muluridji

Buluwai honours our neighbouring tribes: Djabugay (north), Yirrgay (east), Muluridji (west), Ngatjan (south west) and Yidindji (south east) with whom we share Dreamtime stories of creator god Bulurru, ancestral lore, kinship and landscape boundaries.