

**Buluwai Tribal Estate boundaries**

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Testimony by William Cecil Brim (1960-),  
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**Q.** Has the traditional law and customs around tribal boundaries changed since sovereignty?

**A.** There has been no adaptation of traditional laws and customs. What we say - are our traditional laws and customs - and have always been – including Tribal Estate boundaries as described below.

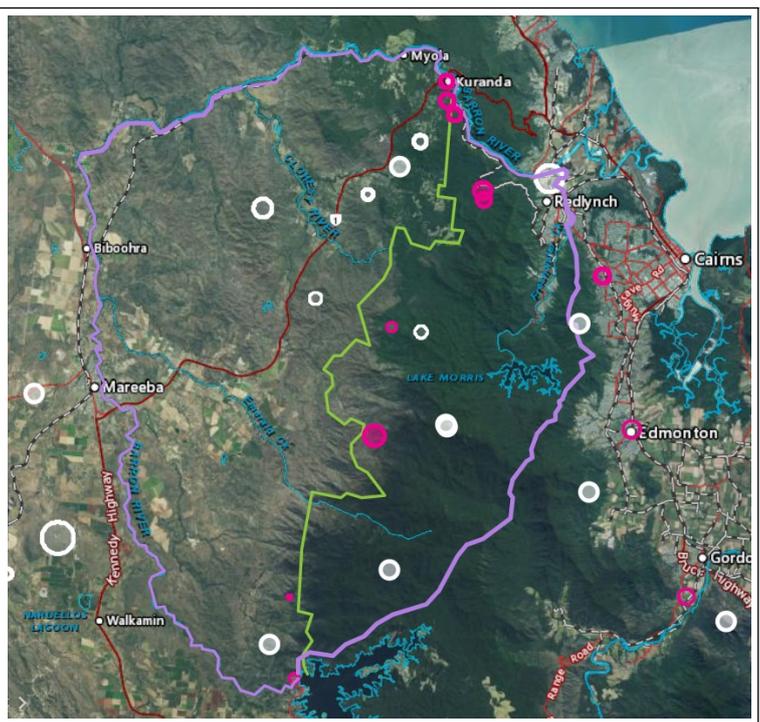
*Buluwai Tribal Estate Boundaries remain intact today, traced on the landscape features, uttered by Buluwai Bama generation to generation, walked by fathers, uncles and sons, for time-immemorial*

From Barron River/Freshwater Creek junction	Bubundji 3-way junction - Buluwai, Djabugay, Yirrgay
West through Barron Gorge and Barron Falls to Kuranda	Djirri Nyundu Nyrrumba - Din Din - Ngunbay
Following the Barron River west to Biboohra	Bana Wuruu - Biboohra
Then south through Mareeba to Tinaroo, still following the Barron River	Bana Wuruu
From Tinaroo, north-easterly along the Lamb Range ridgeline through Little Mulgrave River headwaters	- Tinaroo
To headwaters of Blackfellow Creek	- Bana Ginda:dja
To White Rock Lookout Skeleton Creek to Cairns Inlet - footpath boundary Yirrgay/Yidiny	[White Rock Lookout] 3-way junction Buluwai, Yirrgay, Yidiny - footpath access to inlet via Bana Gidi: rri
Then northerly along the Lamb Range ridgeline On the left, Choeba Peak, and Glacier Rock	On the left, Bunda Djudjiba, and Bunda Damarri lying prostate in the escarpment, Damarri's head (Glacier Rock)
To join Freshwater Creek, then northerly along the creek line back to Barron River/Freshwater Creek junction	Bubundji 3-way junction - Buluwai, Djabugay, Yirrgay

T.Bottoms 1989 detailed map shows myriad ancient footpaths (major/minor) of Buluwai Bama transecting the region. Many of these footpaths survive to the present day as roads and walking trails.

**Pictured right**  
 Queensland Globe – **Recreated Buluwai Cultural Map with significant areas (Draft)**

Purple: Traditional Tribal Estate boundaries  
 Green: National Parks/ WHA boundary  
 White/pink: various landscape features, and named significant cultural places (WIP)



**RECOMMENDATIONS BY BULUWANDJI ELDER, WILLIAM CECIL BRIM**

Cairns Inquiry	Proposed	Recommendation
Redlynch Patriclans	<b>Leave in CRC/Bulway</b> , Redlynch area proposed name: <i>Jungarra</i>	Cairns Inquiry report used to inform CRC/Bulway post determination to reform clan groups using Buluwai Indigenous Corporation structure (BIC 8867) / Buluwai Induction Pack (WIP)
Bulway Djabugay Patriclans	<b>Add to CRC /Bulway</b> , Lake Morris area proposed name: <i>Bana Gidgarri</i>	Cairns Inquiry report used to inform CRC/Bulway post determination to reform clan groups using Buluwai Indigenous Corporation structure (BIC 8867) / Buluwai Induction Pack (WIP)
Yirrgay/Yidindji boundary	<b>Add to CRC/Yirrgay</b> area north of Cairns Inlet <i>*Restore traditional Tribal Estate boundary from Cairns Inlet – Skeleton Creek – White Rock Lookout</i>	Traditional Tribal Estate 3-way junctions are critical landscape features. Restoring this boundary will resurrect two sacred areas for Bama’s oral culture: Bubundji and [White Rock Lookout]