

**AIATSIS – Forgotten Tribes of Far North Queensland**  
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**PART A: Invitation to Participate**

The “ <i>Djabugay-centric</i> ” version of Cairns region history written 20-25 years ago is out of date and has been superseded by restored primary source material.		
See <i>Mona Mona Descendants</i>	1 page, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Mona-Mona-Descendants.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Mona-Mona-Descendants.pdf</a>
See <i>Anthropologists or Linguists? Historians or Aboriginal Elders?</i>	2 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Anthropologists-or-linguists-Historians-or-Aboriginal-Elders.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Anthropologists-or-linguists-Historians-or-Aboriginal-Elders.pdf</a>
See <i>Rainforest Aboriginal People Historical Mapping Summary</i>	4 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Rainforest-Aboriginal-People-Historical-Mapping-Summary-ATTACHMENT-G-pages-100-103.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Rainforest-Aboriginal-People-Historical-Mapping-Summary-ATTACHMENT-G-pages-100-103.pdf</a>
See <i>Bama Bulmba Tribes :: Rainforest People of Kuranda Region</i>	100 pages, digital only	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Kuranda-Region-Bama-Bulmba-Tribes.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Kuranda-Region-Bama-Bulmba-Tribes.pdf</a>

AIATSIS map disclaimer on website:  
*Note that the borders between groups are purposefully represented as slightly blurred and are not meant to be exact. Some of the information shown on the map is contested and may not be agreed to by some traditional custodians – **the map isn’t suitable for native title or other land [or language] claims.***

See AIATSIS map disclaimer	Webpage with map	<a href="https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia">https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia</a>
See <i>letter from Buluwai Indigenous Corporation (BIC) to AIATSIS, 29 October</i>	1 page, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/LETTER-Buluwai-Indigenous-Corporation-AIATSIS-29-Oct-2020.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/LETTER-Buluwai-Indigenous-Corporation-AIATSIS-29-Oct-2020.pdf</a>
See <i>AIATSIS / Forgotten Tribes of Far North Queensland – Open letter to AIATSIS from Buluwai Elder Willie Brim</i>	1 page, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/AIATSIS-Forgotten-tribes-of-Far-North-Queensland.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/AIATSIS-Forgotten-tribes-of-Far-North-Queensland.pdf</a>
See <i>AIATSIS supporting information regarding harm</i>	5 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/CORRECTTHEAIATSISMAP.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/CORRECTTHEAIATSISMAP.pdf</a>
See <i>AIATSIS CEO Craig Ritchie reply, 24 November</i>	2 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Letter-from-Craig-Ritchie-CEO-AIATSIS.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Letter-from-Craig-Ritchie-CEO-AIATSIS.pdf</a>
See <i>BIC reply, 10 December</i>	2 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/LETTER-Buluwai-Indigenous-Corporation-AIATSIS-10-Dec-2020.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/LETTER-Buluwai-Indigenous-Corporation-AIATSIS-10-Dec-2020.pdf</a>

Education Queensland has/ is advising Kuranda schools not to use the AIATSIS map for local cultural information.

<i>Ken McClean, assurance via email</i>	n/a	n/a
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Continued use of the AIATSIS map to publicly declare tribal boundaries or languages will adversely affect the cultural heritage of the following local FNQ tribes (omitted in Horton/AIATSIS 1996): Buluwai, Yirrgay, Muluridji, Ngatjan, Gunggay

See <i>Addendum, Education Queensland / Buluwai Traditional Owners Meeting 19 November</i>	1 page, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/ADDENDUM-Education-Queensland-AIATSIS.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/ADDENDUM-Education-Queensland-AIATSIS.pdf</a>
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**PART B: The Way Forward**

Work together, use all available resources via Working Groups 1 and 2 to mediate a correct version of local Indigenous history that is more accurate, balanced and inclusive, ie. uses competent primary source material, not Horton/ AIATSIS 1996 map.

<p>Education Queensland is providing the forum for cultural mediation for Buluwai and Djabugay people. It is strongly recommended this consultation include representative Aboriginal Elders of the Cairns region in full: Djabugay, Yirrgay, Buluwai, Yidinydji, Gunggay, Ngatjan</p> <p><i>*The findings of the language advisory group will assist Education Queensland and other government departments moving forward for the greater Cairns area, simplifying the upcoming process for all parties.</i></p>		
In Brief: Cairns Regional Claim Native Title Tribes, with T.Bottoms 2018 map	2 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/In-Brief-Cairns-Regional-Claim-Tribes-Side-Both.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/In-Brief-Cairns-Regional-Claim-Tribes-Side-Both.pdf</a>
Tindale Parallel Vocabularies FNQ Rainforest People Study	3 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Tindale-Parallel-Vocabularies-FNQ-Rainforest-People-Study.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Tindale-Parallel-Vocabularies-FNQ-Rainforest-People-Study.pdf</a>

<p>Publish correct tribal taxonomy descriptions to remove umbrella terms “Djabugay-speaking” and “Djabugay clan groups” and “Djabugay dialects” and “Djabugay country”, where no longer appropriate.</p>		
See <i>Buluwai Tribal Estate tribal taxonomy</i>	2 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Buluwai-Tribal-Estate-taxonomy-Willie-Brim-Testimony.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Buluwai-Tribal-Estate-taxonomy-Willie-Brim-Testimony.pdf</a>
See <i>Buluwai Tribal Estate language</i>	4 pages, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Buluwai-Tribal-Estate-language-Willie-Brim-Testimony.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Buluwai-Tribal-Estate-language-Willie-Brim-Testimony.pdf</a>
C&K Kuranda Community Kindergarten	1 page, attached	<a href="https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Kuranda-Community-Kindergarten.pdf">https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Kuranda-Community-Kindergarten.pdf</a>
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