

Date: 10 December 2020

Via email: [ExecutiveCoordination@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:ExecutiveCoordination@aiatsis.gov.au)

Dear CEO Craig Ritchie,

RE: Education Queensland Consultation in Kuranda, FNQ

Thank you for your reply letter dated 24 November 2020.

1. We are happy to hear the map revision is underway, however for clarity, we hope your reference of the process *“updated and to more accurately represent”* means a return to Traditional Tribal Estate boundaries per competent primary sources and landscape features.

2. *“1994 using scholarly sources available at the time”* for FNQ region there is only one source that was used by Horton 1996 - and that is Hale 1960. *All other primary source materials* have not locally removed Ngadjan, Gunggay, Yirrganydji, Muluridji and Buluwai. This is provable fact.

Support mapping, Horton is referenced on page 48:

<https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Kuranda-Region-Bama-Bulmba-Tribes.pdf>

FNQ historical mapping tabulated for comparison, pages 100-103:

<https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/Rainforest-Aboriginal-People-Historical-Mapping-Summary-ATTACHMENT-G-pages-100-103.pdf>

To avoid further confusion in our region as per this ADDENDUM sent to Education Queensland,  
<https://buluwai.org/content/uploads/ADDENDUM-Education-Queensland-AIATSIIS.pdf>

Then further, on 5 December 2020, DTAC Cultural Development Officer, incorrectly tracing AIATSIIS map boundaries on the ABC Radio Awaye program, usurping Yirrgay (on the coast) and Buluwai (south of the Barron River):  
Dennis Hunter, Djabugay tribe: *“big country, starts at the Inlet in Cairns here all the way up to Mowbray River and stretches a little bit south of north Mount Molloy and just coming outside Mareeba, Emerald Creek goes all the way to Tolga and Tinaroo Dam and back down towards the Inlet of Cairns. That is Djabugay tribal area.”*

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/awaye/features/word-up/word-up-dennis-hunter/12951072>

And, as per previous correspondence to you dated 29 October 2020, please adjust the disclaimer on your webpage to *actively avoid further harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage*:

*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.*

<https://aiatsis.gov.au/explore/map-indigenous-australia>

3. Please confirm the date of your promised correspondence regarding the disclaimer with Education Queensland representatives Ken McClean, Justin Butler and Wade Richardson, contact details again below for your convenience.

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Correspondence web version:

<https://buluwai.org/aiatsis-forgotten-tribes-of-far-north-queensland>

On behalf of all Buluwai People, may I extend our thanks to you. Stay sacred, as we all are.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Willie Brim', written in a cursive style.

**William (Willie) Brim**  
***Buluwai Traditional Owner / Cultural Custodian***