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RE: Education Queensland Consultation in Kuranda, FNQ

Dear Mr Brim,

Thank you for your email to the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) regarding the reference to Buluwai on The AIATSIS Map of Indigenous Australia, and your concerns on the use of the map by Education Queensland.

Whilst we acknowledge concerns about the reference to Buluwai, we should highlight that this map was developed back in 1994 using scholarly sources available at the time.

Due to the significant works required, the AIATSIS Council has determined that we are unable to make any variations or revisions to the current map. AIATSIS is however currently scoping a project for a systematic revision of the map, which will allow the map to be more easily updated and to more accurately represent the complexity and diversity of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

We are aware of the concerns raised by the Buluwai and I thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. We will keep a record of your concerns to inform any review of the map.



AIATSIS will contact Education Queensland and provide information about the map, the history and an explanation of the disclaimer to ensure they are aware of the maps limitations and that the map is not suitable for consultation work. We will also provide the list of alternate spellings, which includes Buluwai.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig Ritchie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Ritchie".

Craig Ritchie

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