

22th April 2019

To Whom It May Concern

Supplied for your ongoing information

Introduction

We write to provide the following information surrounding our Indigenous society. We are an Indigenous group which have had and will continue to have a presence and an influence within your operational area and wish to pursue an ongoing working relationship with your organisation.

We are identified as the Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People being Original Owners of Ngurangbang (Country) within the Wiradjuri Nation. Our status has been affirmed by the testing of our family group genealogy and continued connection to our land.

Our genealogy originates from the following Indigenous Apical Ancestors and encompasses a myriad of preceding family ancestors through Main & Kinship;

Woowah Charlotte Goongalbool Jemmy John Stewart Ellen Plummer

Through statements recorded in historical records and actions taken by our ancestors Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People Claim "Exclusive Possession" over our Main & Kinship Tribal Ngurangbang.

We know our history and family apical status entitles our group to exercise this "Right" on activities within our tribal boundary. As such, the Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People claim this right, to be a party of any agreement made on our Ngurangbang, which is retrospective to pre-European settlement.

Based on current arrangements, Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People have been denied access to our Cultural Sensitive sites and excluded from any rightful benefits to support projects to assist the Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People.

Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People have continual unbroken Exclusive Possession & continual unbroken Physical Connection through Main & Kinship of many families within our Tribal Lands > 40000 years pre-European settlement 1788 to present day. Our Exclusive Possession covers all aspects of Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri from Knowledge of Culture, Lore, Customs,



beliefs and a duty to shield Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri Tribal Ngurangbang. We know this and always have through oral stories handed down through our kinship structures.

Whilst Indigenous history is typically handed down orally, we also have the references of our Ibbai Waggan Wiradjuri historical connection records within over 735 pages of first hand documented events within European manuscripts recording daily information, based on factual detail.

These historical connection records bear witness to our existence, occupation and daily recordings of events relevant to our descendants. They commenced soon after the establishment of a colony within the Molong, Wellington & Mudgee areas and are available in the public domain.

Extracts from Historical Connection Records as declared by Gungan

Watson's Diary

17 October 1835

As declared by Gungan our Tribal Ancestor

What do you want here? What do you come here for? Why do you not go to your own country?

16 November 1836

One apparently full of self importance, had much to say respecting his having been at Bathurst, how Englishmen did when men were brought before a magistrate, how the land "all about" belonged to the natives, and that I was not to mind. I had already learnt that many of these were wild natives, and had come from a distance of 100 miles.

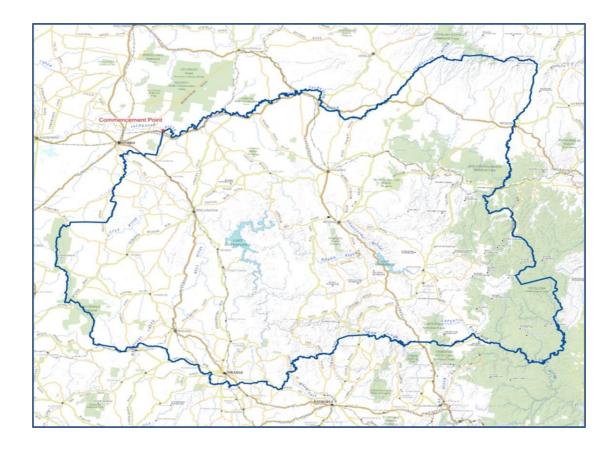
Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People have commissioned a number of studies based on the Wiradjuri Nation, lore, custom and connections to Ngurangbang through our genealogy and Apical ancestors.

<u>Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People Claim Proprietary Regional Territorial Rights over</u> <u>Ngurangbang</u>

- Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People have not ceded country
- Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People have its own Lore that stands today over any other
- Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People do not acknowledge the European Federal, State Laws. The current Policies, have not worked for our people
- Ibbai Waggan Proprietary Regional Territorial Ngurangbang Ruling Body, to govern in its Proprietary Regional Territorial Right for the respect of the First Nations Culture, lore, economic, social & educational advancement, to freely determine our political status, freely pursue our economic social & Culture development, & all decision making within our Ngurangbang
- Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People will work closely with the current Midwestern & Orange councils to approve all projects, to reform changes to current Tax, Royalty Payments, any Agreements & all decision making within our Ngurangbang



Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People Proprietary Regional Territorial Boundary



We trust our short introduction & Rights, is both informative and beneficial to assist your organisation to identify our group and kinship identity. We believe this will be beneficial to all concerned to initiate a high level of dialogue and contact. We would welcome any questions you may have relevant to our beneficial relationship. Our Senior Elders look forward to positive talks in the near future and out of respect to them would appreciate any written submissions from your organisation.

Aunty Joyce Williams Senior Elder Ibbai Waggan & all of Wiradjuri Nation Aunty Violet Carr Senior Elder Ibbai Waggan & all of Wiradjuri Nation Stephen Parkes Elder Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri

For the Ibbai Waggan-Wiradjuri People