



# QUESTIONNAIRE

1. What are the languages spoken in your community?
2. How well are they spoken by children, adults and elders?
3. Describe your group and project:
  - ☆ Why was it important to start up?
  - ☆ How long have you been running?
  - ☆ What age group(s) are you working with?
  - ☆ How many people are involved?
4. What activities do you do to record or encourage the use of languages, including local languages?
  - ☆ How are local schools involved?
  - ☆ What help do you receive from the government or other organisations to carry out your activities?
  - ☆ Can you describe how your project's activities may have helped the whole community?
5. How are your languages, including your local languages taught in school?
  - ☆ What difference has the teaching of local languages made to children's attendance and achievement at school?
6. What interpreting and translating services are available in your local languages?  
How useful and effective are they?
7. What are the main difficulties facing your project?
8. What are you aiming to achieve in the future?

The Committee welcomes further comments from you about your project or on any or all of the Inquiry's terms of reference. Please find the Terms of Reference overleaf and note that the Committee may use this information in preparing its report and making recommendations to the Government.

If accepted as a submission, your document will be published on the inquiry website.

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## Terms of reference

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The Committee will inquire into and report on Indigenous languages in Australia, with a particular focus on:

- ▶ The benefits of giving attention and recognition to Indigenous languages
- ▶ The contribution of Indigenous languages to Closing the Gap and strengthening Indigenous identity and culture
- ▶ The potential benefits of including Indigenous languages in early education
- ▶ Measures to improve education outcomes in those Indigenous communities where English is a second Language
- ▶ The educational and vocational benefits of ensuring English language competency amongst Indigenous communities
- ▶ Measures to improve Indigenous language interpreting and translating services
- ▶ The effectiveness of current maintenance and revitalisation programs for Indigenous languages, and
- ▶ The effectiveness of the Commonwealth Government Indigenous languages policy in delivering its objectives and relevant policies of other Australian governments.