

# ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY

THE ROYAL COMMISSION AND ITS RECORDS, 1987-91

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## INTRODUCTION

### The National Archives of Australia

The National Archives of Australia ensures that full and accurate records documenting Commonwealth government activities are created and kept. From this massive body of information the Archives selects, cares for and makes available to all, those records of continuing value. This collection constitutes the archives of the Commonwealth government – a vast and rich resource for the study of Australian history, Australian society and the Australian people.

The collection spans almost 200 years of Australian history. The main focus of the collection is material which documents Federal government activities since Federation in 1901. There are also significant holdings of nineteenth-century records which relate to functions that were transferred by the colonies to the Commonwealth government at the time of Federation and subsequently. The records described in this Guide are a small but significant part of the collection.

Access to the collection is provided free of charge in public reading rooms located in each capital city. Researchers are assisted by specialist reference staff and also have available to them a range of reference tools to help them identify and use the records in the collection. These reference tools include databases, guides, publications and fact sheets. Researchers unable to visit a reading room may seek information and assistance by telephone, mail, facsimile or email.

More information about the Archives, the collection and the services provided to researchers is provided on the Archives' Internet site. The site contains descriptions of some of the most frequently used records in the collection and includes images of some original documents and photographs. It also provides online access to the Archives' databases, which you can use to search detailed descriptions of the collections as well as descriptions of over 2 million individual items and many of our photographic collections. A visit to the site will help you determine whether the Archives holds records that may assist with your research. The site also provides links to other archives in Australia. The site is located at [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au).

### Using this Guide

This Guide has been produced to assist you to identify and use the records of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).

This description of how the Guide is arranged is followed by background information on the powers and functioning of Royal Commissions to help you understand how Royal Commissions work. Then follows information about the work of the RCIADIC itself, the types of records it created, the way the records are arranged, the Commission's recommendations on public access to its records, and an explanation of how to seek access to the records.

The main body of the Guide provides descriptive information about the records of the Commission. It is divided into six chapters which deal with: the case records; the underlying issues records; research material; the papers of the Commissioners and staff; the records of legal counsel assisting the Commission; and the Commission's administrative records.

Within each chapter a description is given of the records created by the Commission, where they are located and the access arrangements that apply to each group of records.

The Guide concludes with several appendixes. These summarise the Commission's terms of reference; list the names of the deceased persons whose cases were inquired into by the Commission; list relevant acronyms and abbreviations; and suggest further reading and other sources of archival material in the collection relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. A list of other guides to records published by the Archives and our contact addresses are provided at the end of the Guide.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

The records described in each of the six chapters of the Guide are listed in numerical order according to their CRS (Commonwealth Record Series) number. The CRS number is derived from the CRS system, which is the main system of arrangement and control used by the Archives to identify and describe Commonwealth records. Under the CRS system, records are described and controlled as series (groups of related record items), with each series being given a unique CRS number, title and description. The CRS number must be cited in any inquiry about the records. It provides a useful shorthand way of referring to a specific series. For example, the group of records identified by the Archives as CRS D4096 is known as 'Exhibit records, multiple number series, with variable alpha prefix'. This series contains exhibits tendered to the Commission. It may be referred to simply as D4096.

The descriptive information provided about each series includes:

- its CRS (series) number
- its title
- a short description of its contents
- the date range of the records in the series
- the quantity of records in the series in shelf metres
- the office of the National Archives in which the series is located
- some examples of the types of records to be found in the series
- the arrangements governing public access to the individual records in the series.

Many series are located in more than one Archives office. This is in accordance with recommendation 57 of the Commission, which provided that the records should be held in the State or Territory in which they were created or collected by the Commission.

The items in these series are described at both series and item level in RecordSearch, the Archives' online database. It can be accessed in our reading rooms and on our website at [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au).

Detailed information about how to obtain access to the records is given under 'Access to the Records' on page 10.

## Royal Commissions

### CREATION AND POWERS

Royal Commissions are established for various reasons. Allegations of corruption or impropriety may be made against Government officials which need to be investigated. Commissions can also be formed to determine the cause of disasters, such as the sinking of HMAS *Voyager* in 1964. When the Government decides to establish a Royal Commission, it advises the Governor-General.

Each Commission is established by 'Letters Patent'. These are issued and signed by the Governor-General on behalf of the Sovereign. They name the Commissioner(s), set out the terms of reference by which the Commissioner will function, and nominate a date by which the Commissioner is expected to report his/her findings. The terms of reference outline the matters the Commissioner will investigate and often include the means by which the investigation is to be conducted. Copies of the Letters Patent are printed in the Commonwealth Gazette.

Royal Commissions are normally established by one government. There are, however, instances of Commissions established jointly by the Commonwealth and one or more State governments. This can be done in order to investigate matters of concern to the Commonwealth and State governments.

In the course of their operations, Royal Commissions may conduct their own research, commission research, receive written submissions and hold hearings. During these hearings interested persons and organisations can attend and give evidence if they are given leave to do so. Other persons may be called as witnesses. Notification of hearings and requests for submissions will appear in major newspapers soon after a Commission's establishment. Most proceedings are held in open session, though they can be held 'in camera' (not open to the public) should the Commissioner so decide. Royal Commissions have the power to compel witnesses to appear and give evidence, and to produce written evidence that the Commission deems to be of relevance. These powers are held by all Royal Commissions by virtue of the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*.

### STRUCTURE

A secretariat is usually established for a Royal Commission to assist the Commissioner(s) in fulfilling the terms of reference. Staff may include a secretary, legal representatives, research officers, and various administrative support staff. Most staff members join the Commission on a temporary transfer from other Departments and return to those Departments when the Commission's work has been concluded.

### RECORDS

Generally, Royal Commissions create their own records and receive them from other sources. These may include transcripts of hearings, both public and 'in camera', submissions from interested groups and individuals, exhibits, administrative correspondence, research and consultants' reports, interim reports and the final report. The final report, which sets out the Commission's findings and recommendations, is presented to the Governor-General. The Report is then usually tabled in Parliament by the Prime Minister and subsequently printed in the Parliamentary Papers. Some reports or parts of reports may be made on a confidential

basis and are not tabled or made available to the public. Administrative control of all Commission records once a Royal Commission is completed falls to the Department which currently has responsibility for the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*. Since 1902 the Act has been administered by the following Departments:

1902–12	Department of External Affairs
1912–71	Prime Minister's Department
1971–72	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
1972–75	Department of the Special Minister of State
1975–77	Department of Administrative Services
1977–present	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO ROYAL COMMISSION RECORDS**

Once a Commission has completed its work its records are transferred to the National Archives. Public access to these records is provided after 30 years in accordance with the provisions of the *Archives Act 1983*. In some cases Royal Commission records such as transcripts of public hearings and non-confidential submissions may be released before they are 30 years old.

In exceptional circumstances approval may be given to the special or accelerated release of other records from a particular Royal Commission before they are 30 years old.

## **The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody**

On 10 August 1987 the then Prime Minister, the Honourable R J L Hawke, announced the formation of a Royal Commission to investigate the causes of deaths of Aboriginals while held in State and Territory jails. The Royal Commission was established in response to a growing public concern that deaths in custody of Aboriginal people were too common and poorly explained. This Commonwealth Royal Commission was the 108th since Federation.

The establishment of the Commission and the appointment of the Honourable Mr Justice Muirhead as Royal Commissioner had the support of all State and Territory governments.

## **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION**

The Letters Patent formally establishing the Commission were issued by the Governor-General on 16 October 1987. At this stage Justice Muirhead was to look at all deaths in custody since 1 January 1980 and actions taken in respect of those deaths. Similar Letters Patent were issued by the Governors of the States and the Northern Territory. The original Letters Patent required the Commissioner to report his findings and recommendations to the Governor-General by 31 December 1988. A chronology of the issue of the Letters Patent is at Appendix 1.

Advertisements in the press asking for submissions from interested people began on 24 October 1987 and the first hearings were formally opened on 12 November 1987 in Canberra.

## THE INVESTIGATION

On 2 February 1988 the Prime Minister announced that a decision had been made to appoint three additional Commissioners to assist with the Commission. Mr Elliot Frank Johnston QC, the Honourable John Halden Wootten QC and Mr Lewis Wyvill QC were named as the additional Commissioners in a statement to the press. It was also stated at this time that the report would be completed by 31 December 1989. Each Commissioner held Letters Patent in his own right and conducted his inquiry independently.

The revised Letters Patent of 6 May 1988 considerably widened the scope of the Commission. Justice Muirhead was now able to take account of social, cultural and legal factors which, in his judgement, appeared to have a bearing on deaths under investigation. This decision led to the establishment of the Aboriginal Issues Units of the Commission in every State and the Northern Territory. The Units were concerned to ensure that the Commission was picking up the Aboriginal concerns and perceptions in these areas.

The revised Letters Patent also meant responsibility for investigations was divided by geographic areas among the Commissioners. Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory were the responsibility of Mr Johnston; New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania were the responsibility of the Hon. Mr Wootten and Queensland was the responsibility of Mr Wyvill. Justice Muirhead had overall responsibility and could refer any specific case.

In November 1988 a fifth Commissioner, the Honourable Daniel John O'Dea, was appointed to carry out inquiries in Western Australia where Justice Muirhead had also been investigating from mid-1988.

In April 1989 Commissioner Muirhead retired. He was replaced as National Commissioner by Commissioner Johnston on 28 April 1989 and Mr Patrick Lionel Dodson was commissioned. Commissioner Dodson worked in Western Australia, primarily on underlying issues. Also in April 1989 it was announced that deaths occurring after 31 May 1989 were to be excluded from the Commission's inquiry.

The Commission was organised on a regional basis, with offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, Broome, Canberra, Darwin and Perth, and sub-offices in Melbourne, Alice Springs and Hobart.

## THE REPORTS

The Commission produced a number of reports. Individual reports were produced for each death investigated, and they were presented separately as they were completed.

The Commission also produced an Interim Report, which was presented by Commissioner Muirhead on 21 December 1988.

The final report was signed by Commissioner Johnston on 15 April 1991. This report summarised the findings of the individual reports and discussed underlying issues investigated by the Aboriginal Issues Units. The Commission made 339 recommendations. These largely concentrated on the areas of procedures in custody, liaison with Aboriginal groups, police education and improved accessibility to information.



The full text of the final National Report, the Regional Reports, the Underlying Issues Reports and the Individual Death Reports can be found on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's web site at [www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic).

Records of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

## OWNERSHIP OF THE RECORDS

All the records of the RCIADIC were created under Letters Patent issued by the Governor-General and are therefore Commonwealth records. All of the States and the Northern Territory also issued Letters Patent for those parts of the inquiry directed towards deaths which occurred in custody in their jurisdictions. Certain records are therefore owned jointly by the Commonwealth and either a State government or the Government of the Northern Territory.

Commonwealth records are subject to the provisions of the *Archives Act 1983*. This includes provisions for the ownership, custody and management of access to the records of Royal Commissions. Under these provisions the arrangements for managing the records of an inquiry commissioned by the Commonwealth in conjunction with a State or Territory only apply as determined by agreement between the Commonwealth and State or Territory concerned.

All records of completed Commonwealth Royal Commissions are also subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*. If you would like to make a Freedom of Information (FOI) request for any RCIADIC records, you should direct your request to: The FOI Coordinator, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, 3-5 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600. There is a \$30 application fee and other charges for processing your request may be imposed.

## TYPES OF RECORDS CREATED BY THE COMMISSION

The Commission created or collected about 200 shelf metres of records and these records fall naturally into a number of main groups. These groups are reflected in the chapter headings of this Guide. While separate record series were created by the Commission in each State, they deal with similar material.

For example, in each State there are 'case files', which are specifically related to the individual cases of death in custody investigated by the Commission. Each case of death has a file, or series of files created to record the investigation, exhibits and findings.

A large group of records was also created to control the various types of material raised in the course of investigating the underlying issues. These underlying issues were investigated as the Commission sought to find underlying social, economic or other reasons to explain Aboriginal deaths. Submissions, research papers and other material have been grouped together as series dealing with underlying issues.

As the Commission was a complex and large scale undertaking, a large group of records deals with the administration of the Commission, its staff, travelling arrangements and so on.

## **FILING SYSTEM USED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

The Commission's records do not have a single or consistent method of numbering. For example, the filing system designed by the Commission for its case files was never fully adopted. It was intended that each case file would include the number of the case being investigated, and a letter to indicate the State. For example N/19/562 would be the nineteenth case in New South Wales and the 562nd file raised. Other exhibits would have another letter to indicate what type of evidence was being examined, for example the 'G' in G/22/S12 would indicate a 'General' exhibit. This complex system was made even more complicated when the Commission began to consider material that related to the social customs of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal society generally.

The proposed system was never wholly adopted and several different filing systems were used, with differences between individual States. Occasionally a State will include the Commission's preferred numbering system in the file title, and use a single number sequence to control the files raised. For example, the file that should have the number 'V/2/26' under the Commission's system is controlled as '26' but the title is 'Victorian Case file-V/2-Exhibits'.

In addition, the Commission dealt with matters governed by State powers and arrangements. Individual State police forces have different systems for recording arrest and custody. This meant that the arrangement of material has on occasion led to a single file having three or more control numbers. These could be, for example, the original State police file number, a number allocated by the original Coroners Inquiry and another number allocated by the Royal Commission.

These inconsistencies in the titling and numbering of the original material are reflected in this Guide. However, items are not difficult to locate because the Archives maintains a computerised item listing of all the Commission's records which allows item titles to be searched electronically by keyword. Access to this item database is available in our reading rooms.

## **ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED BY THE ROYAL COMMISSION**

The Commission had different people providing secretariat services in each State. This has led to inconsistencies in abbreviations, use of capitals in titles and other minor differences in style. These differences are reflected in this Guide. A full list of acronyms and abbreviations used by the Commission and in this Guide is at Appendix 3.

Access to the Records

## **THE ROYAL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACCESS**

Access to records collected or created by government has always been subject to opposing pressures. Access to records is seen as providing a check on arbitrary government power, but privacy considerations and other sensitivities also need to be protected. This dilemma was addressed by the Commission, which consciously tried to balance these often conflicting demands. While the Reports of the Commission were released to the public many of the details of individual cases were not released on the grounds that they were too distressing to the deceased's family and friends.

In considering future access to the unreleased records the Commission made two important recommendations. Recommendation 57 provided:

That governments agree that:

- a. The records of the Commission be held in archives in the capital city of the State in which the inquiry, which gathered those records, occurred; and
- b. A relevant Aboriginal body, for example, the Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority in the case of Western Australia, be given responsibility for determining access to the material jointly with the normal authority for determining such matters.

A further recommendation dealt specifically with access by Aboriginal people themselves to the records. Recommendation 53 provided:

That Commonwealth, State and Territory governments provide access to all Government archival records pertaining to the family and community histories of Aboriginal people so as to assist the process of enabling Aboriginal people to re-establish community and family links with those people from whom they were separated as a result of past policies of government. The Commission recognises that questions of the rights to privacy and questions of confidentiality may arise and recommends that the principles and processes for access to such records should be negotiated between government and appropriate Aboriginal organisations, but such negotiations should proceed on the basis that as a general principle access to such documents should be permitted.

In weighing up the arguments for and against the granting of public access to its records, the Commission decided, on balance, that it would be appropriate for the material it had gathered to be made as accessible as possible to the wider community. It was thought any increase in understanding between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities could not help but benefit both.

In deciding questions of public access, privacy issues and Aboriginal cultural sensitivities would need to be considered. Also, given that many of the records were created by State and local government under State government powers, formal arrangements for the release of the records needed to be made between the Prime Minister, the State Premiers and the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory. The Commission recommended that appropriate Aboriginal organisations should be involved.

## The Formal Access Arrangements

The following formal access arrangements determine the extent to which public access will be granted to the Commission's records.

The arrangements agreed to with the State governments and the Government of the Northern Territory were developed with the aim of dealing with the records in a manner which accords as far as possible with the intentions of the Royal Commissioners and which reflect the standard arrangements for dealing with the records of joint Royal Commissions. In brief, the arrangements as they relate to public access to the records are as follows:

1. Those records which were publicly available at the time that the Royal Commission was in operation, such as transcripts of open hearings and documents circulated by the Royal Commission will continue to be publicly available.
2. Individuals and organisations are able to obtain access to information such as submissions and exhibits which they placed before the Royal Commission, and to related transcripts.
3. Under section 6D(3) of the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*, a Royal Commissioner can direct that any evidence given before him/her, or the contents of any documents produced at an inquiry shall not be published. Such a direction continues in operation until the records reach the open access period for the purposes of the Archives Act (ie until the records reach 30 years of age). During the Royal Commission, Commissioners directed that certain evidence not be published and ordered the suppression of the names of 16 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose deaths they investigated, at the request of family members, and for cultural reasons. Suppressed names and RCIADIC records covered by non-publication directions will not be considered for public access until they are 30 years old (unless the person requesting the records is also the person who provided the particular evidence covered by the transcript, submission or exhibit).
4. In relation to records that were not originally made public, access will be provided at the discretion of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in consultation with relevant government agencies and Aboriginal organisations. Before release, records will be assessed for possible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural sensitivities, and for possible State or Territory government sensitivities.
5. The arrangements do not extend to the administrative records of the Commission. These will only become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

The formal access arrangements described above are reflected in the access statements that accompany each of the series descriptions provided later in this Guide.

## HOW TO OBTAIN ACCESS TO THE RECORDS

### Step 1

Using the series descriptions provided in this Guide, identify which series you are interested in and make a note of their series numbers (these are the numbers which appear on the right-hand side of each series title). Take note of where the records are held and read the arrangements for public access. These will give you some indication of whether access can be granted, how quickly it is likely to be granted, and what delays might be involved in reaching an access decision on your request.

## Step 2

You must now identify the individual record items you wish to see. Visit, write or telephone the office of the Archives in the State or Territory where the records are held and ask to speak to a reference officer. You will need to cite the series numbers you identified in Step 1. You may identify the record items in either of two ways, depending on whether you write, telephone or visit.

1. If you visit a reading room ask to see the list of item titles which is available for each of the series listed in this Guide. You can search this list to identify the specific items you wish to see. Take note of their item numbers and their location. Alternatively, you may be able to locate the records you want quickly by searching the Archives' RecordSearch database which is available online in our reading rooms and on our website at [www.naa.gov.au](http://www.naa.gov.au). The database permits 'keyword' and other forms of online searching. Please note that some item titles are not available for online searching by the public. Upon request the Archives staff will be happy to undertake a search of the entire database on your behalf and give you the details you need to request access to the items.

Using the series numbers you obtained in Step 1 and the item numbers you identified in Step 2, you can lodge a request for access to the records. Depending upon the location of the records and their access status, staff will advise you what will be involved in reaching an access decision on your request and what delay might be involved. Because most records will need to be examined page by page to determine whether they contain sensitive information (and in some cases will need referral to the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet), it will usually not be possible to reach a decision on your request immediately.

Please note that there is no equivalent of the inter-library loan system for archival records. The records are held in the State or Territory in which they were created or collected by the Commission and they are not moved between the Archives offices. Provided your request for access is granted, if you wish to see the original records you will need to visit the relevant public reading room or arrange for a representative to do so, or purchase a photocopy. Archives staff are happy to give photocopy quotes for specific items upon request.

2. If you cannot visit a reading room you can still obtain assistance to identify the record items you wish to see. Telephone or write to any of the Archives' offices listed in Appendix 8. You will need to have identified which series you are interested in or have a specific subject in mind. Staff will undertake searches of the database for you and will send you at no charge a list of item titles obtained from the database for each series or subject you nominate. This list will show the location of the records and their access status. Once you have identified the specific record items you wish to see you should then telephone or write to the Archives office which holds the records and request access. You will need to give us your name and address and the series and item numbers you want. We will then let you know when we have a decision on your request, and if access is approved, we will tell you how you may examine the records or obtain a copy.

## CHARGES

No charges apply to the services described above unless copies of records are requested. Copy charges are set out in Fact Sheet 51.

## CITING THE RECORDS

The correct citation of archival records is important both when requesting them from the Archives and when referring to them in written or published works. The correct method of citation will not only help staff of the Archives to more readily locate the records you are seeking, but will also help other researchers to find the material you have used if they wish to examine it for themselves.

The correct form of citation for records held by the National Archives is expressed as follows: the name National Archives of Australia followed by a colon; the series number followed by a comma; and then the item number. An example is:

National Archives of Australia: D4189, 68

The name 'National Archives of Australia' may be abbreviated to 'NAA'.

## WHERE TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION

If you are unsure what to do to request access to the Commission's records or if you have other questions about the records we suggest that you contact the Archives office in your State or Territory by mail, telephone, facsimile or email. The address and contact information for each Archives office is given in Appendix 8.

## 1. INDIVIDUAL CASE RECORDS

The case files are those related to each case of death examined by the Commission. Each of the ninety-nine cases investigated by the Commission had one or more files created. As the later files show, the Commission eventually interpreted its terms of reference in the widest possible manner by including cases which were not deaths in custody. This is shown, for example, by the Commission including cases such as that of David Gundy in NSW who was killed by accident though he was not in custody.

As the Commission often acted in effect as another board of review the amount of documentation varies from case to case. Some were clear cut and take only a few files, such as when a person with a heart problem had an attack of angina in jail and died, despite prompt and appropriate medical care. Other cases, eg suicides, can have not only thousands of pages of transcripts of investigations by the Commission but also thousands of pages from the original Coroners Report and thousands more of the various files collected by the Commission, such as welfare files, Social Security files, material from doctors and hospitals, detoxification centres etc.

Some material in these files will not be publicly available. For example some of the exhibit files include material such as the autopsy reports. Some autopsy material could include, for example, photographs of the deceased person. This photographic material was suppressed by the Commission in order not to cause distress to the relatives of the deceased. Relatives of some of the deceased also requested that their names not be made publicly available. This was respected by the Commission and is observed in the access policies that now apply to the records.

The Commission's records identified as being case file material or having a close connection with individual cases are:

Transcript folders – individual case hearings	A8570
Individual case files deemed to be outside the jurisdiction of the Royal Commission	A8571
Individual case files	A8574
General exhibits	D4079
Case files	D4091
Exhibit records	D4096
Final case reports	D4156
Transcripts of proceedings, all States (copies)	D4189
Register – list of cases in the Northern Territory	E1167

Some of these series consist of public submissions that have been made previously available and are widely accessible, such as in major public and academic libraries, in printed reports or in Parliamentary collections. Some of the material was released as part of the Individual or Underlying Issues Reports. Other material, such as that associated with individual cases, was not released by the Commission. Requests for access to material that has not yet been released will be subject to the formal access arrangements explained at page 12.

The full text of the Individual Death Reports can be found on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's web site at [www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic).

TRANSCRIPT FOLDERS – INDIVIDUAL CASE HEARINGS, ALPHABETICAL WITH  
STATE/NAME PREFIX 1987–91

A8570

Quantity: 4.14 metres (Sydney); 1.8 metres (Darwin);  
3.42 metres (Brisbane); 1.98 metres (Adelaide);  
0.18 metres (Hobart); 0.72 metres (Melbourne);  
8.82 metres (Perth)

This series consists of transcripts of hearings before the Royal Commission in various States, covering all the individual cases heard by the Commission. Individuals and groups with information or evidence related to a death attended the hearings and were questioned or gave oral submissions.

The hearings have a wide scope, and include evidence of individuals imprisoned with the deceased, prison officers, medical attendants and family and friends.

**BATES Bobby**

**A8570, 23 WA**

**BONEY Lloyd**

**A8570, N/BONEY/2**

**Yuendumu**

**A8570, NT/CASE 1/6**

Public access to the records: Those of the documents in this series, or parts of the documents, that were publicly available in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. Any material relating to public hearings to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be publicly available. When these records reach 30 years of age the Commissioner's non-publication orders will cease to have effect and the provisions of the Archives Act will determine their access status.

INDIVIDUAL CASE FILES DEEMED TO BE OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
ROYAL COMMISSION, ALPHABETICAL SERIES WITH STATE/NAME PREFIX  
1987–91

A8571

Quantity: 0.27 metres (Brisbane); 0.18 metres (Perth);  
0.18 metres (Sydney); .23 metres (Adelaide);  
0.05 metres (Hobart); .18 metres (Melbourne)

This series was raised for individuals whose names were suggested for investigation but who were found not to be covered by the terms of the Commission. There are many reasons for this; individuals may not have died, may not have died in custody or may have died outside the period investigated. In some cases the reasons are provided in detail, and in others there may be only a brief note.

Some of these files also include coroners' reports and police reports into the death and other material collected to determine



whether a death will be covered by the Commission's investigations.

**Letter relating to confirmation as to whether Katrina Koko died as a result of being in custody in Ceduna – Geoff Eames 18/12/1987 – South Australian Secretariat**

**A8571, 1**

**Queensland Secretariat**

**A8571, Ashwell, P**

**Gentle – correspondence file**

**A8571, W35/3**

Public access to the records: None of the material in this series was made public in the course of the Royal Commission's existence. Archives staff will refer access requests to the Access and Administrative Review Section of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet for assessment on the basis of the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

INDIVIDUAL CASE HEARINGS, ALPHABETICAL SERIES WITH STATE/NAME PREFIX, 1987–91

A8574

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Sydney); 0.18 metres (Darwin);  
0.36 metres (Brisbane); 0.18 metres (Adelaide);  
0.05 metres (Hobart); 0.18 metres (Melbourne);  
1.08 metres (Perth)

These case files cover general correspondence relating to each case investigated by the Commission but do not cover the hearings or include a transcript of the hearings. The related hearing and transcript material is found with the other series of case files in series D4091.

This series does not include hearings or research material related to the hearings. It consists of press clippings, general correspondence including correspondence to the family of the deceased and general and administrative matters.

**CARR Thomas**

**A8574, N/CARR/1**

**BOOTH Robin**

**A8574, NT/BOOTH/2**

**A man who died at Oodnadatta (name suppressed)**

**A8574, S/Name Suppressed/1**

Public access to the records: The documents in this series were derived from a wide variety of sources. Some documents may have been used in the course of hearings. Any material to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be available to researchers.

GENERAL EXHIBITS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH 'G' PREFIX OR INFIX, 1987–90

D4079

Quantity: 3.96 metres (Adelaide); 0.36 metres (Perth)

These exhibits vary between those that focus on an individual person to those addressing general issues of economic or social problems. The files appear to occupy an interim position, after the Commission had widened the scope of its inquiries but

before a formal policy of determining the underlying issues had been reflected in the recordkeeping system.

While the majority of exhibits relate to general issues a number are submissions directly related to individual cases, which is why the series has been included with the case files.

**Q5 - Pilot case - Brisbane 28/7/88 - Leestma, J E (MD) and Hughes, JR (MD), 'Sudden epilepsy deaths and the forensic pathologist'**

D4079, 91

**GS/6/2 - The man who died at Oodnadatta (name suppressed) - Submission of the SA Police Department and other documents Part C**

D4079, 131

**Literacy programs for prisoners**

D4079, G6/W2

Public access to the records: Exhibits and submissions from this series which were made public, for example, read aloud or circulated to the public in the hearing room, in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. At the request of the originator, or on the decision of a Commissioner, certain exhibits were protected by non-publication orders. These are not available. Those exhibits which were not explicitly made available or explicitly withheld are subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements.)

CASE FILES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH STATE ALPHA PREFIX

D4091

Quantity: 32.4 metres (Sydney); 3.6 metres (Melbourne);  
1.26 metres (Hobart); 49.15 metres (Perth);  
4.32 metres (Brisbane); 17.46 metres (Adelaide);  
16.74 metres (Darwin)

This is the major series of case files raised for individuals who died in custody or were investigated by the Commission even though they did not die in custody. As the Commission often acted as another board of review, the amount of documentation varies from case to case. Some are clear cut and take only a few files, such as when somebody with a heart problem had an attack of angina in jail and died, despite prompt and appropriate medical care.

Other cases, such as suicides, can have not only thousands of pages of transcripts of investigations by the Commission but also thousands of pages from the original Coroners Report and thousands more of the various files collected by the Commission. They may include welfare files, Social Security files, material from doctors and hospitals, detoxification centres etc.

**David John Gundy - Volume XXVI - Transcript Volume 9 - 6/12/90 to 14/12/90**

D4091, N/19/562

**WA Case No. 2 - Robert Joseph Walker - Criminal history of witnesses**

D4091, W2/50

Public access to the records: The documents in this series were derived from a wide variety of sources. Any documents that were publicly available during the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. Any material to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be available to researchers. Those documents which were not explicitly made available or explicitly withheld are subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

EXHIBIT RECORDS, MULTIPLE NUMBER SERIES WITH VARIABLE ALPHA PREFIX, 1988-90

D4096

Quantity: 11.16 metres (Adelaide); 1.26 metres (Perth)  
0.18 metres (Sydney); 8.65 metres (Brisbane);  
9.27 metres (Darwin)

The majority of exhibits are files of other Federal, State and Territory Departments and authorities. They include community service departments, police and court records, hospital and inquest records, as well as previous police and State inquiry records related to the death.

As well as government records there are records from private organisations such as St John Ambulance and legal aid offices. Some files include physical material from the inquest such as samples of material from clothing and residues from drugs or alcohol testing.

**South Australian Exhibits - Stanley Gollan: 26/7/89 - General exhibits, Sansbury Association Submission**

D4096, GS/10/1

**Northern Territory Exhibits - Jambajimba (name suppressed) - Alice Springs Police Station exhibit book 009294, 009697**

D4096, NT/1/89

**West Australia Exhibit record - Catholic Education Office - Aboriginal Teaching Assistants Program**

D4096, 84/6/E1/R

Public access to the records: Exhibits and submissions from this series which were made public, for example, read aloud or circulated to the public in the hearing room, in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. At the request of the originator, or on the decision of a Commissioner, certain exhibits were protected by non-publication orders. These are not available. Those exhibits which were not explicitly made available or explicitly withheld are subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements.)

FINAL CASE REPORTS, ALPHABETICAL SERIES, 1988-90

D4156

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Adelaide); 0.54 metres (Perth)

These are the final reports of the investigations into the ninety-nine cases of Aboriginal deaths in custody investigated by the Commission. The reports are arranged alphabetically except for

those where the name has been suppressed. The reports tend to follow a standard format and include synopsis, history, lifestyle, background information, custody events, post-mortem examinations, police investigation reports and coronial inquiry reports. Normally appendices list witnesses, exhibits and reports. The reports vary slightly depending upon the circumstances of the death and which Commissioner was responsible for preparing the report.

<b>Report of the Inquiry into the Death of - an Aboriginal man at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital (name suppressed)</b>	<b>D4156, 1</b>
<b>Report of the Inquiry into the Death of - Wayne John Dooler</b>	<b>D4156, 22</b>
<b>Report of the Inquiry into the Death of - Roy Norman Walker</b>	<b>D4156, 88</b>

Public access to the records: These records are publicly available.

TRANSCRIPTS OF PROCEEDINGS, ALL STATES (COPIES), SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4189

Quantity: 9.72 metres (Adelaide)

These are duplicate copies of the transcripts of the proceedings of the Commission. There is a complete set available in series A8570 which covers the individual case hearings, series A8568 which covers the special hearings and series A8569 which covers the underlying issues hearings. The copies in series D4189 were kept so as to be able to provide a copy of a transcript to a State institution if this became necessary. For this reason there may not be a complete set of transcripts in this series.

<b>Transcripts of proceedings all States: Western Australia - Stanley Brown 3/7/89 to 16/7/89</b>	<b>D4189, 5</b>
<b>Transcripts of proceedings all States: New South Wales - Shane Atkinson 24/7/89 to 2/8/89</b>	<b>D4189, 68</b>
<b>Transcripts of proceedings all States: Queensland - Bernard Johnson 13/11/89 to 25/11/89</b>	<b>D4189, 99</b>

Public access to the records: The documents in this series, or parts of the documents, that were publicly available in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. Any material relating to public hearings to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be publicly available. When these records reach 30 years of age the Commissioner's non-publication orders will cease to have effect and the provisions of the Archives Act will determine access status.

REGISTER - LIST OF CASES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY, 1988-90

E1167

Quantity: 0.09 metres (Darwin)

This is a single item listing all ten cases heard in the Northern Territory. Each is listed under the headings – Name, Age, Date of Case, Location and Cause.

Public access to the records: These records may be made available unless they name a person whose name was suppressed by the Royal Commission.

## 2. UNDERLYING ISSUES RECORDS

At the outset of the Royal Commission, Commissioner Muirhead, then the sole Commissioner, announced that he saw his job as being not merely to understand how each person died, but to know why that person died. Governments confirmed his view by amendments subsequently made to the Letters Patent whereby it was declared 'that, for the purpose of reporting on any underlying issues associated with those deaths, you are authorised to take account of social and cultural and legal factors which, in your judgement, appear to have a bearing on those deaths'.<sup>1</sup>

Therefore, after investigating individual deaths the Commission tried to find larger social and economic factors to explain Aboriginal deaths in custody. In order to report on the underlying issues the Commission adopted a number of approaches to gaining information – it publicly invited submissions, it solicited submissions from interested parties, notably Aboriginal organisations, it conducted research through its Criminology Research Unit, it commissioned research on selected topics and it undertook a research program through specially established Aboriginal Issues Units which were set up in each State and the Northern Territory. The Units, which were staffed by Aboriginal people had the task of ascertaining what Aboriginal people, Aboriginal organisations and communities believed were the underlying issues of deaths in custody and the disproportionately high rate of Aboriginal arrests and imprisonments and what they believed the solutions to be.

The Commission noted that Aboriginal people had differences from other groups in Australia. For example, it noted a higher rate of alcoholism, jailing, reproduction and lower than average education. This led to an investigation into the wider issues underlying the differences between Aboriginal people and other groups in Australian society. It involved hearings and submissions from hundreds of concerned organisations and individuals, covering every possibility from genetic differences to allegations of space aliens attacking certain groups. The Commission also hired research organisations and individual experts to do historical, social and economic surveys of Aboriginal people in an attempt to place aspects of Aboriginal society in a perspective that would help explain Aboriginal deaths.

Many of these underlying issues papers have become widely available in one form or another. Others have been used as source material for books, periodical articles or as publications first by the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and then by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission.

The statistics collected have since been the basis of much funding of Aboriginal people and the historical and social material has been used in land claims by various Aboriginal groups. The full text of the Underlying Issues Reports can be found on the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation's web site at [www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic).

This chapter describes the Commission's records identified as having a connection with the investigation of underlying issues.

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<sup>1</sup> The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 1991, National Report, Vol 1, (Commissioner Elliott Johnston), AGPS, Canberra, p. 2.

Transcript folders – special hearings	A8568
Transcript folders – underlying issues hearings	A8569
General submission files	A8575
Resource information database	A8639
Miscellaneous underlying issues records of the Aboriginal Issues Unit, Alice Springs	D4094
General submissions records, 1988–90	D4104
Miscellaneous underlying issues records	D4106
Miscellaneous underlying issues records, Aboriginal Issues Unit, South Australia	D4108
Miscellaneous underlying issues records of the Aboriginal Issues Unit, Queensland	D4130
Submissions records	D4140

TRANSCRIPT FOLDERS – SPECIAL HEARINGS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH STATE/SPECIAL PREFIX, 1987–90

A8568

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Canberra); 0.72 metres (Sydney);  
0.36 metres (Darwin); 0.36 metres (Brisbane);  
0.36 metres (Adelaide); 0.18 metres (Perth)

This series consists of transcripts of hearings before the Royal Commission in various States, covering general issues and issues unrelated to individual cases. Individuals and groups with an interest in the work of the Commission attended the hearings and were questioned or gave oral submissions. The hearings could be of individuals or groups who felt they had an interest in the matters raised.

The hearings cover a diversity of material from the Commission's terms of reference to public relations. Other submissions cover educational and legal areas.

**Dubbo/Wellington conferences 21 and 22 March, 1990**

A8568, NSW/SPECIAL/1

**Educational conference 8 October, 1990**

A8568, NT/SPECIAL/2

**National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Service Secretariat application 10 November, 1989**

A8568, Q/SPECIAL/2

Public access to the records: The documents in this series, or parts of the documents, that were publicly available in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. Any material relating to public hearings to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be publicly available. When these records reach 30 years of age the Commissioner's non-publication orders will cease to have effect and the provisions of the Archives Act will determine access status.

## TRANSCRIPT FOLDERS – UNDERLYING ISSUES HEARINGS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH STATE/UI PREFIX, 1989–90

A8569

Quantity: 2.16 metres (Perth); 0.36 metres (Darwin)

This series consists of transcripts of hearings before the Royal Commission in the Northern Territory and Western Australia. These hearings cover general issues and are unrelated to individual cases. Individuals and groups with an interest in the work of the Commission attended the hearings and were questioned or gave oral submissions. These hearings could be attended by individuals or groups who felt they had an interest in the matters raised.

The hearings cover material similar to other underlying issues hearings, for example in series A8568, but this series only covers the work of the Commission in Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

**Broome WA – transcripts – Mary River**

A8569, 11

**Darwin 8 Dec 89 to 26 Mar 90**

A8569, NT/UI/1

**Broome WA: transcripts Broome**

A8569, 3

Public access to the records: The documents in this series, or parts of the documents, that were publicly available in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. Any material relating to public hearings to which a Commissioner applied a non-publication order will not be publicly available. When these records reach 30 years of age the Commissioner's non-publication orders will cease to have effect and the provisions of the Archives Act will determine access status.

## GENERAL SUBMISSION FILES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH G/STATE PREFIX, 1987–91

A8575

Quantity: 0.14 metres (Canberra) ; 0.18 metres (Sydney);  
0.09 metres (Darwin); 0.18 metres (Brisbane);  
0.11 metres (Adelaide); 0.18 metres (Melbourne);  
0.18 metres (Perth)

These files contain submissions relating to the general issue of Aboriginal relations with white society and more specific submissions relating to issues of custody and suicide. There are submissions from medical, legal and religious groups with concerns and also individual submissions. There are some references to specific cases.

The files are arranged by State, with a 'G' prefix, and then a single number sequence in each State, for example, G/N/32 is the thirty-second file raised in NSW for a general submission, that is, a submission not considered by the Commission to be related to a specific case.

**Canberra office general submissions: Mr G Wyer**

A8575, G/A/8

**Canberra office general submissions: John Short – Co-operative for Aborigines Limited**

A8575, G/N/3



**Canberra office general submissions: submission from Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists**

**A8575, G/S/5**

Public access to the records: Submissions from this series which were made public, for example, read aloud or circulated to the public in the hearing room, in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. At the request of the originator, or on the decision of a Commissioner, certain submissions were protected by non-publication orders. These are not available. Those submissions which were not explicitly made available or explicitly withheld are subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements.)

**RESOURCE INFORMATION DATABASE, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90**

**A8639**

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Canberra)

The Resource Information database is a 'dumped' computer listing of all material collected by the Commission. It lists general submissions, reports, literature, books, audio and video material which was considered as relevant information by officers of the Commission. Each item of data includes bibliographic information including author and title, a brief abstract of the item, and keywords for grouping and retrieving items.

**Resource information database**

**A8639, 1**

**Resource information database**

**A8639, 3**

**Resource information database**

**A8639, 5**

These records are publicly available.

**MISCELLANEOUS UNDERLYING ISSUES RECORDS OF THE ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, ALICE SPRINGS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1989-90**

**D4094**

Quantity: 2.52 metres (Darwin)

The role of the Aboriginal Issues Unit was to consult with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations about underlying problems in Aboriginal society and to solicit suggestions about how these problems could be solved.

The series is a collection of papers, audio tapes, videos, reports letters, investigation papers, interview papers and statements covering what the individuals concerned saw as the important issues. The issues identified include coronial systems, alcohol, criminal justice, domestic violence, culture, education and many others.

**Video Tape - Grog - where to now? 4/8/1989**

**D4094, 1**

**Cassettes - Ngukurr meeting**

**D4094, 30**

**Population: Na Khalidi, 'The Aboriginal Population of Alice Springs - A Demographic study' - Thesis Australian National University, 1989**

**D4094, 33**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see

page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL SUBMISSIONS RECORDS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH ALPHA  
PREFIX AND INFIX, 1988-90

D4104

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Perth)

These files consist mainly of general submissions, that is submissions not connected to a specific case, given to the Western Australia Office of the RCIADIC. There are forty submissions from individuals, religious organisations, government agencies and private companies.

**General submissions Perth Western Australia - Mr D W McLeod**

D4104, G/W/1

**General submissions Perth Western Australia - Sister Bernadine Daly**

D4104, G/W/1

**General submissions Perth Western Australia - Murdoch University 27/6/1990**

D4104, G/W/30

Public access to the records: Submissions from this series which were made public, for example, read aloud or circulated to the public in the hearing room, in the course of the Royal Commission's existence remain publicly available. At the request of the originator, or on the decision of a Commissioner, certain submissions were protected by non-publication orders. These are not available. Those submissions which were not explicitly made available or explicitly withheld are subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements.)

MISCELLANEOUS UNDERLYING ISSUES RECORDS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES,  
1988-90

D4106

Quantity: 1.62 metres (Darwin); 5.76 metres (Sydney);  
2.7 metres (Brisbane); 0.27 metres (Perth);  
0.43 metres (Adelaide)

These records are in a number of different formats including paper, audio tapes and computer disks. They were created in different offices of the Commission and deal with a wide range of topics, including human rights, culture, health, housing, land rights, police and other related matters. A single number system has been imposed by the National Archives to control the items in the series.

**Northern Territory: alcohol - various papers including effects of restricted areas legislation, alcohol related matters, etc**

D4106, 1

**Responses NSW, Victoria and Tasmania: register of underlying issues responses**

D4106, 1

**New South Wales - survey of suicide in NSW prisons January to December, 1989**

D4106, 161

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see

page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

MISCELLANEOUS UNDERLYING ISSUES RECORDS, ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1989-90

D4108

Quantity: 2.16 metres (Adelaide)

These are mainly paper records held in manilla folders. They were created in the South Australian Office of the Commission and deal with a wide range of topics including human rights, culture, health, housing, land rights, police and other related matters. The series has a single number system, imposed by the National Archives to control the items.

**Aboriginal/Alcohol**

**D4108, 1**

**Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, Land Rights, Law Committee**

**D4108, 15**

**Youth**

**D4108, 40**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

MISCELLANEOUS UNDERLYING ISSUES RECORDS OF THE ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, QUEENSLAND, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4130

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Brisbane)

These are mainly paper records covering a wide range of subjects. They were created in the Queensland Office of the Commission and include reports, interview papers, statements and consultations. Matters covered include human rights, culture, health, housing, land rights, police and related matters. The series has a single number system, imposed by the National Archives to control the items.

**Community consultations index: B Lowah, J Cowburn, 'Badu' 22/5/1990**

**D4130, 1**

**Community consultations index: C Pryor 'Charters Towers' 19/6/1990**

**D4130, 22**

**Community consultations index: C Pryor 'Wujal Wujal' 21/5/1990**

**D4130, 48**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SUBMISSIONS RECORDS, ALPHANUMERIC SERIES WITH 'S' PREFIX, 1988-90

D4140

Quantity: 1.8 metres (Adelaide); 0.36 metres (Perth)

This is material sent to the Commission by 'interested parties'. They include members of the public, organisations (both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal), professionals, academics and researchers and covers the whole spectrum of opinions. The

Commission invited submissions from the public and these records show community interest, concern and various suggestions for future progress in Aboriginal reconciliation. Suggested responses range from setting up a separate state for Aboriginals to working to integrate all ethnic groups into a single unified community.

**Edward Watson, President Incarcerated Peoples Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Queensland – Budget Items, Cultural Heritage Education Program**

D4140, S0068

**J F J Cade MD FANZCP, Paper on ‘Massive thiamine dosage in the treatment of acute alcoholic psychoses’**

D4140, S0079

**Broome – Pat Nunn (19/6) – Paper given at the Narrogin Woman’s Refuge Association Workshop, May 1989, called ‘Domestic Violence and the Aboriginal Family in Rural Areas’ – She argues for the seriousness of domestic violence affecting Aboriginal women and for possible solutions using ‘a mix of traditional and Western practice’**

D4140, BB SO 713

Public access to the records: Submissions from this series which were made public, for example, read aloud or circulated to the public in the hearing room, in the course of the Royal Commission’s existence remain publicly available.

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### 3. RESEARCH MATERIAL

In order to understand the phenomenon of Aboriginal deaths in custody, original research was necessary. The Deputy Head of the Australian Institute of Criminology was seconded to head the Commission's Criminology Research Unit, established in the Canberra Office of the Commission. In all, twenty-one research papers were prepared by the unit.

In addition, consultants were engaged on a range of issues to supplement the information and research resources of the Commission. Research was carried out under the direction of individual Commissioners and was coordinated nationally to avoid duplication of effort. A total of forty-six research papers were commissioned.

The Commission's records identified as research material or records having a close connection with research projects are:

Non-custodial deaths, research section material	A8576
Suicides - ACT and SA - research section material	A8577
Self-inflicted harm in custody - research section material	A8578
Folders of press clippings and printouts from the research database on reported deaths in custody - research section material	A8579
Survey of arrest, bail and custody, Kalgoorlie and Roebourne, Western Australia - research section material	A8581
Research cases of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody	A8582
Folders of computer printouts of cases concerning Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal deaths in custody	A8583
Police custody survey - research section material	A8585
Research resource material	A8586
Research papers	A8617
Miscellaneous literature records	D4112
South Australian Library research material	D4151
Resource information database information sheets	D4152

NON-CUSTODIAL DEATHS, RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987-90

A8576

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Canberra); 0.18 metres (Perth)

This series consists of two folders. The first contains a computer printout with statistical details of deaths in Australia and New Zealand. The second is a questionnaire covering details of deaths in Australia of people who had been given an alternative to prison for their sentence.

**Data printouts of non-custodial deaths 1987-1988 for Australia and New Zealand**

A8576, 1

**Death at Broome**

A8576, 3

**Death at Broome - May 1990**

A8576, 5

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see

page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SUICIDES – ACT AND SA – RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987–90

A8577

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Canberra); 0.18 metres (Adelaide)

These three binders of material provide selected details of all suicides in the Australian Capital Territory and South Australia for the period 1980 to 1988. The series includes the forms on which the information was completed and the computer processing that the information underwent.

**Australian Federal Police suicide records, 1980–1988**

A8577, 1

**ACT suicides – data set printouts, data definitions and working papers**

A8577, 2

**SA suicides 1/1/1980 to 30/6/1988 – data and printouts**

A8577, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SELF-INFLICTED HARM IN CUSTODY – RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

A8578

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Canberra)

This series is four folders of material providing details of all 'self-inflicted harm' by persons in custody in Australia. The folders are divided by time period, 1 April 1989 to 30 September 1989, and prior to 1 April 1989. They include the data entry forms on which the information was entered prior to computer processing, and the printouts after processing the information.

**Confidential – attempted suicides in custody data entry forms, 1/4/1989 to 30/9/1989 Australia (by State) 1–395**

A8578, 1

**Confidential – dataset printouts of self-harm in custody, 1/4/1989 to 30/9/1989 data definitions completed**

A8578, 2

**Confidential – self-harm in custody prior to 1/4/1989 (1988)**

A8578, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

FOLDERS OF PRESS CLIPPINGS AND PRINTOUTS FROM THE RESEARCH DATABASE ON REPORTED DEATHS IN CUSTODY – RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, 1988–90

A8579

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Canberra)

This series is the database information used by the Commission to produce its figures on Aboriginal people. It includes the original data entry forms and printouts from the database, and is held in four binders. The database provided the information

for the figures given in the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Research Paper No. 21 and Chapter Two of the National Report.

**Research database by State and Royal Commission case minute 21/6/1989 NT** A8579, 1

**Research database completed forms by State as at 26/9/1988, press clippings ACT** A8579, 2

**List of reported Aboriginal deaths in custody and other relevant information for entering into the research database 25/5/1989, press cutting 17/11/1987** A8579, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SURVEY OF ARREST, BAIL AND CUSTODY – KALGOORLIE AND ROEBOURNE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA – RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987–90 A8581

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Perth)

These five folders cover the Commission's Research Section survey forms completed on each arrest in Roebourne Police Station between July and November 1987 and Kalgoorlie Police Station between March and April 1990. As well as the original survey forms there are computer printouts giving statistical analysis of the figures.

**Roebourne survey forms – 001 to 357** A8581, 1

**Roebourne survey forms – 358 to 730** A8581, 2

**Roebourne survey forms – data printout and survey findings** A8581, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

RESEARCH CASES OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH STATE PREFIX, 1987–90 A8582

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Sydney); 0.36 metres (Brisbane);  
0.36 metres (Adelaide); 0.07 metres (Hobart);  
0.18 metres (Melbourne); 0.09 metres (Darwin);  
0.18 metres (Perth)

These five folders contain selected information on each case investigated by the Royal Commission. The information was used for data entry for computer analysis of the figures. Victorian, Tasmanian and Northern Territory cases have been amalgamated in one folder, and New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia each have a separate folder. The folders include computer dataset printouts of the information.

**New South Wales – N/1 (Murray) to N/19 (Gundy)** A8582, 1

**Queensland - QA (Pilot) to QX (Short)** A8582, 2

**South Australia - S1 (Dixon) to S12 (Karpany)** A8582, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

FOLDERS OF COMPUTER PRINTOUTS OF CASES CONCERNING ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL DEATHS IN CUSTODY - RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL, 1987-90

A8583

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Canberra)

These five folders contain material collected by the Research Section of the Royal Commission covering all deaths in custody, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal. The material covers the period from 1980 to 1990. There are various statistical break downs of the figures, such as by year and State. The period 1980 to 1988 is covered in one folder, while 1989 and 1990 each have a separate folder.

**NSW/ACT** A8583, 1

**1989 deaths - update 1980/1988** A8583, 2

**NSW/ACT - custody, 1990** A8583, 3

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

POLICE CUSTODY SURVEY - RESEARCH SECTION MATERIAL - SINGLE NUMBER AND CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES, 1987-90

A8585

Quantity: 5.22 metres (Canberra)

These folders contain survey forms and computer printouts of various investigations made by the research section of the Commission into people held in police custody. All cases of police custody during August 1988 throughout Australia were examined as one of the investigations. Other investigations into police custody covered cases of custody for drunkenness and a longer study from July 1986 to August 1987 for the Australian Capital Territory.

**Confidential - Dataset printouts for RCIADIC - research paper No. 11 (prison data) - p11 - MSO** A8585, 1

**Confidential - Queensland survey forms - 22429 to 25176** A8585, 19

**Confidential - Queensland survey forms - 27600 to 28577** A8585, 21

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).



## RESEARCH RESOURCE MATERIAL, CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES, 1987-90

A8586

Quantity: 0.9 metres (Canberra)

This material was collected by the research section of the Royal Commission with reference to the inquiries and the background issues identified by the Commission. It includes statistical information about causes of death, journal articles about suicides and articles on mental health.

**Copies of Australian Bureau of Statistics Census Data (1986)  
Table CA1 - census categories**

A8586, 1

**Copies of journal articles relating to suicides: Albrecht -  
Clifford**

A8586, 3

**Copies of journal articles relating to mental health,  
particularly relating to Aborigines, Copeman - Lickiss**

A8586, 5

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

## RESEARCH PAPERS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-91

A8617

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Canberra)

This set of the formal Research Papers was produced and formally released by the Commission. The Research Papers mainly cover statistical analysis of the Aboriginal population and various analyses of custody and deaths in and out of custody. Public access to the records: These records are publicly available.

**The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population**

A8617, 2/4

**Self-inflicted harm in custody**

A8617, 2/16

**Overview of the research program and abstracts of research  
papers**

A8617, 2/22

## MISCELLANEOUS LITERATURE RECORDS, ALPHANUMERIC SERIES, 'L' PREFIX, 1988-90

D4112

Quantity: 3.24 metres (Adelaide)

This series was known as 'literature records' because it consisted of material located in other publications and was not commissioned by the Underlying Issues Unit of the Commission. The range and type of material, however, is similar to material investigated or commissioned by the Underlying Issues Unit, covering such issues as land rights, police and detention powers and violence in the community.

**South Australian: L007 - Dr Joseph Reser 'Australian  
Aboriginal Suicide Deaths in Custody: Cultural Context and  
Cluster Evidence' 1987 to 1987, 1988**

D4112, 7

**South Australian: L00163 - Northern Land Council 'Research  
for Sustainable Use of Aboriginal Land'**

D4112, 159

**South Australian: L00242 – Mugford, E ‘Alcohol in Australian Society : Psychological, Economic and Historical Perspective’**

**D4112, 235**

Public access to the records: Many documents in this series were published documents collected by the Commission’s researchers - these are publicly available. Other documents will need assessment subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIBRARY RESEARCH MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

D4151

Quantity: 10.44 metres (Adelaide); 5.58 metres (Perth)

This collection includes books, articles, statements, reports and copies of material related to the work of the Commission. The material was kept in the Commission’s South Australian library.

**Folder 2 – Photocopied Acts including *Aborigines Protection Act 1909*, Native Mission Stations, Aboriginal Land Rights etc**

**D4151, 2**

**Submission by the Australian Medical Association to the Royal Commission of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in Custody, May 1990 (COM/22 Other Regional Material)**

**D4151, 250**

**Research and investigation staff records (Broome): working papers of Patrick Sullivan including: database information, information memos, WA database printouts and keywords, crime statistics, faxes 1989/1990**

**D4151, 313**

Public access to the records: Many documents in this series were published documents collected by the Commission’s researchers - these are publicly available. Other documents will need assessment subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

RESOURCE INFORMATION DATABASE INFORMATION SHEETS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

D4152

Quantity: 1.62 metres (Adelaide); 7.38 metres (Perth)

This is a hard copy printout of information available on the Commission’s database of research material and publications grouped by subject. The subject headings run from Aboriginality to Youth, with an initial group of ‘Miscellaneous’. Major subject headings include Aboriginal, Education and Health. Information noted on the material held includes author, title, abstract, location, source, keywords, date written, identifier number and number of pages.

**Miscellaneous papers including Alcohol; Dry Area Legislation; Liquor Commission; Health; Criminal Justice; Prison; Arrest; First Aid; Violence; Culture; Racism; Employment; Burns Evidence (pp. 1227–1268)**

**D4152, 1**

**Criminology – High Court ruling on the Aboriginal Heritage Act, Western Australia 24 February 1989**

**D4152, 159**

**(Broome) – Law – State of Queensland v. L F Wyvill QC –  
1989**

**D4152, 738**

Public access to the records: These records are publicly  
available.

#### 4. BACKGROUND PAPERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

During the life of the Royal Commission the Commissioners and the staff of the Commission created or accumulated a variety of correspondence, working papers and other records relating to their work. Much of this material is more substantial than purely administrative material and some is duplicated in other series.

The Commission's records identified as being background and working papers of the Commissioners and staff are:

General correspondence records of Commissioner D J O'Dea	D4099
General correspondence records of Commissioner Muirhead	D4101
General correspondence records of Commissioner J H Wootten	D4107
General correspondence records of Commissioner P L Dodson	D4131
General correspondence records of Commissioner L Wyvill	D4132
General correspondence records of Commissioner E Johnston, QC	D4135
Working papers of Dr A McGrath, Project Coordinator, NSW	D4158
Working papers of J Bathgate, support staff, Victoria	D4161
Miscellaneous records of K Whimp, Research Staff Coordinator, South Australia	D4178
Folders and binders of papers maintained by the Hon. James Muirhead as Commissioner of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody	M2777

##### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER D J O'DEA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4099

Quantity: 5.58 metres (Perth)

These files consist mainly of correspondence material relating to various matters accumulated or created by Commissioner O'Dea. The records include material relating to policy and procedures, copies of exhibits, indexes, overviews as well as correspondence to individuals and organisations with an interest in the work of the Commission.

<b>Emergency procedures, Corrective Services</b>	<b>D4099, 1</b>
<b>Copy GO/23 custodial care manual</b>	<b>D4099, 119</b>
<b>Research Paper No. 5 - drug testing in custody February 1989</b>	<b>D4099, 2</b>

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

##### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER MUIRHEAD, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4101

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Perth)

These seven files consist of administrative material accumulated by Commissioner Muirhead during the course of the RCIADIC. This series has material from October 1987 to

April 1989 and includes a notebook kept by Commissioner Muirhead as an index to his correspondence from June 1988 to April 1989.

**Folders and binders of papers maintained by Hon. James Muirhead as Commissioner of the Royal Commission – December 1987**

D4101, 1

**Folders and binders of papers maintained by Hon. James Muirhead as Commissioner of the Royal Commission – July to August 1988**

D4101, 3

**Folders and binders of papers maintained by Hon. James Muirhead as Commissioner of the Royal Commission – Nov 1988 to Jan 1989**

D4101, 5

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER J H WOOTTEN, ALPHABETICAL SERIES, 1988-90

D4107

Quantity: 3.78 metres (Sydney)

These files consist of material accumulated by Commissioner J Wootten in the New South Wales Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes correspondence by Commissioner Wootten with individuals and organisations and working material such as annotated drafts of the National Report. Other files include terms of reference, procedures, research and notes made by Commissioner Wootten relating to his work with the Commission.

**New South Wales – Aboriginal deaths in custody and attempts since 31 May 1989 (up to October 1989)**

D4107, 1

**New South Wales – staff – investigation officer**

D4107, 40

**New South Wales – recommendations**

D4107, 129

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER P L DODSON, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1989-90

D4131

Quantity: 3.66 metres (Darwin); 3.24 metres (Perth)

These files consist of general correspondence and working papers of Commissioner Dodson, one of the Commissioners appointed to the Royal Commission on 1 July 1989. This series includes general correspondence dealing with individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, reports, legal opinions, submissions and other related matters. Most of this material is duplicated in other series but this series was collected and often includes annotations by Commissioner Dodson.

<p><b>Full set of Commissions issued since Royal Commission setup</b></p> <p>This item includes material from 'Aboriginal Law – Consultancy' to 'archiving'</p>	<b>D4131, 1</b>
<p><b>Document containing the following – Letter from Nugget Coombs, general correspondence from Manning Clarke and Dr Ian Gardner, response re – Tambling, Commissioner Wootten's draft document on underlying issues, media release – Charles Perkins call for review of the work of the Royal Commission</b></p> <p>Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought, the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).</p>	<b>D4131, 38</b>
<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER L WYVILL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90</p> <p>Quantity: 1.98 metres (Brisbane)</p> <p>These files consist of general correspondence and working papers of Commissioner Wyvill, one of the Commissioners appointed to the Royal Commission on 1 July 1989. Commissioner Wyvill was based in Brisbane and concentrated on Queensland issues. This series includes general correspondence dealing with analysis of individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, reports, procedures, legal opinions, statements and other related matters.</p>	D4132
<p><b>Adelaide – meeting of Commissioners 18 to 19/4/1990 agenda items 2 to 5 – research projects, research data, the timetable and action reports, Broome budget</b></p>	<b>D4132, 20</b>
<p><b>Warrnambool meeting of Commissioners 24 to 25/7/1988 agenda items 1 to 7</b></p>	<b>D4132, 40</b>
<p><b>Queensland cases</b></p> <p>Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).</p>	<b>D4132, 64</b>
<p>GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF COMMISSIONER E JOHNSTON QC, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90</p> <p>Quantity: 8.64 metres (Adelaide)</p> <p>These files consist of general correspondence and working papers of Commissioner Elliot Frank Johnston QC, one of the Commissioners appointed to the Royal Commission on 1 July 1989. Commissioner Johnston was based in South Australia and the Northern Territory, and concentrated on issues in this area. This series includes general correspondence dealing with analysis of individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, reports, procedures, legal opinions, statements and other related matters.</p>	D4135

<b>Acts and Regulations</b>	<b>D4135, 1</b>
<b>Consultations with Peter D'Abbs and Kevin Rae, October 1990</b>	<b>D4135, 50</b>
<b>Commissioners' meetings 1989 February, March</b>	<b>D4135, 80</b>
Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).	
WORKING PAPERS OF DR A MCGRATH, PROJECT COORDINATOR, NEW SOUTH WALES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90	D4158
Quantity: 0.36 metres (Sydney)	
These records consist of general working papers of Dr Ann McGrath, History Project Coordinator for the Royal Commission. Her task was to coordinate the work of consultants in each State in writing a national history into Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal relationships in Australia. Dr McGrath at this time was working at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. The sixteen files in this series include correspondence with the States and draft chapters and working papers.	
<b>Consultants 16/7/1990</b>	<b>D4158, 1</b>
<b>Correspondence out 15/11/1990</b>	<b>D4158, 4</b>
<b>Public conferences July 1990</b>	<b>D4158, 8</b>
Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).	
WORKING PAPERS OF J BATHGATE, SUPPORT STAFF, VICTORIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90	D4161
Quantity: 1.26 metres (Melbourne)	
These twenty-four files consist mainly of working papers produced or collected by Jane Bathgate who worked for the Commission initially in Victoria and then South Australia. The files relate to the part of the final report produced by Ms Bathgate, covering health issues and attempted suicides.	
<b>Drugs SA resource literature</b>	<b>D4161, 1</b>
<b>Health - mental health national report</b>	<b>D4161, 4</b>
<b>Health - police training</b>	<b>D4161, 8</b>
Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).	

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS OF K WHIMP, RESEARCH STAFF COORDINATOR,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4178

Quantity: 2.16 metres (Adelaide)

This material consists mainly of working papers produced or collected by Kathy Whimp, who worked for the Commission as Research Staff coordinator in South Australia. These thirteen files relate to an unused executive summary, planning for the National Report and coordination of research consultancies.

**Executive summary (not used)**

**D4178, 1**

**Research master file**

**D4178, 9**

**Working papers – resource files re: health, housing,  
sentencing, prisons, Aboriginal policing**

**D4178, 13**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

FOLDERS AND BINDERS OF PAPERS MAINTAINED BY THE HON. JAMES  
MUIRHEAD AS COMMISSIONER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO ABORIGINAL  
DEATHS IN CUSTODY, 1987-89

M2777

Quantity: 1.08 metres (Canberra)

This material was accumulated by Commissioner Muirhead during the establishment and proceedings of the Commission. The forty folders and binders include correspondence with the general public and Aboriginal organisations. They also include correspondence relating to the establishment of the Commission, appointment of Legal Counsel, as well as correspondence with ministers, judges and premiers. There are also transcripts of hearings, press releases and copies of the Interim Report and related documents.

**Royal Commission 'Establishment'**

**M2777, 1**

**JM (12) Research Material /Memoranda (Canberra)**

**M2777, 15**

**JM (24) Queensland Hearings (Canberra)**

**M2777, 25**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).



## 5. RECORDS OF COUNSEL ASSISTING THE COMMISSION

The inquiries into the individual deaths were conducted under quasi-judicial conditions, with formal hearings at which interested parties (the family of the deceased, the State Government concerned, the Police and/or Prison Officers' Union and individuals who may have been associated in some way with the death) were represented. In these hearings the individual Commissioner was assisted by Counsel.

As well as assisting with the day-to-day proceedings of the Commission, Counsel assisted with a number of rulings on jurisdiction which arose challenges were made by way of appeal to the Federal Court of Australia. The rulings of the Commissioners during the Commission's hearings. In most cases jurisdictional rulings of Commissioners were accepted by the parties given leave to appear, but in a number of cases formal legal were upheld in each case.

The Commission's records identified as those of Counsel Assisting are:

General correspondence records of M Dodson, Counsel Assisting, Northern Territory	D4087
General correspondence records of G Barbaro, Instructing Solicitor, Northern Territory	D4089
General correspondence records of M Jordan, Instructing Solicitor, Western Australia	D4102
General correspondence records of K O'Brien, Counsel Assisting, Western Australia	D4105
General correspondence records of D Wilson, National Solicitor	D4110
National Solicitor's files	D4111
Underlying issues response records, National Solicitor	D4113
General correspondence records of C Caruana, Instructing Solicitor, Northern Territory, single number series	D4114
General correspondence records of R Bleechmore, Counsel Assisting, South Australia	D4128
General correspondence records of G Eames, QC, Counsel Assisting, South Australia	D4136
General correspondence Records of D Allen, Instructing Solicitor, Northern Territory	D4148
Miscellaneous research records of D Fyfe, Instructing Solicitor, South Australia	D4149

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF M DODSON, COUNSEL ASSISTING, NORTHERN TERRITORY, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90 D4087

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Darwin)

This series consists of original and copied material accumulated by Michael Dodson as Counsel assisting the Royal Commission. All of the files are related to the Northern Territory and include information relating to the education and coronial systems of the Northern Territory and also include

material relating to such things as media, crime, and Commission exhibits and working papers.

<b>'White Man's Magic makes Black Deaths in Custody Disappear'</b>	<b>D4087, 1</b>
<b>Economic development in NT Aboriginal communities June 1990</b>	<b>D4087, 11</b>
<b>Information relating to the Human Rights Commission, 1988-89</b>	<b>D4087, 40</b>

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF G BARBARO, INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR, NORTHERN TERRITORY, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90 D4089

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Darwin)

This series consists of original and copied material accumulated by Geoffrey Barbaro as an Instructing Solicitor of the Royal Commission. All of the files are related to the Northern Territory and include information relating to resource material and cases in the Northern Territory and also include material relating to such things as meetings, guidelines and procedures.

<b>Resources, addresses, lists etc.</b>	<b>D4089, 1</b>
<b>Meetings, discussion papers and reports</b>	<b>D4089, 22</b>
<b>Notes of informal meeting at Yuendumu 18/10/1988</b>	<b>D4089, 38</b>

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF M JORDAN, INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90 D4102

Quantity: 1.8 metres (Perth)

These files consist of administrative material accumulated by Margaret Jordan, Instructing Solicitor, during the course of the RCIADIC. They consist mainly of material relating to legal issues and correspondence with other concerned bodies. The files also include some overview issues, as well as material such as reports and administrative minutes.

<b>Overview file</b>	<b>D4102, 1</b>
<b>Media</b>	<b>D4102, 52</b>
<b>Port Hedland notes</b>	<b>D4102, 73</b>

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF K O'BRIEN, COUNSEL ASSISTING,  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4105

Quantity: 0.9 metres (Perth)

These eighteen files consist of material accumulated by Ms Kate O'Brien, Counsel Assisting the Commission in the Western Australian Office of the RCIADIC. They include terms of reference, procedures, research and notes made by Ms O'Brien relating to her work with the Commission.

**General correspondence records of Kate O'Brien Western Australia - Counsel Assisting notes - delirium tremens by Doctor Hecker**

D4105, 1

**General correspondence records of Kate O'Brien Western Australia - Counsel Assisting notes - terms of reference Part 2**

D4105, 7

**General correspondence records of Kate O'Brien Western Australia - Counsel Assisting notes - general (bundle 2) undated**

D4105, 11

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF DIGBY WILSON, NATIONAL  
SOLICITOR, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4110

Quantity: 3.78 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist mainly of working papers of Digby Wilson, National Solicitor of RCIADIC. The series deals with individual cases throughout Australia and includes general material relating to alcohol, violence, legal opinions, submissions and other related matters.

**File G Eames Melbourne office - Darwin from 13/12/1988**

D4110, 1

**Commissioners' rulings 13/11/1987**

D4110, 17

**General Correspondence Records of Digby WILSON, National Solicitor: NSW Cases - Rulings on Jurisdiction**

D4110, 58

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

NATIONAL SOLICITOR'S FILES, MULTIPLE NUMBER SERIES WITH 'NS' PREFIX,  
1988-90

D4111

Quantity: 3.96 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist mainly of working papers of Digby Wilson, National Solicitor of RCIADIC. They appear similar to series A4110 except that they were all raised in South Australia and have a different system of control. The series also deals with individual cases throughout Australia as well as general

material relating to alcohol, violence, legal opinions, submissions and other related matters.

**South Australia: correspondence – general** D4111, NS/1/1

**South Australia: hypercard information – RID database information** D4111, NS/9/8

**South Australia: Queensland Royal Commission – appeals against rulings – Commissioner Wyvill** D4111, NS/48

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

UNDERLYING ISSUES RESPONSE RECORDS, NATIONAL SOLICITOR, ALPHANUMERIC SERIES WITH 'UI' PREFIX, 1988–90 D4113

Quantity: 2.52 metres (Adelaide)

This series is correspondence sent to the Commission dealing with underlying issues and the advice from the National Solicitor about what action should be taken. The letters are from a wide range of individuals, organisations and authorities. They are stored in manilla folders and have a title and number recorded on the cover.

**2/1 – UI – N Greiner (Premier of NSW) A&B** D4113, 1

**4/40 – UI – Nanyetta Community Advancement Co-op Soc Ltd – Confidential** D4113, 71

**5/90 – UI – action for world development (Aboriginal Justice Support Group)** D4113, 168

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF C CARUANA, INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR, NORTHERN TERRITORY, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES D4114

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Darwin)

These twelve files consist mainly of general correspondence and working papers of Catherine Caruana, Instructing Solicitor for the Royal Commission in the Northern Territory. This series includes general material dealing with individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, resource material, legal opinions, submissions and other related matters.

**Aboriginal Issues Unit** D4114, 1

**Case summaries (undated)** D4114, 4

**Paper 'Doing Business – Socialisation, Social Relations and Social Control in Aboriginal Societies' May 1990** D4114, 12

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see

page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF R BLEECHMORE, COUNSEL ASSISTING, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4128

Quantity: 3.4 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist of general correspondence and working papers of Ralph Bleechmore, Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission in South Australia. This series includes general correspondence dealing with individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, South Australian Court Hearings, legal opinions, submissions and other related matters.

**Transcripts of proceedings, Coronial Hearing Adelaide - pp. 1 to 129, 130 to 230 8/9/1989**

**D4128, 1**

**Session on Coronial matters - rulings as to representation by Counsel**

**D4128, 36**

**Draft report Aboriginal Issues Unit June, 1990**

**D4128, 55**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF G EAMES, QC, COUNSEL ASSISTING, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4136

Quantity: 12.24 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist of general correspondence and working papers of Geoffrey Eames, QC, Counsel Assisting the Royal Commission, South Australia. Mr Eames was based in Adelaide and he concentrated on the South Australian and Northern Territory cases. This series includes general correspondence dealing with analysis of individual cases as well as material relating to discussion papers, reports, procedures, legal opinions, statements and other related matters.

**Addresses**

**D4136, 1**

**Discussion Dr E Young**

**D4136, 212**

**NT Case material - Aboriginal organisations 15/9/1988**

**D4136, 1**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS OF D ALLEN, INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR, NORTHERN TERRITORY, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4148

Quantity: 4.26 metres (Darwin)

These forty files consist mainly of general correspondence and working papers of David Allen, Instructing Solicitor for the Royal Commission in the Northern Territory. The series covers

general correspondence about specific cases as well as material relating to criminal law, resource material, legal opinions, health and other related matters.

**Administration**

**D4148, 1**

**Employment**

**D4148, 15**

**Drafts – For national and regional reports and various papers relating**

**D4148, 40**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

MISCELLANEOUS RESEARCH RECORDS OF D FYFE, INSTRUCTING SOLICITOR, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

D4149

Quantity: 2.34 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist mainly of general correspondence and working papers of Deborah Fyfe, Instructing Solicitor for the Royal Commission in the Northern Territory. The fifty files are divided into two main groups: one is regional material covering topics such as alcohol, culture, education, underlying issues and case records; the other material relates to the final reports and includes research information, coroners reports, police and prison material.

**Aboriginal Issues Unit**

**D4149, 1**

**Case material re: summaries, opening address, statements, medical records**

**D4149, 20**

**Interim report – implementation**

**D4149, 35**

Public access to the records: If any material from this series is sought the formal access arrangements must be applied (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

## 6. THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

Many administrative series were created by the Commission because there were six Commissioners, initially the Hon. James Muirhead, QC, then later the Hon. Elliott Johnston, QC, the Hon. John Wootten, QC, the Hon. Lewis Wyvill, QC, the Hon. Daniel O'Dea and Patrick Dodson. Separate series were also established by a number of Instructing Solicitors, Research Officers and Aboriginal Issues Units. Finally the number of geographical locations visited by the Commissioners and with investigative staff located there led to the need for a number of administrative units. The Commission was organised on a regional basis, with offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, Broome, Canberra, Darwin and Perth, and sub-offices in Melbourne, Alice Springs and Hobart.

This chapter describes the Royal Commission's administrative records.

Administrative files – NSW Office	A8572
Perth administration files, Aboriginal Issues Unit	A8590
Perth administration files, general	A8591
Perth administration files, hearings administration	A8592
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ADMINISTRATIVE FILES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH NSW/ADMIN PREFIX  
1987–91

A8572

Quantity: 0.72 metres (Sydney)

This series consists of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the New South Wales Office

of the RCIADIC. Matters dealt with include staffing, petty cash, fitout of office premises, monthly reports and advertising.

**Administrative files – NSW Office – establishment and fitout of office premises**

A8572, NSW/Admin/2 part 2

**Administrative files – NSW Office – monthly reports**

A8572, NSW/Admin/9

**Administrative files – NSW Office – advertising**

A8572, NSW/Admin/17

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

PERTH ADMINISTRATION FILES, ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987–91

A8590

Quantity: 0.9 metres (Perth)

This series consists of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Aboriginal Issues Unit of the Western Australian Office of the RCIADIC. Matters dealt with include staffing, travel itineraries, regional reports and staff meetings.

**Research Officer applications**

A8590, 2

**Meeting: minutes**

A8590, 47

**Discussion paper**

A8590, 73

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

PERTH ADMINISTRATION FILES – GENERAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987–91

A8591

Quantity: 0.9 metres (Perth)

This series consists of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Western Australian Office of the RCIADIC. Matters dealt with include staffing, financing, fitout of office premises, monthly reports and hire of motor vehicles.

**Commissioners**

A8591, 2

**General: miscellaneous files and information**

A8591, 11

**General: finance – forward estimates**

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Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.



## PERTH ADMINISTRATION FILES – HEARINGS ADMINISTRATION, SINGLE NUMBER, 1987–91

A8592

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Perth)

This series consists of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Western Australian Office of the RCIADIC. Matters dealt with in this series are related to the hearings held in Western Australia, both individual hearings and underlying issues hearings. The twenty-eight files include such things as timing of hearings, witness expenses and a list of people interviewed.

**Witness expenses**

A8592, 1

**Broome hearings**

A8592, 20

**Miscellaneous – professional**

A8592, 28

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## QUEENSLAND ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL FILES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES WITH 'Q' PREFIX, 1987–91

A8596

Quantity: 7.38 metres (Brisbane)

This series consists of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Queensland Office of the RCIADIC. Matters dealt with include staffing, petty cash, fitout of office premises, monthly reports and advertising. Material from the Aboriginal Issues Unit has also been included in this series in Queensland and so the series includes any legal opinions requested and correspondence relating to various State and Commonwealth Acts and Regulations.

**Accounts General**

A8596, Q1

**Legislation affecting the Commission in Queensland**

A8596, Q8

**Consultancies regional report administration and contacts**

A8596, Q204

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## PERSONNEL FILES, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987–91

A8603

Quantity: 2.88 metres (Canberra); 0.18 metres (Perth)

These are personnel files for the approximately 300 direct employees of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. People working on contract are not included in this series. Each file contains material relating to aspects of employment by the Commission, typically including material

relating to initial employment, leave provisions, separation from the Commission and any entitlements.

**Lindsay Ah-Mat**

**A8603, 1**

**Michelle Mullins**

**A8603, 185**

**Broome Office – Jackie Oakley**

**A8603, 18**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records - that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILES OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1987-91

**A8604**

Quantity: 15.3 metres (Canberra)

The files are related to the central secretariat of the Commission and are mainly concerned with coordination and checking of the work being done in the State offices. With the State office being largely autonomous the central secretariat was responsible for standardising terminology, filing systems and monitoring progress. Many of the original files in this series have apparently been placed in other State office series during the winding up of the Commission.

**Commission – terms of reference**

**A8604, 37**

**Finance – financial tracking system**

**A8604, 59**

**Meetings and seminars – summary of the commissioners' meetings**

**A8604, 981**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records - that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

FILE REGISTER FOR A8604, ADMINISTRATIVE FILES OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION SECRETARIAT, ALPHABETICAL SERIES, 1987-91

**A8786**

Quantity: 0.18 metres (Canberra)

This is a single item, a blue two ring binder containing a list of all files raised by the Commission's Secretariat. It also includes a list of all the subject headings used. The list includes all file numbers and titles in full.

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records - that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE, CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES, 1988-90

**D4086**

Quantity: 0.90 metres (Darwin)

These eight files consist mainly of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Northern Territory Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes some copies of operational material dealing with cases as well as the normal administrative material dealing with staffing, petty cash, office premises, reports and advertising.

**5/2/1988 – 31/3/1989**

**D4086, 1**

**Outward 4/7/1990**

**D4086, 5**

**General matters (2) – case information (various dates)**

**D4086, 8**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS, ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, ALICE SPRINGS, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1989–90

D4088

Quantity: 0.54 metres (Darwin)

These 37 files consist mainly of general correspondence material of the Aboriginal Issues Unit in Alice Springs. The Aboriginal Issues Unit consulted with Aboriginal organisations about issues related to deaths in custody. This series includes some material dealing with Aboriginal organisations as well as the normal administrative material dealing with instructions, office premises and reports.

**Catalogue of publications and products, 1989**

**D4088, 10**

**Press clippings (limited)**

**D4088, 26**

**Discussion paper 'Why so many Warlpiri and Anmatyerre Deaths in Custody?' October 1989**

**D4088, 37**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

PRESS CLIPPINGS, CHRONOLOGICAL SERIES, 1987–90

D4090

Quantity: 2.88 metres (Adelaide); 2.7 metres (Darwin);  
2.7 metres (Sydney); 1.08 metres (Perth)

These press clippings are mainly photocopied articles from newspapers relating to all aspects of the Commission and Aboriginal people in Australia. From September 1988 a national service was provided by Monitar Pty Ltd. In November 1990 the South Australian administration of RCIADIC switched to a local service and other regions may also have switched to other commercial services about this time.

This material appears to consist entirely of clippings from newspapers.

<b>South Australian Region – Box 1 – Item 1–8 August 1987 to November 1987</b>	<b>D4090, 1–8</b>
<b>Northern Territory Region – 1/11/1990 to 27/11/1990</b>	<b>D4090, 44</b>
<b>West Australian – 17/8/1990 to 10/10/1990</b>	<b>D4090, 16</b>

Public access to the records: These records are publicly available.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS, VICTORIAN OFFICE, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

D4097

Quantity: 1.26 metres (Melbourne)

These files consist of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Victorian Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes the normal administrative material dealing with staffing, petty cash, office premises, reports and advertising. There are also statistics and general information provided by other State offices.

<b>General correspondence records Victorian Office – City of Swan Hill conferences</b>	<b>D4097, 1</b>
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<b>General correspondence records Victorian Office – itinerary Bairnsdale/Morwell/Echuca</b>	<b>D4097, 37</b>
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<b>General correspondence records Victorian Office – proposal for the development of an Aboriginal primary health care unit, Monash University, undated</b>	<b>D4097, 135</b>
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Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES, PERTH OFFICE, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988–90

D4103

Quantity: 4.86 metres (Perth)

These files consist mainly of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Western Australian Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes some copies of operational material dealing with underlying issues as well as the normal administrative material dealing with, for example, staffing, petty cash, office premises, reports and advertising.

<b>24/4/1989 to 31/3/1989</b>	<b>D4103, 1</b>
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<b>CDBR [Committee to Defend Black Rights] correspondence file 8/1/1990</b>	<b>D4103, 46</b>
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<b>Review – case representation</b>	<b>D4103, 79</b>
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Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE RECORDS, ABORIGINAL ISSUES UNIT, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES 1989-90

D4109

Quantity: 0.36 metres (Adelaide)

These eight files consist of correspondence and administrative material relating to various aspects of the Aboriginal Issues Unit, South Australian Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes some copies of correspondence with various individuals and organisations as well as administrative material dealing with staffing, minutes of meetings and newsletters.

**Folder containing employment contracts, vacancies, circulation lists, staff telephone lists, AIU information, minutes of meetings, style sheet, lecture attendances and approvals, Structural Efficiency Information Bulletin**

D4109, 1

**Folder containing chapters for the national report**

D4109, 4

**Folder containing survey papers, list of journal articles and transcripts, Bail Custody and Analysis Review Committee, information relating to identity/kinship, letter from Dennis Walker President Nunukul/Ngugi Cultural Heritage, report from R Bleechmore to R Hammond re: Gary Sutton/ Henry William Carter**

D4109, 6

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES, ADELAIDE OFFICE, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4137

Quantity: 2.52 metres (Adelaide)

These sixteen files consist of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the South Australian Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes normal administrative material dealing with staffing, expert evidence, overview of topics and the organisation of reports.

**Copies of Department of Aboriginal Affairs files – 87/1134 parts 1 to 4, 87/178 (copy)**

D4137, 1

**Michael Gollan – Royal Commission**

D4137, 4

**Health/resuscitation training – government**

D4137, 8

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## QUEENSLAND RESOURCE MATERIAL, SINGLE NUMBER SERIES, 1988-90

D4159

Quantity: 1.8 metres (Brisbane)

These files consist of general background material relating to all aspects of the work of the Queensland Office of the RCIADIC. This 'resource material' includes annual reports, acts, bibliographies, settlement volumes, general exhibits and submissions. Some of this material relates just to Queensland. Other material is for the Commission throughout Australia.

**Queensland: annual reports - The Chief Protector of  
Aboriginals**

**D4159, 1**

**Queensland: general bibliography R - ROL**

**D4159, 30**

**Queensland: Uniting Church documents - Aurukun**

**D4159, 70**

Public access to the records: Many documents in this series were published documents collected by the Commission's researchers - these are publicly available. Other documents will need assessment subject to the formal access arrangements (see page 12 of the Guide for an explanation of the formal access arrangements).

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ADMINISTRATION FILES, ALPHANUMERIC SERIES WITH 'SA' PREFIX, 1988-90

D4173

Quantity: 2.34 metres (Adelaide)

These files consist mainly of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the South Australian Office of the RCIADIC. The series is divided into a number of major groupings, the largest are - Accommodation, Administration, Equipment, Finance, Travel and Royal Commission matters. Files dealing with personnel have been taken from this series and placed in series A8603, Personnel Files, single number series.

**Accommodation - office Adelaide part 1, 2**

**D4173, SA/1/1**

**Administration - public relations**

**D4173, SA/2/20**

**Finance - legal fees**

**D4173, SA/4/7**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records - that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

ADMINISTRATION FILES, MULTIPLE NUMBER SERIES WITH 'NT' PREFIX, 1988-90

D4179

Quantity: 1.44 metres (Darwin)

These files consist mainly of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Northern Territory Office of the RCIADIC. This series includes material dealing with staffing, petty cash, office premises, reports and advertising.

**Administration files Northern Territory - office  
accommodation**

**D4179, NT/1/1**

**Administration Files Northern Territory - Court Bookings -  
Hearings**

**D4179, NT/2/10**

**Administration files Northern Territory – Aboriginal Issues  
Unit – applications (parts 1-2)**

**D4179, NT/8/3**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

BROOME ADMINISTRATION RECORDS ALPHABETICAL ORDER, 1989–91

D4587

Quantity: 0.72 metres (Perth)

These files consist of administrative material relating to various 'housekeeping' matters of the Broome Office of the RCIADIC in Western Australia. This series is held in manilla folders and includes material dealing with staffing, finance, office premises, reports and advertising.

**Meetings/conferences – Broome**

**D4587, 20**

**Premises**

**D4587, 30**

**Miscellaneous photographs of – Derby, Fitzroy Crossing,  
Mary River bush meeting, students at Nulungu College**

**D4587, 52**

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

LIST OF INDEXABLE HEADINGS FOR CORRESPONDENCE FILES, 1989–90

E1165

Quantity: 0.09 metres (Darwin)

This is a printed copy of the list of headings used as a subject index to file and locate material held by the Commission. The list is held on computer. A copy has been printed for reference use.

Public access to the records: This series consists of administrative records of the Royal Commission. The access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* apply to the records – that is, they become eligible for public access when they reach 30 years of age.

## APPENDIX 1 THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following chronology of the issue of Commonwealth Letters Patent is based on Appendix A to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody National Report, Vol 5 (Commissioner Elliott Johnston), AGPS Canberra, 1991.

### **(1) Chronology of the issue of Commonwealth Letters Patent and the effect of each change**

16 OCTOBER 1987

The Honourable James Henry Muirhead, QC was appointed to inquire into and report upon

- (i) the deaths in Australia since 1 January 1980 of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders whilst in police custody, in prison or in any other place of detention,
- (ii) any subsequent action taken in respect of those deaths.

Commissioner Muirhead was requested to report the findings of his inquiry and to make such recommendations as appropriate by 31 December 1988 or such later date as may be fixed. The Letters Patent authorised Commissioner Muirhead to conduct his inquiry in consultation with any Commission issued by Governors of the States.

21 DECEMBER 1987

Commissioner Muirhead was authorised to conduct his inquiry in combination with any Commissions issued under the law of the Northern Territory.

6 MAY 1988

Commissioner Muirhead's Letters Patent were amended to –

- (i) vary the specification of the deaths under inquiry to: the deaths in Australia since 1 January 1980 of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders whilst in police custody, in prison or in any other place of detention, but not including such a death occurring in a hospital, mental institution, infirmary or medical treatment centre unless injuries suffered while in police custody, in prison or in any place of detention caused or contributed to that death,
- (ii) authorise him, for the purpose of reporting on any underlying issues associated with the deaths to take account of social, cultural and legal factors which, in his judgment appeared to have a bearing on the deaths,
- (iii) authorise him to refer to other Commissioners for inquiry or request another Commissioner not to undertake inquiry into a particular death,
- (iv) authorise him to issue guidelines to the Commissioners as to methods and procedures,



- (v) authorise him to receive reports from the other Commissioners,
- (vi) require him to submit all reports, including those of the other Commissioners, by 31 December 1989 or such later date as may be fixed.

Letters Patent were also issued to three additional Commissioners with responsibility to conduct inquiries in particular States as follows:

- The Honourable Elliott Frank Johnston, QC: Western Australia, South Australia, Northern Territory
- The Hon. John Halden Wootten, QC: New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania
- Lewis Francis Wyvill, QC: Queensland

The new Commissioners were required to submit their reports to Commissioner Muirhead by 30 June 1989 and thereafter be available to consult with him in the preparation of his report.

27 OCTOBER 1988

Commissioner Muirhead's final reporting date was amended to 31 December 1990.

The Hon. Daniel John O'Dea was appointed to conduct inquiries in Western Australia.

Commissioner O'Dea was required to submit his reports by 30 September.

The reporting dates of Commissioners Johnston, Wootten and Wyvill were varied to 31 December 1989.

7 DECEMBER 1988

A minor amendment was made to Commissioner O'Dea's Letters Patent to conform with the specification of location of death contained in the Letters Patent of the other Commissioners.

27 APRIL 1989

Commissioner Muirhead's Commission was revoked with effect at noon on 28 April 1989.

Commissioner Elliott Frank Johnston was appointed (with bridging provisions) to take over from Commissioner Muirhead (the former's earlier Commission was revoked).

The specification of deaths to be inquired into was varied in all commissions to exclude any deaths occurring after 31 May 1989.

The reporting dates of Commissioners Wootten and Wyvill were varied to 30 September 1990.

28 JUNE 1989

Patrick Lionel Dodson was appointed to inquire into underlying issues associated with deaths in custody of Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders in Western Australia. Commissioner Dodson was required to submit his report to Commissioner Johnston and to undertake to consult with him in the preparation of his final report. (Commissioner Dodson's appointment returned the Commission to full strength of five Commissioners, the number of Commissioners having been reduced to four on the departure of Commissioner Muirhead. Because of the workload in Western Australia the inquiry was divided on a functional basis between inquiry into individual deaths (Commissioner O'Dea) and into underlying issues.)

24 SEPTEMBER 1990

Commissioner Johnston's reporting date was extended to 31 March 1991.

The reporting dates of Commissioners Dodson, O'Dea, Wootten and Wyvill in respect of their regional reports of overall findings were extended to 30 November 1990 (the deadline for reporting on individual cases in respect of Commissioners O'Dea, Wootten and Wyvill remained 30 September 1990).

11 OCTOBER 1990

Commissioner Wootten's reporting date in respect of his inquiry into individual deaths was extended to 31 December 1990. (This amendment was made so that Commissioner Wootten could conduct an inquiry into the death of David Gundy; his earlier ruling that the death was within his jurisdiction had been challenged and the matter was not resolved in the courts in time for him to complete the inquiry prior to 30 September 1990.)

9 NOVEMBER 1990

Commissioner Wootten's reporting date in respect of the overall findings of his inquiries was extended to 31 December 1990.

27 MARCH 1990

Commissioner Johnston's reporting date was extended to 26 April 1991.

## (2) Dates of issue of Commonwealth Letters Patent and dates of parallel action\* in the States and the Northern Territory

\* Letters Patent were issued by Their Excellencies the Governors of New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania.

His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia issued Commissions.

In the Northern Territory the appointment of Commissioner Muirhead and, upon his departure, of Commissioner Johnston was made under the *Commission of Inquiry (Deaths in Custody) Act 1987*. His Honour the Administrator issued Letters Patent to Commissioner Johnston before he took over from Commissioner Muirhead as National Commissioner, and to the other Commissioners.

C'wealth	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT
16 Oct 87 Muirhead	21 Oct 87 Muirhead	10 Nov 87 Muirhead	29 Oct 87 Muirhead	10 Nov 87 Muirhead	10 Nov 87 Muirhead	23 Nov 87 Muirhead	
21 Dec 87 Muirhead							21 Dec 87 Muirhead
6 May 88 Muirhead Johnston Wootten Wyvill	17 Aug 88 Muirhead Wootten	7 Jun 88 Muirhead Johnston Wootten Wyvill	2 Jun 88 Muirhead Wyvill	21 Jun 88 Muirhead Johnston 18 Oct 88 Wootten Wyvill	2 Jun 88 Muirhead Johnston Wootten Wyvill	11 Jul 88 Muirhead Johnston Wootten Wyvill	29 Jul 88 Johnston Wootten Wyvill
27 Oct 88 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	25 Jan 89 Muirhead Wootten	13 Dec 88 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	15 Dec 88 Muirhead Wyvill	6 Dec 88 O'Dea	17 Nov 88 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	19 Dec 88 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	30 Nov 88 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill
7 Dec 88 O'Dea							
27 Apr 89 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	10 May 89 Muirhead Johnston Wootten	26 Apr 89 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill 2 May 89 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	29 Jun 89 Muirhead Johnston Wyvill	8 Aug 89 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	27 Apr 89 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill 18 May 89 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	2 May 89 Muirhead Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	15 Jun 89 Johnston 31 Aug 89 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill
28 Jun 89 Dodson				8 Aug 89 Dodson	29 Nov 90 Johnston Dodson O'Dea Wootten Wyvill		

C'wealth	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	NT
24 Sep 90 Johnston Dodson O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	26 Sep 90 Johnston Wootten		27 Sep 90 Johnston Wyvill	9 Oct 90 Johnston Dodson O'Dea Wootten Wyvill		6 Nov 90 Johnston O'Dea Wootten Wyvill	
11 Oct 90 Wootten							
9 Nov 90 Wootten		18 Dec 90 Johnston Wootten					
27 Mar 90 Johnston							

## APPENDIX 2 NAMES OF DECEASED PERSONS

Table 1 lists the names of deceased persons whose deaths were investigated by the Commission. Table 2 lists the names of persons whose cases were inquired into by the Commission but which were found to be outside its jurisdiction. The lists are based on Appendices B(I) and B(II) in the *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody National Report*, Vol 5 (Commissioner Elliott Johnston), AGPS, Canberra 1991.

In some indigenous communities use of the name of a dead person may cause offence and distress. In these instances the Royal Commission ordered the suppression of the name of the deceased at the request of the individual's family and for cultural reasons. In the tables below these individuals are identified by their place of death and are marked with an asterisk.

Table 1

Deaths inquired into which were found to be within the jurisdiction of the Commission

Name	Commissioner	Hearing days	Witnesses	Date of death	Place of death
ANDERSON, Robert	O'Dea	4	16	28/2/83	Wiluna Lockup, WA
Atkinson, Shane	Wooten	8	23	5/10/86	Griffith Watch-house, NSW
Arukun*	Wyvill	13	21	11/4/87	Arukun Watch-house, Qld
BARNES, Faith	O'Dea	2	4	27/10/82	Royal Perth Hospital, WA
BARNEY, Walter	Wyvill	4	9	22/2/81	Townsville Prison, Qld
BATES, Bobby	O'Dea	2	5	2/6/86	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, WA
Beatrice Hill Prison Farm*	O'Dea	3	0	21/9/88	Beatrice Hill Prison Farm, NT
BETTS, Edward	Johnston	8	5	6/10/87	Port Lincoln Watch-house, SA
BINKS, Muriel	Wyvill	9	25	11/3/89	Townsville Base Hospital, Qld
Blankett, Nita	O'Dea	6	15	14/1/82	en route to St Andrews Medical Centre Midland, WA
BONEY, Lloyd	Wooten	10	12	6/8/87	Brewarrina Watch-house, NSW
BOOTH, Patrick	Wyvill	4	7	15/11/88	Rockhampton Prison, Qld
Brisbane Prison*	Wyvill	1	0	4/12/80	Brisbane Prison, Qld
BROWN, Stanley	O'Dea	7	23	27/6/87	Broome Lockup, WA

Burrallangi *	Johnston	3	0	13/10/88	Royal Darwin Hospital, NT
BUZZACOTT, Malcolm	Johnston	9	7	19/7/82	en route from place of work back to Port Augusta Gaol, SA
CAMERON, Edward	O'Dea	8	14	8/7/88	Geraldton Lockup, WA
CAMPBELL, Peter	Wootten	12	23	11/2/80	Long Bay Gaol, NSW
CARR, Thomas	Wootten	1	0	23/3/81	Minda Remand Centre, NSW
Ceduna*	Johnston	9	14	18/2/83	Ceduna Watch-house, SA
CHATUNALGI, Donald	O'Dea	1	3	15/12/88	Halls Creek Lockup, WA
CLARK, Glenn	Wootten	14	27	27/3/86	Glenorchy Watch-house, Tas
Darwin Prison*	Johnston	20	20	5/7/85	Darwin Prison, NT
DAY, Harrison	Wootten	5	13	23/6/82	Echuca District Hospital, Vic.
DIXON, Kingsley	Muirhead	27	57	9/7/87	Adelaide Gaol, SA
DOOLER, Wayne	O'Dea	7	19	19/6/80	Carnarvon Lockup, WA
DOUGAL, Albert	O'Dea	8	16	9/12/80	Derby Regional Hospital, WA
DUNROBIN, Gregory	Wyvill	7	19	2/8/84	Cherbourg Watch-house, Qld
EGAN, Joyce	Johnston	4	0	5/8/88	Mount Gambier Watch-house, SA
Elliott*	O'Dea	6	6	21/3/85	Elliott Watch-house, NT
FARMER, Paul	Muirhead	7	14	11/7/84 <sup>1</sup>	Albany Regional Prison, WA
GARLETT, Darryl	O'Dea	5	10	26/5/80	Wooroloo District Hospital, WA
Geraldton*	O'Dea	5	17	31/12/88	Geraldton Lockup, WA
GOLLAN, Michael	Johnston	7	9	19/6/88	SA Youth Training Centre
GOLLAN, Stanley	Johnston	8	10	7/3/86	Mount Gambier Hospital, SA

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<sup>1</sup> Shown as 11 April in the individual case report

GREEN, Dixon	O'Dea	4	8	19/11/85	Broome Regional Prison, WA
GUNDY, David	Wootten	36	29	27/4/89	Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, NSW
HARRIS, Donald	O'Dea	2	5	10/3/88	Fremantle Hospital, WA
HIGHFOLD, John	Muirhead	7	26	4/1/83	Adelaide Gaol, SA
HYDE, Charlie	Wyvill	7	28	18/12/86	Yarrabah Watch-house, Qld
Jabanardi at Ti-Tree*	Johnston	7	6	29/7/80	Aileron Road, Ti Tree, off Stuart Highway, NT
Jambajimba*	Johnston	22	39	16/6/80	Alice Springs Prison, NT
JOHNSON, Bernard	Wyvill	6	7	7/6/86	Townsville Prison, Qld
JONES, Christine	O'Dea	6	20	18/10/80	Midland Lockup, WA
KARPANY, Craig	Johnston	3	2	27/1/89	Darlington Watch-house, SA
KARPANY, Keith	Johnston	17	23	14/3/83	Royal Adelaide Hospital, SA
Katherine*	Johnston	15	21	21/11/84	Katherine Watch-house, NT
KEARNEY, Paul	Wootten	5	9	11/7/86	Darlinghurst Watch-house, NSW
KOOWOOTH, David	Wyvill	10	34	14/3/87	Cairns Base Hospital, Qld
KULLA KULLA, Charlie	Wyvill	15	46	12/8/84	Coen Watch-house, Qld
Kwementyaye Price*	Johnston	4	8	21/11/80	Alice Springs Watch-house, NT
LACEY, Daniel	Wyvill	1	0	11/6/87 <sup>2</sup>	Brisbane Prison, Qld
LESLIE, Bruce	Wootten	19	47	6/6/85	Royal North Shore Hospital, NSW
LORRAWAY, Daniel	Wyvill	4	5	16/5/81	en route to Townsville Base Hospital, Qld
MCGRATH, Bernard	O'Dea	10	26	15/11/87	Kalgoorlie Lockup, WA

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<sup>2</sup> Shown as 12 June 1987 in the individual case report

MAU, Nikira	Wyvill	1	0	3/1/81	Brisbane City Watch-house, Qld
MICHAEL, Charles	Muirhead	15	42	9/10/84	Barton's Mill Prison, WA
MICHAEL, Steven	O'Dea	1	3	23/5/87	Canning Vale Remand Centre and Prison, WA
MISI, Patrine	Wyvill	6	6	14/3/85	Townsville Watch-house, Qld
MOFFATT, Arthur	Wootten	8	30	11/6/87	Warragul Watch-house, Vic
MOORE, James	Wootten	7	13	15/5/82	Swan Hill District Hospital, Vic
MORRISON, Benjamin	O'Dea	7	20	6/4/88	Fremantle Lockup, WA
MURRAY, Edward	Muirhead	30	76	12/6/81	Wee Waa Watch-house, NSW
MURRAY, Thomas	Wootten	8	21	31/12/83	Bowral Hospital, NSW
NEAN, Clarence	Wootten	2	4	15/8/82	Dubbo Base Hospital, NSW
NJANJI, Jimmy	O'Dea	9	18	22/5/85	Port Hedland Regional Hospital, WA
NOBLE, Perry	Wyvill	14	29	4/12/86	Yarrabah Watch-house, Qld
O'ROURKE, Karen	Wyvill	5	13	11/2/80	Rockhampton Base Hospital, Qld
Oodnadatta*	Johnston	8	11	17/12/83	Oodnadatta Watch-house, SA
PAT, John	Johnston	254	248	28/9/83	Roebourne Lockup, WA
PILOT, John	Wyvill	13	48	25/1/87	Brisbane City Watch-house, Qld
POLAK, Kim	O'Dea	3	13	28/3/85	Kalgoorlie Lockup, WA
QUAYLE, Mark	Wootten	13	27	24/6/87	Wilcannia Watch-house, NSW
REVELL, Mark	Wootten	9	8	29/10/82	Grafton Watch-house, NSW
RIVERSLEIGH Alistair	Wyvill	6	25	13/3/87	Doomadgee Watch-house, Qld
Royal Darwin Hospital*	Johnston	9	7	2/4/87	Royal Darwin Hospital , WA
RYAN, Vincent	Wyvill	6	15	30/3/85	Townsville Prison, Qld
SALT, Monty	Wyvill	11	13	21/6/87	en route to Cooktown Hospital, Qld
SAMSON, Ginger	O'Dea	0	0	30/3/88	Roebourne Lockup, WA
SAUNDERS, Max	Wootten	3	4	28/11/88	Goulburn Training Centre, NSW



SEMMENS, Gordon	Johnston	9	7	23/7/80	Port Augusta Gaol, SA
SHORT, Deidre	Wyvill	4	17	24/3/89	Lockhart River Watch-house, Qld
Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital*	O'Dea	9	16	25/2/83	Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, WA
SMITH, Malcolm	Wootten	7	22	5/1/83	Prince Henry Hospital, NSW
TIERS, Barbara	Wyvill	2	7	1/2/89	Rockhampton Watch-house, Qld
UGLE, Ronald	O'Dea	2	1	12/12/83	Broome District Hospital, WA
VICENTI, Ricci	O'Dea	3	17	31/3/82	Royal Perth Hospital, WA
WAIGANA, Misel	O'Dea	4	11	4/3/87	East Perth Lockup, WA
WALKER, Robert	Wyvill	33	55	28/8/84	Fremantle Prison, WA
WALKER, Roy	O'Dea	4	6	2/4/81	Royal Perth Hospital, WA
WALLEY, Graham	O'Dea	4	13	23/10/88	Greenough Regional Prison, WA
WELLS, Milton	O'Dea	4	11	6/8/85	Kalgoorlie Regional Hospital, WA
WEST, Edward	Wyvill	6	16	9/7/87	Cherbourg Watch-house, Qld
WILLIAMS, Peter	Wootten	5	21	18/11/87	Grafton Gaol, NSW
WODULAN, Hugh	O'Dea	5	19	19/7/83	Broome Lockup, WA
WOUTERS, Darren	Wyvill	6	12	15/11/87	Brisbane City Watch-house, Qld
Wujal Wujal*	Wyvill	10	21	29/3/87	Wujal Wujal Watch-house, Qld
YARRIE, Barbara	Wyvill	7	31	14/4/86	Royal Brisbane Hospital, Qld
YARRIE, Fay	Wyvill	4	28	15/12/88	Royal Brisbane Hospital, Qld

Table 2

Deaths inquired into which were found to be outside the Jurisdiction of the Commission

Name	Date of death	Place of death	Reason outside jurisdiction
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Adams	Skull found 19/6/84 – Adams disappeared Sept 1982	Collarenebri, NSW	No evidence to suggest that the death had any connection with custody
Ashwell	8/11/87	Townsville Prison, Qld	Not Aboriginal
Barnes	12/8/85	Wacol Detention Centre, Qld	Not in custody
Buchanan	10/11/86	Happy Valley, near Coffs Harbour, NSW	Death not caused or contributed to by time spent in custody
Clayton	2/1/82	Tamworth, NSW	Death not caused or contributed to by time spent in custody
Cobb	14/8/87	Cooma Jail, NSW	Not Aboriginal
Cooper	3/8/84	Prince Henry Hospital, NSW	No injury was sustained while in custody that caused or contributed to death
Doctor	14/12/82	Mater Public Hospital, Qld	Not in custody
Gentle	21/3/85	Rockingham Police Lockup, Perth, WA	Not Aboriginal
Gloede	17/18 Jun 80	Gnowangerup Police Station, WA	Not Aboriginal
Graey	28/11/83	Brisbane Hospital, Qld	Not in custody
Green, D	20/3/82	Greenough Regional Hospital, WA	Not in place of detention
Hillsey	14/12/87	Pentridge Prison, NSW	Not Aboriginal
Johns	5/2/75	Police Lockup, Katanning, WA	Outside time restriction of Terms of Reference
Koko	8/2/83	Murat Bay Hospital, SA	Not in custody
Majurey	29/10/85	Geraldton, WA	Not Aboriginal
Mulvihill	14/9/87	Sydney Police Centre, NSW	Not Aboriginal
Simpson	24/8/85	Railway Hotel, Mullewa, WA	Not in custody
Stanley	2/5/86	Brisbane Hospital, Qld	Not in custody
Teace	27/10/81	Former Urandangi Lockup, Qld	Not in place of detention

Tiddle	1985	Shepparton Police Cells, Vic.	Not Aboriginal
Walker	20/12/86	McLachlan Street Sobering Up Centre, Darwin, NT	Not in custody
Wunnunmurra	4/7/83	Gove Hospital, NT	Not in custody
Yow Yeh	27/6/75	Police Watch- house, Mackay, Qld	Outside time restriction of terms of reference

## APPENDIX 3      ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

The following list includes acronyms and abbreviations used by the Royal Commission as well as those used in this Guide. It is based on the list that appears in the *Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody National Report*, Vol 5 (Commissioner Elliott Johnston), AGPS, Canberra 1991.

AAAC	Australian Aboriginal Affairs Council
AAP	Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority
AATA	Aboriginal Advancement Trust Account
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Corporation
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSEC	Aboriginal Secondary Assistance Scheme (now ABSTUDY Schooling)
ABSEG	Aboriginal Secondary Education Grant (now ABSTUDY Schooling)
ABSTUDY	Aboriginal Study Assistance Scheme
ABTA	Aboriginals Benefit Trust Account
ACAP	Aboriginal Community Affairs Panel
ACC	Aboriginal Coordinating Council
ADC	Aboriginal Development Commission (now ATSIC)
ADFA	Alcohol and Drug Foundation Australia (now known as Australian Council of Alcohol and Other Drug Associations)
ADJR Act	Administrative Decision (Judicial Review) Act 1977
AEA	Aboriginal Education Assistant
AECG	Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups
AEDP	Aboriginal Employment Development Policy
AEEDO	Aboriginal Economic and Employment Development Officer
AEIS	Aboriginal Enterprise Incentive Scheme
AESIP	Aboriginal Education Strategic Initiatives Program
AEW	Aboriginal Education Worker
AGPS	Australian Government Publishing Service
AHL	Aboriginal Hostels Ltd
AHO	Aboriginal Health Organisation
AHS	Aboriginal Health Service
AIC	Australian Institute of Criminology
AICHS	Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service
AIH	Australian Institute of Health
AIJA	Australian Institute of Judicial Administration
AIM	Australian Institute of Management
AITEP	Aboriginal and Islander Teacher Education Program
AIU	Aboriginal Issues Unit (of the Royal Commission)
AJA	Australian Journalists Association

ALC	Aboriginal Loans Commission
ALFC	Aboriginal Land Fund Commission
ALO	Aboriginal Liaison Officer
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
ALRM	Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement
ALS	Aboriginal Legal Service
ALT	Aboriginal Lands Trust
AMA	Australian Medical Association
AMHN	Aboriginal Mental Health Network
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Service
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANOP	Australian National Opinion Polls
ANPWS	Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service
ANTEP	Anangu Teacher Education Programme
AOT	Aboriginal Organisation Training Program
APH	Anangu Pitjantjatjara Homelands
API	Aboriginal Participation Initiative
APS	Australian Public Service
ASAP	Aboriginal Services Action Plan
ASSPA	Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness
ATAS	Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
ATSIC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (formerly DAA - Department of Aboriginal Affairs)
ATSICDC	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commercial Development Corporation
AVS	Aboriginal Visitors Scheme
BRAMS	Broome Aboriginal Medical Service
BTEC	Brucellosis and Tuberculosis Eradication Campaign
CAAC	Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Inc
CAALAS	Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Scheme
CAAMA	Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association
CAE	College of Advanced Education
CAEPR	Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research
CALM	Conservation and Land Management
CAMS	Carnarvon Aboriginal Medical Service
CATARAC	Central Area Training Aboriginal Resource Accounting Corporation
CCNT	Conservation Commission of the Northern Territory
CDBR	Committee to Defend Black Rights

CDC	(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Commercial Development Corporation
CDEP	Community Development Employment Projects
CEAAC	Catholic Education Aboriginal Advisory Committee
CEC	Catholic Education Commission
CEP	Commonwealth Employment Project
CERD	United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
CES	Commonwealth Employment Service
CJP	Community Justice Panel
CLC	Central Land Council
CRP	Community Release Program
CRS	Commonwealth Record Series (National Archives)
CRU	Criminology Research Unit
CSIRO	Commonwealth Science and Industrial Research Organisation
CSO	Community Service Order
CT	Computerised Tomography
DAA	Department of Aboriginal Affairs (now ATSIC)
DAS	Department of Aboriginal Sites
DCH	Department of Community Health
DCS (1)	Department of Community Services
DCS (2)	Department of Corrective Services
DEET	Department of Employment, Education and Training
DETAFE	Department of Employment, Technical and Further Education
DFSAIA	Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs
DOF	Department of Finance
DOGIT	Deeds Of Grant In Trust
DOPIE	Department of Primary Industry and Energy
DPP	Director of Public Prosecutions
DPUD	Department for Planning and Urban Development
DSR	Department of Sport and Recreation
DSS	Department of Social Security
EEA	Enterprise Employment Assistance
EEO	Equal Employment Opportunity
ESL	English as a Second Language
ESU	Enterprise Support Units
FACS	Family and Community Services
FANZCP	Fellow of the Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
FCAATSI	Federal Council for the Advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
FOI	Freedom of information

FORWAARD	Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties
GNP	Good Neighbour Program
HACC	Home and Community Care
HALT	Healthy Aboriginal Life Team
HDWA	Health Department of Western Australia
HOAL	Homes on Aboriginal Land
Hon.	Honourable
HREOC	Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights
IPCHAC	Incarcerated Peoples Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
JP	Justice of the Peace
JPA	Justices of Peace Association
KALCC	Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre
KAMSC	Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council
KLC	Kimberley Land Council
KRALAS	Katherine Regional Aboriginal Legal Aid Service
LAC	Legal Aid Commission
LAECG	Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups
LGC	Local Government Council
MD	Doctor of medicine
NAANH	Northern Area Aboriginal Neighbourhood House
NAC	National Aboriginal Congress
NACC	National Aboriginal Consultative Committee
NADU	North Australia Development Unit
NAEC	National Aboriginal Education Committee
NAEP	National Aboriginal Education Policy
NAHSWP	National Aboriginal Health Strategy Working Paper
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal and Islander Day Organising Committee
NAIHO	National Aboriginal Islander Health Organisation
NAILSS	National Aboriginal and Islander Legal Services Secretariat
NARU	North Australia Research Unit
NCADA	National Campaign Against Drug Abuse
NCC	Nulungu Catholic College
NESA	National Employment Strategy for Aboriginals
NFLC	National Federation of Land Councils

NH&MRC	National Health and Medical Research Council
NHC	Nganarnpa Health Council
NTAMS	Northern Territory Aerial Medical School
OAA	Office of Aboriginal Affairs
OIC	Officer in Charge
PFANZ	Police Federation of Australia and New Zealand
PhotoSearch	The National Archives online photographic database.
PIA	Public Intoxication Act
PIAC	Public Interest Advocacy Centre
PMS	Prison Medical Service
PNLRM	Preferred National Land Rights Model
PSC	Public Service Commission
QC	Queen's Counsel
QCSC	Queensland Corrective Services Commission
RALC	Regional Aboriginal Land Council
RATE	Remote Area Teacher Education
RATEP	Remote Area Teacher Education Program
RCAGA	Royal Commission on Australian Government Administration
RCIADIC	Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody
RecordSearch	The National Archives online records database
RFDS	Royal Flying Doctor Service
SBS	Special Broadcasting Service
SCAM	Self Contained Accommodation Modules
SJAA	St John Ambulance Association
SMR (1)	Standardised Mortality Ratio
SMR (2)	Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners
SNAICC	Secretariat National Aboriginal Islander Child Care
SPG	Special Purpose Grant
SWOS	Special Weapons and Operations Section
SWRC	Social Welfare Research Centre (now Social Policy Research Centre)
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
TAP	Training for Aboriginals Program
TCHIP	Town Campers Housing and Infrastructure Program
TE	Tertiary Entrance
TEPA	Tertiary Education Program for Aboriginals
TRG	Tactical Response Group
UAM	United Aboriginal Mission
UB	Unemployment Benefit
UN	United Nations
UPK	Uwankara Palyanyku Kanyintjaku



VACSAI	Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Incorporated
VAEAI	Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc
VAHS	Victorian Aboriginal Health Service
VALS	Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
VAMHN	Victorian Aboriginal Mental Health Network
WAADA	Western Australia Alcohol and Drug Authority
WAAECG	Western Australian Aboriginal Education Consultative Group
WACAE	Western Australian College of Advanced Education
WATC	Western Australian Tourism Commission

## APPENDIX 4 FURTHER READING

The following is a selection of the many publications and reports that appeared during the course of the Royal Commission or after its final report was presented. Many additional works will be identified by searching online bibliographic databases such as APAIS (Australian Public Affairs Information Service) or ABN (the Australian Bibliographic Network). It is suggested that you ask your librarian to undertake these searches for you.

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[www.atsic.gov.au](http://www.atsic.gov.au)

Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation  
[rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic/](http://rsjproject/rsjlibrary/rciadic/)

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## APPENDIX 5      OTHER RECORDS

Commonwealth records in the collection of the National Archives include much information which is relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Some of it is about day-to-day administration, particular events and people; some of it is about government policy and programs.

All of the National Archives offices hold some material on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but the most extensive holdings are in the Northern Territory, Victorian and National (Canberra) Offices. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander researchers in Darwin, Melbourne and Canberra have relied on the Archives' holdings for a variety of important research: Land claim and native title research; the preparation of the High Court case (*Kruger and Ors v The Commonwealth*); tracing family and community ties; and preparing submissions to the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal Children from their Families.

### Finding the records

There is no single centralised collection of, or index to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander records within the National Archives. Many of the records in the collection are not clearly identifiable as being about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The information can range from record items containing incidental or passing references to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through to detailed case files about individuals. Other information might be contained in records on apparently unrelated subjects and will only be identified by checking the record itself. This is a characteristic of archival records everywhere, and it makes research based on archival sources an analytical and labour intensive process.

Archival research involves the study of unique, original documents. Consequently, the storage areas of the Archives, unlike those of most libraries, may not be browsed by researchers wishing to identify records that might be relevant. This means that researchers are entirely reliant on indexes and guides to locate material of relevance to their research. The Archives' role is to assist researchers to understand and use the indexes and other reference tools. The Archives does not undertake detailed research on behalf of researchers, nor does it interpret the records.

### Finding aids

The databases, indexes, fact sheets and guides created and maintained by the Archives to help researchers identify relevant records are called finding aids. These are available to all in our reading rooms.

Three guides based on the Archives collection are of particular relevance. In 1993 the Archives published the guide compiled by Ros Fraser, *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Commonwealth Records: A Guide to Records in the Australian Archives ACT Regional Office*. Also in 1993 the Archives, together with the Public Record Office of Victoria, produced a joint guide to records about Aboriginal people in Victoria titled *My Heart is Breaking*. A third guide, published in 1998, is also of relevance. *Finding Families: The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists* contains a chapter on records about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

These guides are invaluable starting points for research, but they can be complex documents to use. Researchers interested in very specific inquiries, for example, about their families or a particular pastoral station or home will not find the 'answer' in them.

Three relevant fact sheets have also been issued. These are: *The Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission* (Fact Sheet 112), which provides a summary of the records of the Royal Commission; *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People* (Fact Sheet 113), which gives information about the administration of Aboriginal affairs during the twentieth century, to provide a context for the records held by National Archives; and *Memorandum of Understanding with the NT Aboriginal People* (Fact Sheet 114), which describes the arrangements between the National Archives and Northern Territory Aboriginal groups to assist Aboriginal people obtain access to Commonwealth government records.

## Access to the records

Given the major role that governments played in the lives of Aboriginal people, the extent and nature of information about Aboriginal people in government records is often highly personal and goes well beyond what was normally recorded about the white community. To release this material under the public access provisions of the *Archives Act 1983* would constitute an unreasonable disclosure of the personal affairs of an individual as provided by section 33(1)(g) of the Act. However, because this is precisely the information which is needed for retracing family and community connections, the Archives acknowledges the need of the individuals concerned, or their representatives, to have unhindered access to these records.

While the Archives has the leading role in regulating access to records over 30 years old, the Archives does not have power to regulate access to records less than 30 years old. Commonwealth records less than 30 years old are known as 'closed period' records, reflecting the fact that they are closed to public access under the Archives Act. Access to these records may be sought by approaching the agency which created the records (or its successor) direct under the Freedom of Information Act, or by seeking permission from the agency for the discretionary release of the records.

## Obtaining copies of records

All offices of the Archives provide a copying service. The copies most frequently provided are photocopies although photographic copies, microform and other copying can be arranged. A fee schedule is available in Fact Sheet 51.

## Further information

For more information about the Archives' collection and how to use it we suggest that you contact the office of the Archives in your State or Territory by mail, telephone, facsimile or email. The addresses and contact information for each office of the Archives are given at the end of this Guide.

## APPENDIX 6 GLOSSARY OF ARCHIVAL TERMS

### **archives**

There are three different uses of the term 'archives':

1. Those non-current records that are identified as having enduring value and so are suitable for permanent retention;
2. The place (building/room/storage area) where archival material is kept. Also referred to as a repository;
3. An organisation (or part of an organisation) responsible for the care and control of archival material.

### **case file**

A file dealing with a specific action, event, person, place, project or other subject.

### **citation**

In the Archives context, the recording of information about records in a standard format – for example, *NAA: A461, 1953/221* is the standard format for referring to item 1953/221 of series A461.

### **closed period**

As determined by the Archives Act, Commonwealth records are not made available for public access until 30 years has elapsed since the last day of the year in which they were created. For example, records created in 1968 are available after 31 December 1998 (ie from 1 Jan 1999). The period before they are available is referred to as the closed period. See also *open period*.

### **Commonwealth Record Series (CRS) System**

The Commonwealth Record Series (CRS) System is the cataloguing system used to link records with the agencies that created them. A separate registration is prepared for each agency and series and each is given a unique identifying number. These registrations are on the RecordSearch database.

### **finding aid**

Any descriptive media created by an archival institution to assist staff and users to find records and the information within records. Basic finding aids include guides (general, repository, subject or topical), inventories or registers, location registers, card catalogues, special lists, shelf and box lists, indexes, calendars, and for electronic records, software documentation. The National Archives' primary finding aids are the RecordSearch and PhotoSearch databases.

### **guide**

A finding aid describing archival holdings relating to a particular subject, period, geographical area, record format, or records created by a particular agency.

### **item**

An item is the smallest discrete unit which has been incorporated into a recordkeeping system and forms part of a series. An item may be a group of folios fastened together, such as a file, or a single volume, card, map, plan, photograph, film, sound recording, computer tape or other document which exists as a discrete entity.

### **item list**



A list of items within a series compiled for the purpose of control and information. It usually contains such information as item number, item title, item date range and occasionally, item size. Also referred to as an 'inventory'.

**item number**

A control symbol allocated by the creator of the record item, for example, file numbers. As far as possible, the control symbol allocated to an item by an agency is retained for archival purposes. In the absence of original control symbols, they may be allocated by the National Archives to enable retrieval.

**jacket**

Obsolete name for a file.

**National Archives of Australia**

A Commonwealth government organisation established by the *Archives Act 1983*. Its purpose is to preserve for posterity the most important records created by all Commonwealth government administrations.

**open period**

As determined by the Archives Act, Commonwealth records are made available for public access after 30 years has elapsed since the last day of the year in which they were created. The open period (ie available for public access) begins on the first day of the calendar year after they reach the age of 30 years. For example, records created in 1967 came into the open period after 31 December 1997 (ie from 1 January 1998). Also referred to as the open access period. See also *closed period*.

**privacy**

The right of living people to be secure from the unauthorised disclosure of, or access to, information contained in records and archives of a private or confidential nature about themselves or their immediate family.

**public access**

The public right to consult records which are in the open period, ie records more than 30 years old, subject to access examination to identify exempt information.

**quantity**

A measurement of the amount of records. In the National Archives this is a linear measurement expressed as the number of metres of shelving occupied by the records.

**reader's ticket**

A numbered pass issued to researchers to facilitate access to reading rooms. Researchers' details are linked to this number, thereby making it possible to create an audit trail and see which records are being used by whom. By signing a reader's ticket the researcher agrees to abide by reading room rules.

**reading room**

A room or area set aside for the supervised consultation of archives by researchers. In the National Archives there are both public and official reading rooms. Also known as search rooms in other archival institutions.

**RecordSearch**

RecordSearch is an online computer database which contains details of items held by the National Archives and the Australian War Memorial. It contains information on:

- all record series in the National Archives custody and Commonwealth records in the custody of the Australian War Memorial;
- the agencies or persons who created or control those series; and
- records still in agency custody.

**reference copy**

A microfilm or other copy of a record or series made for reference use. The reasons for this may be to enable several copies to be available in different locations or to protect the original copy from damage.

**reference service**

The facilities and services that enable researchers to use the archives and its records once access to them is approved. This includes assistance in using finding aids, and the provision of facilities to view and copy records.

**research agent**

A person employed to do research on behalf of another, usually for a fee.

**researcher**

A person who consults records held by the archives, usually in a reading room. Also referred to as a user.

**series**

A series consists of a group of records which have resulted from the same accumulation or filing process (with the same numerical, alphabetical, chronological or other identifiable sequence) or which have a similar format or information content. Records in a series are usually kept together because they result from the same activity. Series may include files, indexes, magnetic recordings, photographs, films, plans etc. The series is the basic unit of control used by the National Archives.

**top numbering**

The renumbering and intersorting of items into a more recent series or their integration into another agency's recordkeeping system

## APPENDIX 7      OTHER GUIDES TO THE COLLECTION

The Archives creates and maintains guides to records in its collection to help researchers identify and locate records relevant to their research. The guides currently available or in preparation are listed below.

### Published research guides

- 1     *Chinese Immigrants and Chinese-Australians in NSW*, by Julie Stacker and Peri Stewart, revised 1997, 80 pp.
- 2     *Aboriginal Deaths in Custody: The Royal Commission and Its Records, 1987–1991*, by Peter Nagle and Richard Summerrell, revised 1997, 92 pp.
- 3     *The Sinking of HMAS Sydney: A Guide to Commonwealth Government Records*, by Richard Summerrell, 3rd ed., 1999, 191 pp.
- 4     *Papua New Guinea Records 1883–1942: Microfilm Collections*, by Peter Nagle, 1998, 136 pp.
- 5     *Royalty and Australian Society: Records Relating to the British Monarchy Held in Canberra*, by Kate Cumming, 1998, 140 pp.
- 6     *Parliament House, Canberra, 1927: Records Relating to the Design, Construction and Opening of the Provisional Parliament House*, by Gay Hogan, 1997, 74 pp.
- 7     *More People Imperative: Immigration to Australia, 1901–39*, by Dr Michele Langfield, 1999, 236 pp.
- 8     *Collections in Melbourne: A Concise Guide*, by Celia Blake, 1998, 76 pp.
- 9     *The Boer War: Australians and the War in South Africa, 1899–1902*, by Craig Wilcox, 1999, revised 2000, 94 pp.
- 10    *Citizenship in Australia: A Guide to Commonwealth Government Records*, by David Dutton, 1999, 114 pp.
- 11    *Good British Stock: Child and Youth Migration*, by Barry Coldrey, 1999, 220 pp.
- 12    *Safe Haven: Records of the Jewish Experience in Australia*, by Malcolm J Turnbull, 1999, 170 pp.
- 13    *Cockatoo Island Dockyard: A Guide to the Records*, by Margaret Chambers, 2000, 252 pp.
- 14    *Collections in Perth: A Guide to Commonwealth Records*, by Dan Midalia, 2000, 182 pp.
- 15    *Working for the Dole: Commonwealth Relief during the Great Depression*, by Don Fraser, 2001, 116 pp.
- 16    *Near Neighbours: Records on Australia's Relations with Indonesia*, by Karl Metcalf, 2001, 205 pp.

- 17 *Sound Recordings in the National Archives*, by Helen Cross and Margaret Chambers, 2001, 125 pp.

Forthcoming research guides (working titles)

Copyright Collections in the National Archives

Postwar Migration to Australia, Records Held in Melbourne

Northern Territory Land Records

Security Intelligence in Australia, 1946–68

Australia and the Japanese: The First Two Hundred Years

World War II Internment Records

Transcontinental Railway Records

Other published guides

*Finding Families: The Guide to the National Archives of Australia for Genealogists*, compiled by Margaret Chambers, National Archives of Australia in association with Hale & Iremonger, Alexandria, NSW, 1998, 344 pp.

*Federation: The Guide to Records*, compiled by Stephen Foster, Susan Marsden and Roslyn Russell, National Archives of Australia, Canberra, 1998, 377 pp.

*My Heart Is Breaking: A Joint Guide to Records about Aboriginal People in the Public Record Office of Victoria and the Australian Archives, Victorian Regional Office*, by Myrna Deverall and Ian MacFarlane, AGPS, Canberra, 1993, 191 pp.

## APPENDIX 8 ADDRESSES OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES OFFICES

### **Canberra**

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Postal address:  
PO Box 7425  
Canberra Business Centre ACT 2610

### **Sydney**

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Chester Hill NSW 2162  
Tel: (02) 9645 0110  
Fax: (02) 9645 0108  
Email: [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)  
TTY: (02) 9743 8419

Postal address:  
Locked Bag 4  
Chester Hill NSW 2162

### **Sydney Records Centre**

2 Globe Street  
The Rocks

### **Melbourne Archives Centre**

Casselden Place  
2 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000  
Tel: (03) 9285 7999  
Fax: (03) 9285 7979  
Email: [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)

Postal address:  
PO Box 8005  
Burwood Heights VIC 3151

### **Brisbane**

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Cannon Hill Qld 4170  
Tel: (07) 3249 4226  
Fax: (07) 3399 6589  
Email: [ref@naa.gov.au](mailto:ref@naa.gov.au)

Postal address:  
PO Box 552  
Cannon Hill Qld 4170

### **Perth**

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East Victoria Park WA 6981

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