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Dear Mr Adams

ABORIGINAL PLACE NAME INITIATIVE

This year is being celebrated by The United Nations (UN) General Assembly as the "International Year of Indigenous Languages" to raise awareness of the crucial role languages play in people's daily lives.

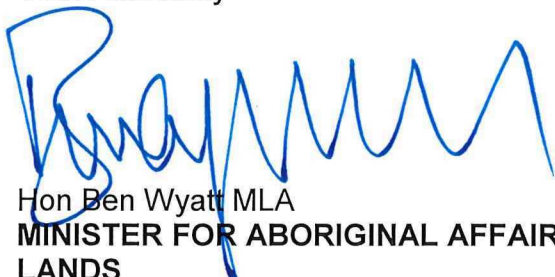
Language provides an identity that connects people to culture, embodies traditions and passes on knowledge. In Australia, Aboriginal languages are the first spoken yet they are amongst some of the most endangered in the world.

In our capacities as Minister for Lands and Minister for Local Government we encourage you to become an active and celebratory participant in embracing Aboriginal language names by bringing forward proposals for place naming.

The Western Australian government, with the support of Landgate are inviting local governments to partner with Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal Language Centres, Native Title Representatives and body corporates to identify opportunities to preserve and reawaken local languages through place naming.

Landgate and the Geographic Names Committee looks forward to working with you in identifying and recording Aboriginal place names across the State. Please contact Mr Charles Hiew, Location Data Maintenance Team Leader, at Landgate on 08 9273 7098 for assistance.

Yours sincerely



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**MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS;
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