

Dear Parliamentary Committee,

I am a Mabuiag Language speaker. The Mabuiag Language first recorded in *The Reports of the Cambridge Anthropological Expedition in Torres Straits* Ray 1907. P. 7) and *The Dictionary of Torres Strait Languages* Edwards 2001. We have a Torres Strait Islander Traditional adoption in our family unit. In fact, we are all Mabuiag Speakers. It is our first language. I want to add the language term Kaziu Kazika as the other term. Western and Central Torres Strait are the "Ka" speakers. Thus the term Kaziu Kazika. The Northern and the Southern Torres Strait Islands are the "Pa" speakers. Thus the term Kaziw Kazipa. I humbly ask the Parliamentary Committee to add Kaziu Kazika. Therefore, the name of the Bill- **Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa Kaziu Kazika** (Torres Strait Islander Child Rearing Practice). This Bill should include language & Dialect words from eastern, northern, western and central Torres Strait. The three terms and spelling of the words will include all the Torres Strait Islanders.

Your Sincerely,



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