

Submissions to:

Parliamentary Committee,

Queensland State Parliament

Brisbane 4000

Subject: Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Child Rearing Practice) Bill

I am asking you as Mabuiag Elder to include the Mabuiag dialect term 'Kaziu Kazika' into this Bill.. Therefore, it will read Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa Kaziu Kazika (Torres Strait Islander Child Rearing Practice). Kaziu Kazika includes Western and Central traditional language speakers. I am a fluent speaker of Mabuiag Language. It is my first language. There are two traditional Languages in the Torres Strait. They Mabuiag Language and Miriam Language. In the Mabuiag Language, there are four dialects. These are Mabuiag dialect, (Western Torres Strait), Saibai dialect (Northern Torres Strait), Tudu Dialect (Central Torres Strait) Muralag dialect (Southern Torres Strait). (Ray 1907 p.7) (Edwards 2001) I speak basic Miriam language from the Eastern Torres Strait. Then, there is lingua franca called the Torres Strait Creole. Therefore, the Mabuiag speakers (Western Torres Strait) and the Tudu speakers (Central Torres Strait) use the term Kaziu Kasika. It will include all Torres Strait Islanders traditional language speakers to change the Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa Kaziu Kazika (Torres Strait Islander Child Rearing Practice) Bill.

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