



## Draft Cultural Area for Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve - Community Sessions

The Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ORALRA) is undertaking an Aboriginal Owners Research Project in the Botany Bay area to allow Aboriginal people to register as Aboriginal Owners for the Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve under Part 9 of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

The research project focuses on the Aboriginal cultural associations with Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve within the wider Botany Bay area and the associated Aboriginal traditions, observances, customs, beliefs and history. The research project aims to gather the information necessary, including family histories and genealogies, to allow for Aboriginal people who are descendants of the 'Original Aboriginal Inhabitants' of the cultural area to register as Aboriginal Owners for the Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve.

The ORALRA has produced a draft cultural area for Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve (below).

The draft cultural area has been prepared for discussion and input by community members interested in the research project. The cultural area has been defined at the point in time when the 'Original Aboriginal Inhabitants' are identified (this means as close as possible to European intrusion). A settled cultural area will be used to identify a draft list of 'Original Aboriginal Inhabitants' (apicals) for the Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Nature Reserve to be presented to project participants for discussion.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people who would like to attend either a virtual meeting or small COVID safe meetings to hear the considerations used to produce the draft cultural area and provide feedback about the map.

We are asking for Aboriginal people with an interest in the project to contact us and nominate where and how they would like to participate in this important part of the research project. Please contact us via [adminofficer@oralra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:adminofficer@oralra.nsw.gov.au) and provide the following:

1. Your name, phone number and email address;
2. Your preference to attend a small group virtual session; or
3. A small meeting in person (groups of 10 people to 20 people in a COVID-19 safe environment) and where you are located.

We will try our best to organise virtual and/or small meetings to suit community wishes.

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