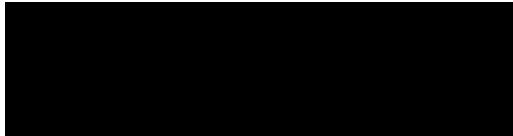


Submission to the Senate Inquiry into language learning in Indigenous communities, by:

April Campbell



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This submission takes the form of a film. The film is an interview with April Campbell. April is an Anmatyerr woman, and an Assistant Teacher of many years standing at the Ti Tree School, Northern Territory.

The film can be viewed at the following URL:

<http://vimeo.com/27891156>

In the film April Campbell describes some of the reasons why her language - Anmatyerr - is important. She covers a range of topics relevant to the enquiry, including:

- The high value placed on the Anmatyerr Dictionary, compiled by linguist Jenny Green and published in 2010 by IAD Press (<http://iadpress.com/shop/central-eastern-anmatyerr-to-english-dictionary/>)
- Some ways that mainstream teaching strategies can be implemented to develop reading and writing practices in children in the school
- The importance of collaborative work between local Indigenous staff and non-Indigenous teachers in school settings
- The role of the arts, specifically music, in supporting Indigenous languages and culture
- The high value placed on elders and their knowledge, and their role in developing young people into full and participating members of their community

- Her aspirations for children in the Ti Tree community as people who are strong in their language, well educated, and working in culturally relevant skilled jobs in their community.