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From: Forester, Robyn
Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 12:28 PM
To: Wilson, Brian; Maguire, Kerry
Subject: FW: For Action FW: Dr Kwok [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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From: Robbins, Jarrah
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2013 8:10 PM
To: Forester, Robyn
Cc: Bottcher, Ian
Subject: Re: For Action FW: Dr Kwok

Thanks Robyn, that's a great detailed response. 41

Sent from my iPhone

On 14/10/2013, at 19:33, "Forester, Robyn" <Robyn.Forester@act.gov.au> wrote:

Ian and Jarrah

As requested. Hope this answers your questions. If you'd like us to put this in an information brief I am more than happy to accommodate.

I have not edited Kerry's response as I believe given the subject that you should be provided with as much information as we are able to source for you.

Cheers

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From: Maguire, Kerry
Sent: Friday, 11 October 2013 9:03 PM
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Subject: For Action FW: Dr Kwok

Hi Robyn

In response to the queries from the Minister's office about Dr Kwok's report and availability:

STATUS OF DR KWOK'S REPORT

Dr Kwok has received final payment for the contract with the ACT Government to research and produce her report.

Review and publishing processes completed so far
Limited peer review

- an initial quick assessment by the ANU anthropologist, Professor Nicholas Peterson, who previously prepared a connection report for the ACT government in 1998 in response to Ngunawal Native Title claims. Dr Petersen assessed that Dr Kwok's is academically sound; and
- a more thorough review by the Australian linguistics expert, Dr Harold Koch, who has done extensive work on Aboriginal social groupings and languages of the Canberra and south-east Australian region, using all known ethnographic sources. Dr Koch identified minor errors of fact, grammar, raised matters for further clarification, assessed Natalie's linguistic analysis and addressed Natalie's critique of one of his own conclusions, which she correctly identified as arising from an error in Jackson-Nakano's transcription of a blanket distribution list.

Dr Kwok responded comprehensively to Dr Koch's indications and corrections.

Editing

Structural, language and copy editing suggestions were provided by myself, particularly in relation to adjustments for a general readership. Again, Dr Kwok responded thoroughly. I have already forwarded to you email correspondence between myself and Dr Kwok (Sun 20/01/2013 9:37 AM), with draft report attached. I will also forward email with the February 2013 version of the report attached. As I moved to the Office for Women immediately after that, I am not sure if there was any further work done on this report. The January 2013 ministerial-in-confidence version of the report, released by CMTD through FOI in April this year, was still marked 'draft report only' and had minor editorial differences to the February 2013 version Dr Kwok sent to me.

Publication through AIATSIS

In early 2012, OATSIA approached Dr Toni Bauman, Research Fellow, at the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit AIATSIS, in relation to publishing Dr Kwok's report. Dr Bauman considered Dr Kwok's research valuable and publishable, probably as a monograph. Publishing through AIATSIS requires approval by their Research Publications Committee. All papers to be considered by the Publications Committee must undergo peer review (at least one anthropologist would have to review), and be presented to the Committee, along with the review findings, three weeks prior to a Committee meeting. Further vetting and editing processes are needed to bring a paper to publication.

AIATSIS would manage and fund other publication processes, such as copy and language editing, design, typesetting and printing.

In May 2013, OATSIA invited Dr Kwok to provide a quote to prepare her manuscript for AIATSIS. Ms Kwok provided a quote for three days work, advising that the next Research Publications Committee meeting would be on 24 September 2013. As yet, OATSIA has not yet responded to this quote.

While three days work may be adequate to prepare the manuscript for submission to a peer review and for Publications Committee consideration, Dr Bauman has advised that several more days work by the author would be necessary to bring the work to final publication. Should the Research Publications Committee approve Dr Kwok's paper for publication, AIATSIS would require Dr Kwok to participate in the following editorial work:

- further peer review, the arrangements and costs of which would be AIATSIS responsibilities
- author's revisions in response to the findings of the peer review
- author's revisions in response to other editorial considerations such as:
 - responding to AIATSIS' request that the author provide more discussion about the reliability and perspectives of 19th century source material (work particularly needed for a general readership), and
 - reducing the manuscript size.

Further possible research

While the brief for Ms Kwok's original report only required that she research archival material, there is also at least one person living in the ACT whose claims of direct Namadgi heritage should be investigated as a critical source of information on the Namadgi grouping. The ACT Government

could conduct an interview and provide information to Dr Kwok. Initial discussions about this have been held between OATSIA, the ACT Heritage Library and the family involved.

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Regards

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Hi Kerry

Can you please provide me with an response to the questions in Jarrah's email below.

Cheers

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Brian
Are you able to provide advice on below?
Thanks

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Can you please enquire with OATSIA as to;

- The status of Dr Kwocks report, in terms of being peer reviewed and published
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