

CONFIRMATION OF APPROVED LANGUAGE USE

Ngawak Ngul Language Working Group BLCAC

This letter provides a confirmation of Bunurong language use for the following project:

- **Name:** Naming of the Centre for Cultural & Indigenous Astronomy
- **Organisation:** University of Melbourne
- **Code:** n/a

To whom it may concern,

The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) wishes to formally support your language request for use of the following Bunurong word for the name of the Centre for Cultural & Indigenous Astronomy at the University of Melbourne. The confirmed word is as follows, with its pronunciation and meaning:

Burunh *BOOR-rune, not BUH-run* ‘the night sky; night; darkness’.

A recording of Bunurong Elder Aunty Gail Dawson can be provided upon request to give the pronunciation of this word.

This confirmation of approved language use comes with the explicit consent of the Bunurong Community as represented by Bunurong Elders and Knowledge Holders. The accuracy of the word above, including its meaning, spelling, and pronunciation, has been confirmed by rigorous research and peer review.

This is the standard, official Bunurong spelling of this words. Any deviation from this spelling is **incorrect** and is **not endorsed** by BLCAC or the broader Bunurong community.

Please note that any commercial use of this word outside of the project as specified in the inception meeting is strictly forbidden without the express written consent of BLCAC. Please also note that while we support the use of the above word(s) for this project, all language remains the legal intellectual property of BLCAC.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Kind regards,

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We would like to acknowledge the lands of the Bunurong, all Traditional Custodians, its children, Elders and Ancestors.

We also acknowledge Bundjil our creator of the waterways and vegetation that sustained not only us but also the wildlife that ensured our survival.