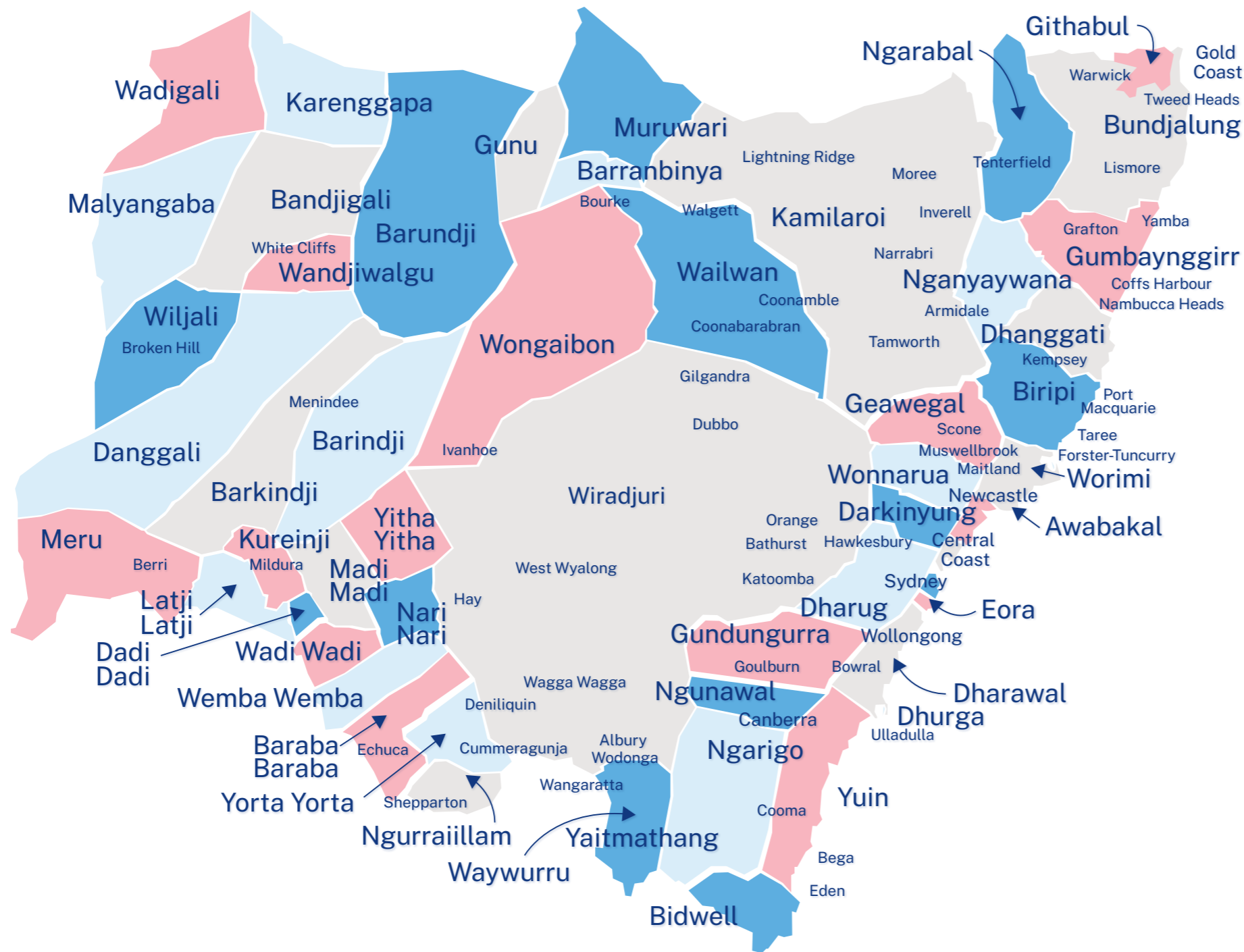


# Aboriginal nations and languages in NSW



## Say hello in Language

### Barkindji

Hello/welcome: **Ngayi**  
Let's go/goodbye: **Yerrabi**

### Bundjalung

Hello: **Jingwallah**  
All the best: **Yoway**  
Thank you: **Boogelbah or Bugalwan**

### Dharug

Hello/good to see you: **Warami**  
Goodbye: **Yanu**

### Dhurga

Hello/goodbye (We hope you had/have a safe journey): **Walawaani**

### Kamilaroi/Gamilaraay

Hello: **Yaama**  
How are you?: **Yaamagara Nginda**  
Goodbye: **Baayadhu**

### Wiradjuri

Are you well?: **Yamandhu Marang**  
Yes I am well: **Ngawa Baladhu Marang**  
Goodbye friend: **Yanhanhadu Mudyi**

For Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, language is not merely a means of communication. It is an important medium through which culture is supported.

NSW is made up of around

# 70

different Aboriginal nations, each with their own language or language group.

Currently more than

# 500

words from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander languages across Australia are commonly used in the English language. This number continues to grow.

Before 1788, more than

# 700

different languages were spoken across Australia.



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