## Ninganah No More Aboriginal language hubs



#### What is the Ninganah No More program?

The Ninganah No More program aims to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in early childhood education and care (ECEC) across NSW learning an Aboriginal language. Ninganah No More supports language teaching in 2 ways: providing grants to individual ECEC service providers to deliver language teaching in their centre, and supporting the establishment of regional Aboriginal language hubs, which facilitate teaching of an Aboriginal language across several ECEC services.

# What are the ECEC Aboriginal language hubs?

The ECEC Aboriginal language hubs will consist of an individual provider (either a single organisation or a consortium) who facilitates language teaching within an Aboriginal language region. There are currently 4 established hubs: Gumbaynggirr, North Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay/Yuwaalaraay and Northern Dharawal.

The hubs will not consist of a physical location, although the primary service provider may have a central office, but will be a mechanism to coordinate language teaching and language resources across a number of ECEC services to maximise the number of Aboriginal children who can access language teaching at the preschool level. The hubs are intended to complement rather than duplicate school-based <u>Aboriginal Language and Culture Nests</u> and <u>Keeping Places</u>.

## Why are the language hubs being established?

The hubs are being established in response to feedback from providers and language teachers during a review of the program in 2020. The review suggested that results could be improved through better coordination of teaching resources at a regional level.

The hubs will ensure language teaching resources are available where and when they are required, without ECEC services having to negotiate with a limited number of individual language teachers.

Hubs will also mean selected Aboriginal language groups will retain control over language teaching and revitalisation efforts in their language region.

#### How will the language hubs be established?

To ensure the most locally appropriate organisation(s) are selected, establishment of the Ninganah No More Aboriginal language hubs will be by closed tender. Only Aboriginal organisations within the language region of the hub who have the required skills and experience for delivering language teaching programs, and have established connections with the Aboriginal language group, will be eligible to tender for the management of the hub.



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