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### Indigenous languages and literacy matter

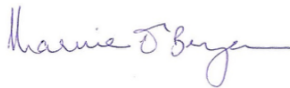
At this time, Australia is being asked to acknowledge the discrimination and disadvantage experienced by our First Peoples. Discrimination against Indigenous languages and systemic disadvantage in education for many Indigenous children are part of a larger justice story in this nation.

Every child in Australia, wherever they live, has the right to thrive and to excel in education. Every child should benefit from equity of opportunity. We can't achieve justice for our First Peoples without setting First Nations children up to succeed in education. Education matters, because education opens doors.

We, the Board of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, understand that early literacy is the cornerstone of success in education. We understand that encouraging early literacy requires children and their parents to have access to books. We understand that children learn to love books when they can see themselves in the stories they read: when they recognise themselves as heroes, as adventurers, as leaders, as friends. We understand that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children need to see that their culture is cherished, and their stories are celebrated by all Australians. We believe they have a right to see their language in print.

Reading opens the doors of possibility. Holding a book in your hands, being able to read your own stories in your own language matters.

Thank you for partnering with us in this work,  
Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors  
Indigenous Literacy Foundation



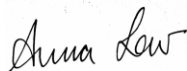
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