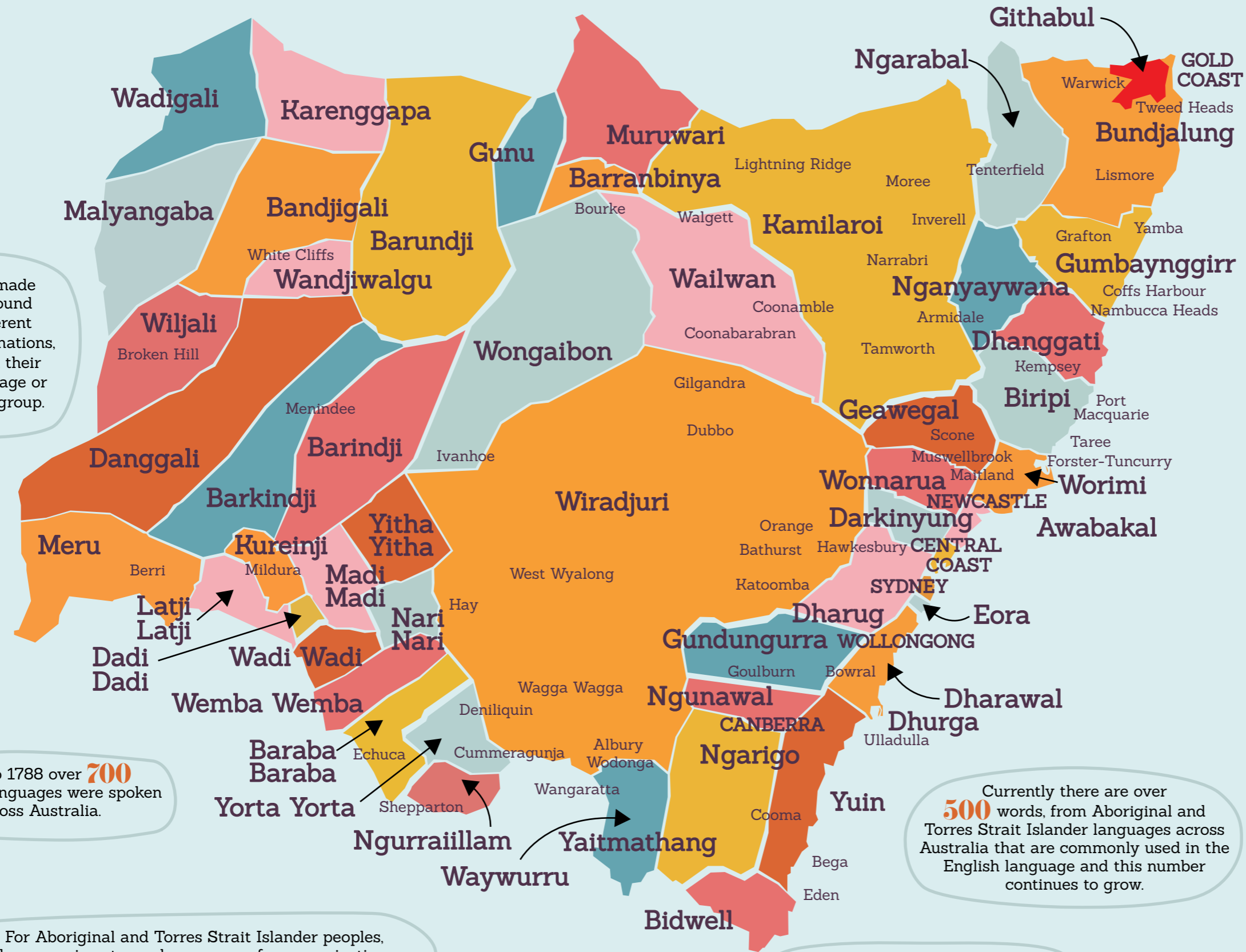


# ABORIGINAL NATIONS/LANGUAGES IN NSW & ACT



NSW is made up of around **70** different Aboriginal nations, each with their own language or language group.

Prior to 1788 over **700** different languages were spoken across Australia.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, language is not merely a means of communication, it is an important medium through which culture is carried.

Aboriginal languages are at high risk of becoming lost. Everyone can play a role in revitalising these languages by learning and using them.

Currently there are over **500** words, from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages across Australia that are commonly used in the English language and this number continues to grow.

### 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/to go: **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**

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