

Conference Theme

Language Sovereignty : Reclaim the Rights

Sub themes

1. Defining Language Sovereignty

- a. What is language sovereignty?
- b. What legal rights does a speech community have to their language sovereignty in Australia?
 - i. What differences are there between States?
 - ii. Between State and Federal?

2. Impact of colonisation on First Nations language sovereignty

- a. Reasons for the loss of language sovereignty.
- b. Current impacts and trends on language sovereignty rights.
- c. Exoticisation of language.
- d. Contemporary data loss/process that remove rights e.g. native title process, education and language in schools, GLSC case study?
- e. Gatekeeping and archived legal access problems affecting language sovereignty.
- f. Archives and language sovereignty.
- g. Impact of native title on language sovereignty.
- h. Impact of language projects on language sovereignty.
- i. Impact of WA Aboriginal Languages Legislation on language sovereignty.
- j. Language sovereignty as a decolonisation tool.

3. The Value of Language Sovereignty

- a. Language as the mouth of culture.
- b. Creating data sets and sovereign rights.
- c. Re-claiming sovereign language rights.
- d. Policies to ensure sovereign language rights are upheld.
- e. Language economies
 - i. The economic value of language reinvigoration and language sovereignty.
 - ii. Traditional language economies – how they worked.
 - iii. Contemporary language economies – how they work, could work.
 - iv. The economic cost of the interruption of intergenerational language transfer.