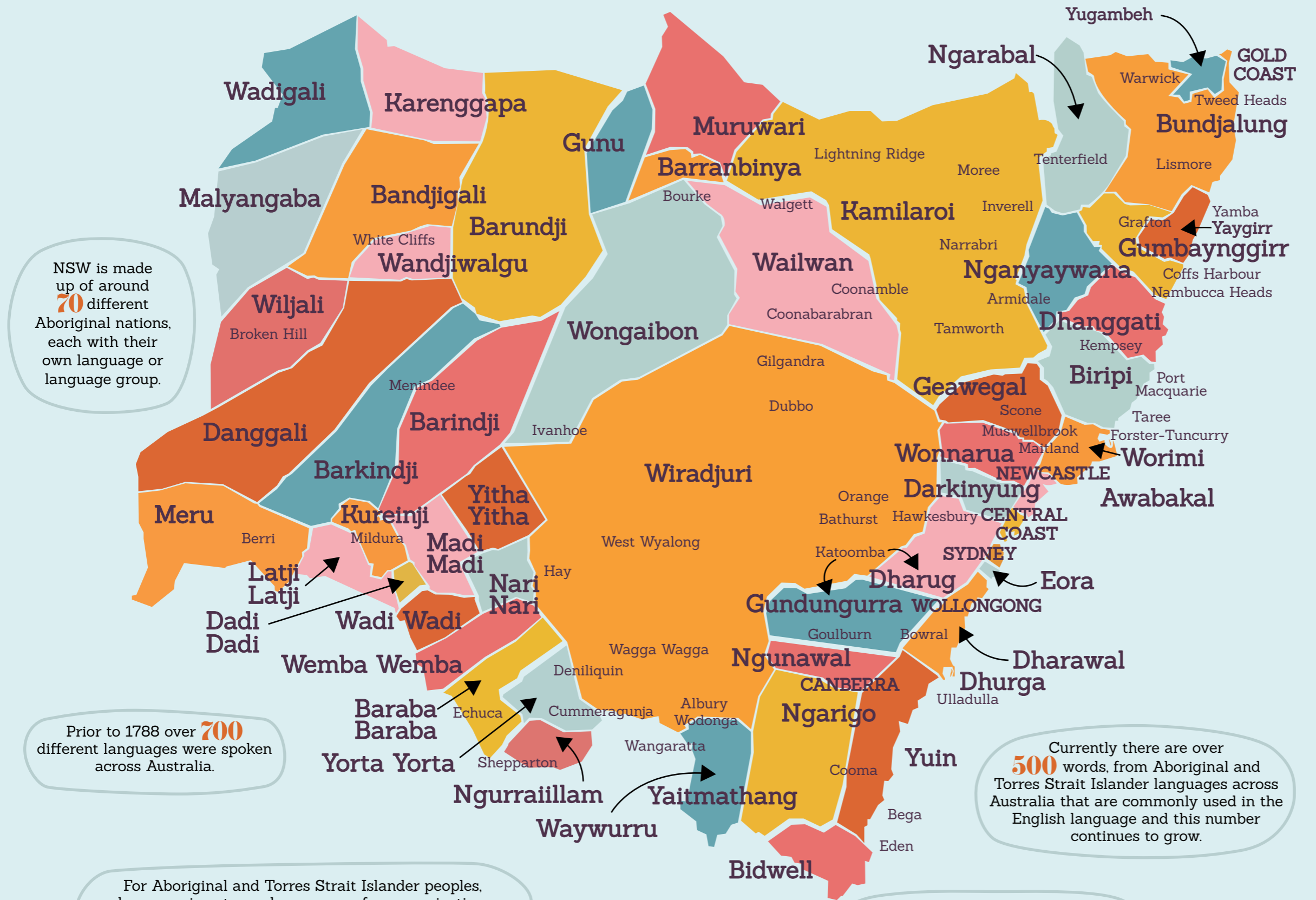


# ABORIGINAL NATIONS/LANGUAGES IN NSW & ACT



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.

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.

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

### Say hello in Language!

**BARKINDJI**

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

**BUNDJALUNG**

- Hello: **Jingiwallah**
- 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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