

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

To : Adj. Professor Margo Ngawa Neale
Senior Indigenous Curator and Head of the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges at the
National Museum of Australia.
Lawson Crescent, Acton Peninsula, Canberra ACT 2601

By email to: margo.neale@nma.gov.au

Date: 22nd June 2023

Re: *The Claimed Aboriginal Ancestry of Adj. Professor Margo Ngawa Neale*

Dear Professor Neale,

We are genealogical and historical researchers and we have been commissioned by a number of third parties to provide the **Family Tree and genealogy** of your family.

Specifically, we were commissioned by interested Aboriginal people and associated organisations to determine if your claims to be of **Aboriginal descent**, as commonly understood by the Commonwealth under its 'Three-part definition' for the legal definition of Aboriginality in Australia, could be independently verified.

The research we have undertaken appears to show that, based on the publicly available records, that **no ancestors** in your family tree appear to be of Aboriginal descent.

All of your ancestors appear to originally have come from **Ireland, England or Wales**.

Please find attached our alleged Family Tree of your family, based on the publicly available records and corroborating information from other members of your family.

In our opinion, it very much appears, based on these publicly available records, that **you are mistaken in your beliefs** that you are, '*of Indigenous descent ... with clan connections to the Wiradjuri in the Riverina and Gumbayngirr of the Northern Rivers,*' (1), or that you have ancestry of '*the Mirning-language speakers of the Albany region of Western Australia.*'(2)

We understand that our clients intend to publish these findings shortly and we invite you to contact us directly should you wish to make comment on, or offer corrections to, our research findings. If we receive a response from you, we will advise our clients accordingly and make any corrections as appropriate.

Please feel free to contact me directly should you wish to discuss the results of these genealogical studies.

Yours sincerely

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Mob: 0409 XXX XXX , **Enclosure – 1 file of Adj. Professor Margo Ngawa Neale's alleged Family Tree**

(1) HerCanberra - [A Summer of Hope: Margo's story](#) 25 January, 2022

(2) [Canberra Times](#), Sunday 27 August 1995, page 21