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**MS 5351**

## Papers of Brian Walsh

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## Collection Summary

<b>Collection no:</b>	MS 5351
<b>Title:</b>	Papers of Brian Walsh
<b>Creator:</b>	Walsh, Brian
<b>Date range:</b>	1983 – 1986
<b>Extent:</b>	0.64 linear metres (1 x Type 1 archival box + 1 folder in Manuscript Plan Cabinet)
<b>Repository:</b>	Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
<b>Reference code:</b>	MAR 10/030

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## **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Content**

### **Country**

Kimberley area (WA SD51, SD52, SE51, SE52)  
Northeast Queensland (NE Qld SE55)  
North west Cape York (Qld SD54)  
South West Western Australia (SW WA SH50, SI50)  
Torres Strait Islands (Qld TSI SC54, SC55-05)  
Urapunga map area (NT Top End Roper SD53-10)  
Yuendumu (South Central NT SF52-12)

## **Collection Overview**

### **Scope and contents note**

The collection relates to the consultancy work completed by Brian Walsh, through his communications consultancy firm Brian Walsh & Associates. He was commissioned by AUSSAT Pty Ltd (Australian Communication Satellite system) to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the use of AUSSAT by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, particularly throughout remote Australia.

The collection includes a three part feasibility study regarding this topic; a progress report; consultatory paperwork with the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA); maps and figures of existing and proposed terrestrial telecommunications stations, satellite ground links and AUSSAT uplinks in relation to these communities; projection of impact AUSSAT would have on these communities.

### **Provenance**

Collection of unknown provenance. Registration number MAR10/030 denotes the material was deposited with AIATSIS in 2010 with the deposit most likely made by Brian Walsh.

### **Material separated from the collection**

No material has been separated from this collection.

### **Related material**

B B849.16/A1 Aboriginal use of AUSSAT: a feasibility study for AUSSAT Pty Ltd 1984

For a complete list of works by Brian Walsh held by the Library, and for other related material consult [Mura®](#), the AIATSIS catalogue.

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For example:

Master Map and Figure pages, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, MS 5351, Series 1, Folder 6.

## Biographical history note

Brian Walsh, (B.A. Comms), has been extensively involved in the Australian media world for over 40 years. Walsh started his career in television but has also been employed in radio and consultancy work. Since 1995, he has worked for the Australian branch of the Foxtel Group.

In 1984 Walsh, through his communications consultancy firm Brian Walsh & Associates, was commissioned to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island use of AUSSAT.

### References

Gaffney, Ellie 1989 'Somebody Now: The Autobiography of Ellie Gaffney, a woman of Torres Strait.' Reproduced excerpt 'Media in the Torres Strait' pp.72-83, viewed 6 February 2023, <<https://www.tsim4mw.org.au/history/>>

'Brian Walsh' n.d., viewed 6 February 2023, <<https://tedxsydney.com/contributor/brian-walsh/>>

## Archivist's note

The description of this collection has been transcribed and/or devised from the information on the material provided by the donor.

## Series 1, 1983-1986

### Folder

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Aboriginal use of AUSSAT, Vol 1. 1984.

Feasibility study for AUSSAT Pty Ltd 1984, Brian Walsh & Associates. Unbound typescript volume 153pp.

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- MS 5351/1/2 Aboriginal use of AUSSAT, Vol 2. 1984.  
Feasibility study for AUSSAT Pty Ltd 1984, Brian Walsh & Associates. Unbound typescript volume 143pp.
- MS 5351/1/3 Aboriginal use of AUSSAT, Vol 3. 1984.  
Feasibility study for AUSSAT Pty Ltd 1984, Brian Walsh & Associates. Unbound typescript volume 95pp.
- MS 5351/1/4 Progress Report to AUSSAT. November 1983.  
Table of contents: Summary, Naiba Conference, Brian Walsh and Associates Pty Ltd. Bound typescript 18pp.
- MS 5351/1/5 CAAMA : TV Feasibility Study. July 1983.  
Consultation regarding Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association television feasibility. Unbound typescript (100pp); Appendices & newspaper clipping regarding feasibility study.
- MS 5351/1/6 Master map and figure pages. No date.  
Maps showing Aboriginal communities in relation to existing and proposed terrestrial telecommunications stations, satellite groundlinks and AUSSAT uplinks. Master map, maps of Torres Strait, North Queensland, North section of Northern Territory; Pitjantjatjara Lands; Kimberley Region; South-Western Australia; Central Australia; Yuendumu; Urapuntja Council Communities.
- MS 5351/1/7a AUSSAT community impact projection. c.1984 - 1986.  
Indicative impact of AUSSAT on Aboriginal broadcasting and interactive services through various communities Australia-wide. Diagrams, list of communities.
- MS 5351/1/7b Master figure page demonstration.

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