## Acknowledgement of land and sovereignty

## Some phrases:

Dhawun ngaya nguwalay winanga-y-la-nha

I acknowledge this land

Yaliwunga nhalay Gamilaraay

This is always Gamilaraay (land)

Yilaalu, yilaadhu, yaliwunga; Gamilaraay nhalay dhawun

Long ago, now, always; this is Gamilaraay land

**Gunimaa nhalay** 

This is the mother land

Gunimaa ngay, Gunimaa Gamilaraay-ngu

my mother land, the Gamilaraay mother land

Dhawun ngaya nguwalay winanga-y-la-nha

[Land I here acknowledge-continuous-now]

Yaliwunga nhalay Gamilaraay

[Always this Gamilaraay]

Yilaalu, yilaadhu, yaliwunga; Gamilaraay nhalay dhawun

[Long ago now always Gamilaraay this land]

**Gunimaa** nhalay

[Mother land this]

Gunimaa ngay, Gunimaa Gamilaraay-ngu

Mother land my mother land Gamilaraay-of

## Notes

- Dhawun (ground or land); Gunimaa (mother land)
- Either nguwalay (here) or nhalay (this) can be used
- -ngu is the Proper name Dative/possessive suffix