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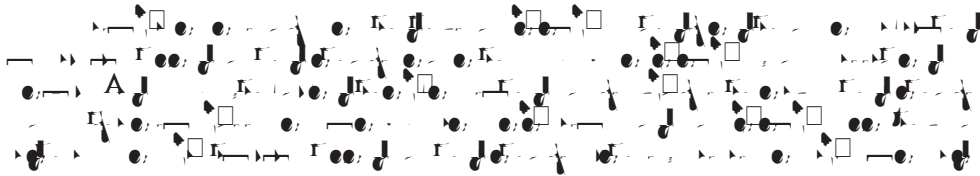
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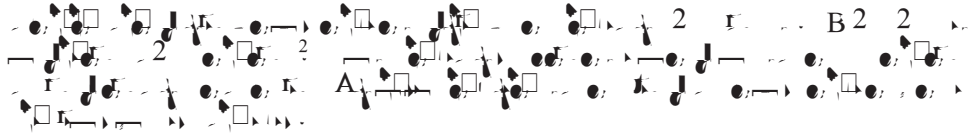
The findings of a research study into the civil and family law needs of Indigenous people in New South Wales (NSW) are presented and analysed. It is suggested that the identification of the wide range of civil and family law needs of Indigenous people in NSW could serve to eliminate the inequality in access to justice for the Indigenous communities in Australia.

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IN NEW SOUTH WALES: THE PRIORITY AREAS**

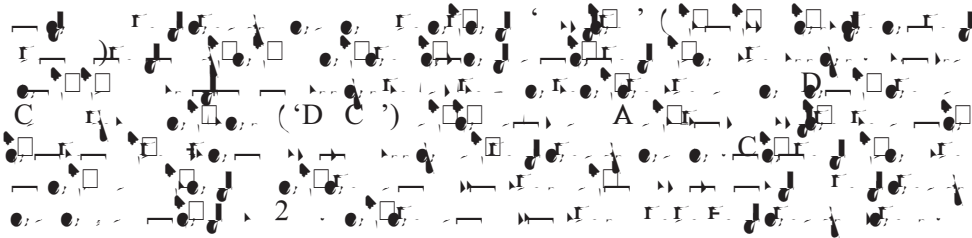
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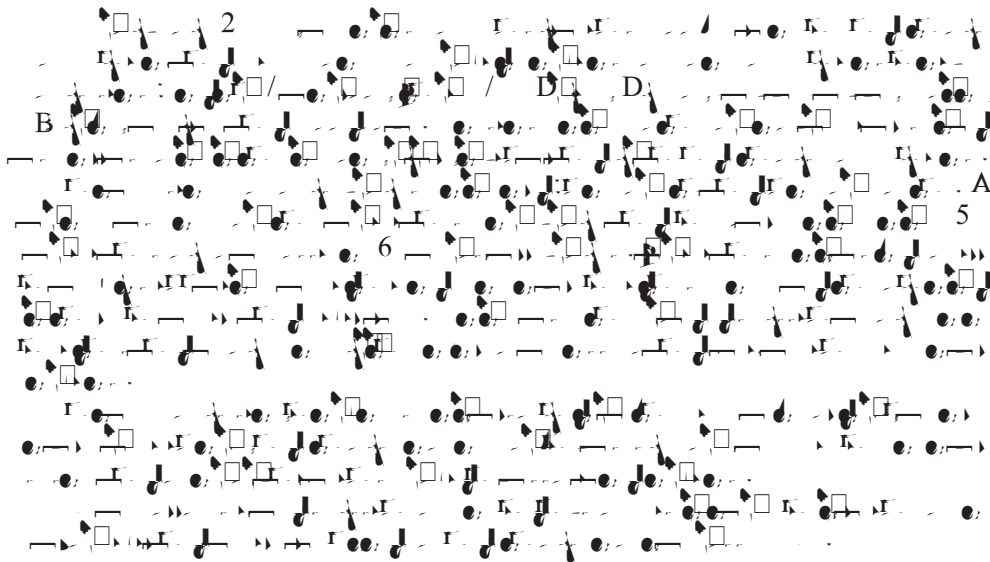




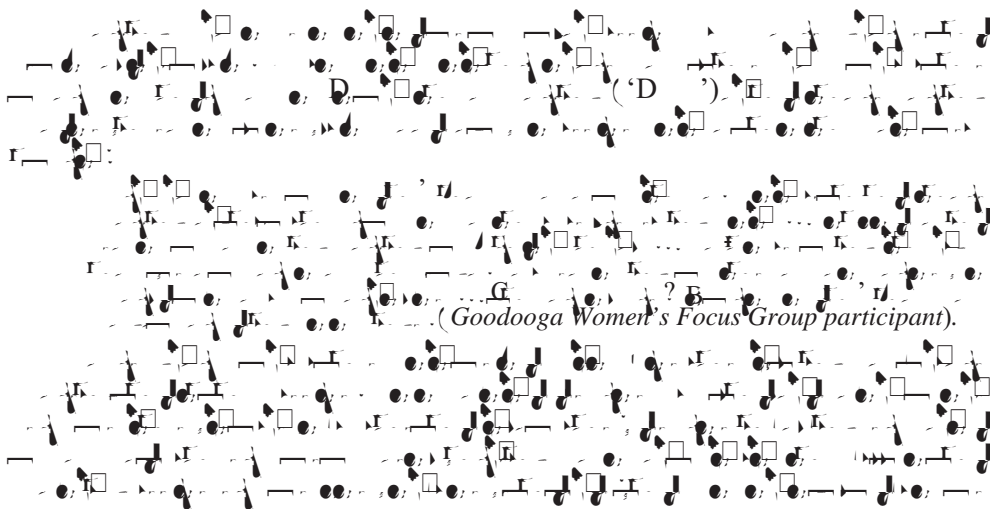




V LEGAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT: RESEARCH FINDINGS



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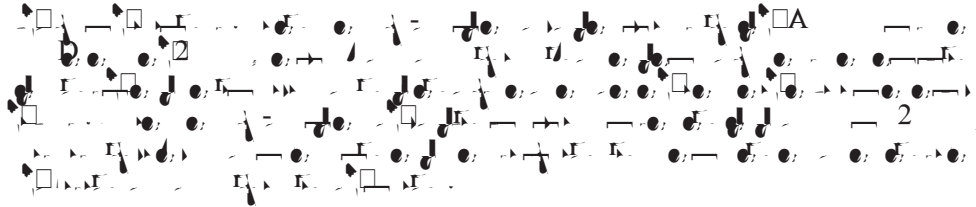


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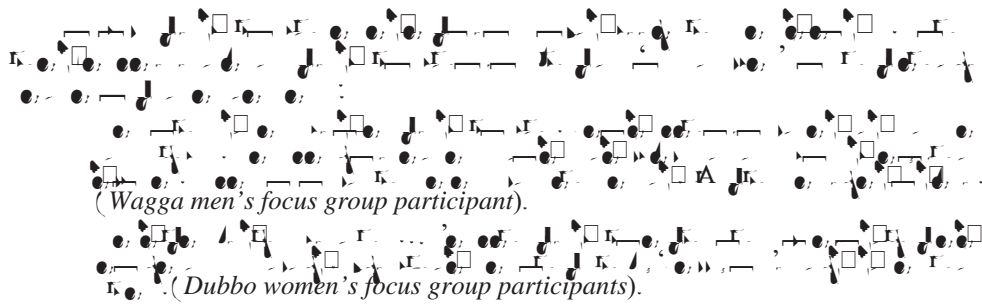
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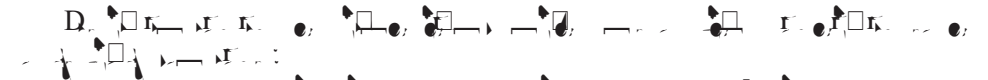





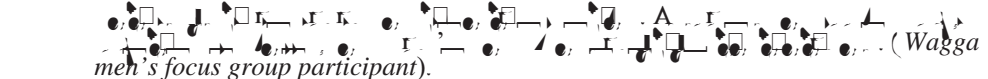



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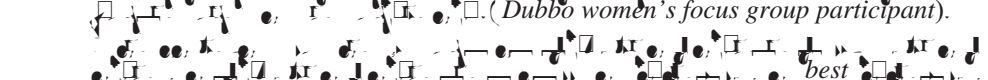



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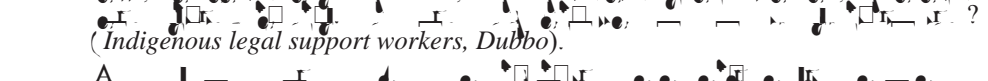
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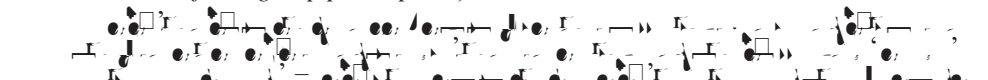

















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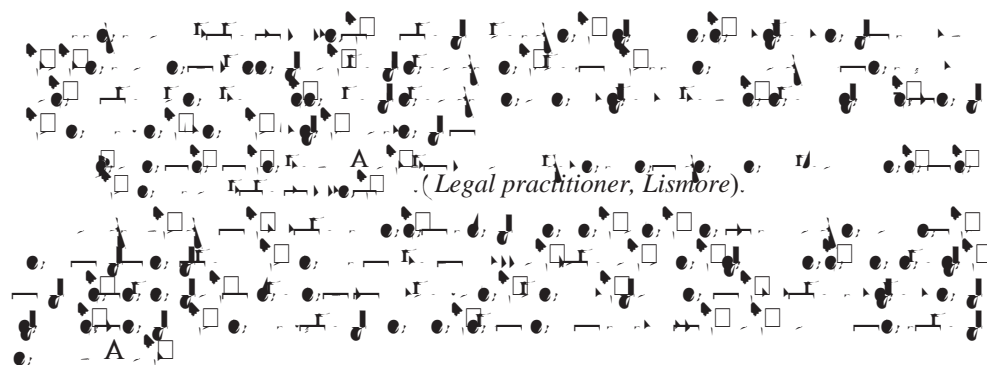


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(Indigenous legal support workers, Dubbo).

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CD (Tabulam men's focus group participant).


G Credit and Debt





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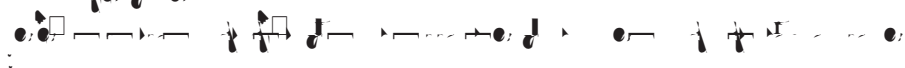
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... would ... would ...
(Legal practitioner, Redfern).

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(Dubbo men's focus group, participant).

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H Consumer Issues

A 5 ... A 5 ... ? ...

I Victims Compensation

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(Goodooga women's focus group participant).

(Tabulam men's focus group participant).

(Indigenous legal support workers, Dubbo).

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J Wills and Estates

(Dubbo women's focus group participant).

(Dubbo women's focus group participant).

(Goodooga women's focus group participant).

(Redfern women's focus group participant).

(Moree men's focus group participant).



A musical score consisting of several staves of music. The notation includes various note values, rests, and bar lines. Below the music, there are two lines of text in parentheses, each associated with a specific part of the music. The first line is "(Wagga men's focus group participant)" and the second line is "(Tabulam men's focus group)".



(Indigenous legal support worker, Walgett).



VI CONCLUSION: TRANSLATING LEGAL NEEDS RESEARCH INTO IMPROVED ACCESS TO CIVIL AND FAMILY LAW REMEDIES

(Indigenous legal support worker, Dubbo).

(Indigenous legal support worker, Bourke).

(Legal Aid Commission Indigenous staff member).

(Legal support worker Wagga).

(Legal Aid Commission Indigenous staff member).

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