ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code

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Types of change requests

Type of change proposed (check one):

1. ☐ Modify reference information for an existing language code element
2. ☐ Propose a new macrolanguage or modify a macrolanguage group
3. ☒ Retire a language code element from use (duplicate or non-existent)
4. ☒ Expand the denotation of a code element through the merging one or more language code elements into it (retiring the latter group of code elements)
5. ☐ Split a language code element into two or more new code elements
6. ☐ Create a code element for a previously unidentified language

For proposing a change to an existing code element, please identify:

Affected ISO 639-3 identifier: xrq

Associated reference name: Karranga

3. Retire a language code element from use

(a) Reason for change:
   ☒ There is insufficient evidence that the language exists.
   ☐ This is equivalent to another ISO 639-3 language.

(b) If equivalent with another code element, with which ISO 639-3 code element (identifier and name) is it equivalent:

(c) Rationale for change:
AIATSIS comments, “McConvell (2006 p.c.) suspects Karranga was a dialect of Mudburra C25 because people said it was similar to Mudburra; but it is impossible to determine whether it is a dialect of Mudburra or a separate language since there is no recording of available.”.

“definitely retire Karranga. I think this dates from a conversation I had with Pat McConvell in 2009, so maybe he changed his mind between 2006 and then or maybe not. But there’s no data, so it can’t be confirmed.”

4. Expand the denotation of a code element through merging of one or more code elements

(a) List the languages (identifier and name) to be merged into this code element and retired from use: consider merging [xrq] and [dmw] Mudburra into old ISO code [mwd] Mudbura, or somehow else restoring [mwd]

(b) Rationale for change
Alternative option to simple retirement, reversing change request 2012-073. It might be useful for ISO to ask Pat McConvell what his current opinion is, and whether an expansion in scope of [dmw] or merger back to [mwd] would be warranted.

Sources of information
Please use whichever of the points below are relevant in order to document the sources on which you have based the above proposal.

(a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

(b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

(c) Knowledge from published sources (please give complete bibliographical references):
AUSTLANG entry C33: Karranga

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Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:

HYPERLINK
"http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html"http://linguistlist.o