

RESEARCH STATEMENT

Original Creative Work

Citation: Speaking out : best of indigenous music 1990-2010 CD (Karl Neuenfeldt: Co-Producer of 'T.I Taxi Driver' (Seaman Dan) & 'Joseph' (The Medics))

1. Research Background

- Field – Indigenous Music
- Context – Torres Strait Islander & Aboriginal Music from North Queensland
- Research Question – What do ABC Local Radio broadcasters consider to be exemplary recordings of the last 20 years?

2. Research Contribution

- Innovation – The compilation presents the breadth of Indigenous popular music 1990-2010, including both Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal popular music.

3. Research Significance

- Evidence of Excellence – The CD's songs have received national broadcast and distribution via the ABC Local Radio and ABC Shops networks respectively. Torres Strait Islander elder Seaman Dan's music is well regarded and he has won major music industry awards such as 2 ARIA Awards and the Red Ochre Award from the Australia Council for the Arts. The Medics, an emerging Indigenous band from North Queensland, now tour and perform regularly at major festivals such as Woodford Folk Festival and the Dreaming Festival.

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