

# Summary of Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2008

## New South Wales

### The University of Sydney

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**Approved Project Title** **Internecine conflict and violence in NSW Aboriginal communities: an historicised assessment of governance and social control**

**2008 :** \$ 100,000

**2009 :** \$ 100,000

**Primary RFCD** 3702 SOCIAL WORK

**IRF** Ms VL Grieves

**Administering Organisation** The University of Sydney

#### Project Summary

Analysis of the context of conflict and violence in NSW Aboriginal communities through ethnohistoriographical techniques and Indigenous knowledge methodologies, including Aboriginal focus groups, will engage and empower Aboriginal people in innovative approaches to restoring social order. Research outcomes, specific to localities in NSW, have benefits for dealing with conflict and violence in Indigenous communities in Australia and internationally. Research outcomes will clarify the sources of conflict, ensure conflict resolution and ongoing civil societies, enhance the cultural viability of communities, and inform public developments with appropriate governance models, enhancing Indigenous wellbeing.