



Avoiding inappropriate and offensive terminology

The following terminology is **inappropriate** or dated, and must be avoided at all times as it can **cause offense**:

- ATSI
- Native
- Mixed blood
- Half-caste
- Quarter-caste
- Full-blood
- Part-Aboriginal
- 25%, 50% Aboriginal
- Them
- Them people
- Those people
- Those folk
- You people

The following terms are **very offensive and should never be used**:

- Coloured
- Primitive
- Nigger
- Lubra
- Gin
- Abo
- Coon
- Boong
- Savage
- Jacki jacki
- Coconut
- Sooty
- Darky
- Blacks
- Johnny-come-lately

Credit - A guide to appropriate Aboriginal terminology
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/aboriginal/Publications/pub-terminology.pdf>