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Abstracts
N. Chadwick (School of Australian linguistics, Batchelor, N.T.)
"Language Politics in North Australia"

A report on the political and social factors in language maintenance
and language shift in the Northern Territory.

(1) The official medium - English - reasons for the increased and increasing
   use of English.
(2) Local languages - a) reasons for the determination in the extent and use
   of most local languages.
   b) A survey of six relatively powerful language groups and reasons for
      their present-day survival.
(3) The role of Pidgin and Creole - how it developed and its present state.
(4) Policies of Bilingual Education - arguments for and against bilingual
   education as a means of protecting local languages.
(5) Prognosis for the future

The continued deterioration of most minority languages. The growth of
Aboriginal self-esteem and revivalist trends.