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Dear Committee,

As a Tamilian I take pride in presenting one of the oldest languages in the world- Tamil to you to be part of ATAR for students in Canberra.

My son also studied this language and benefited from this. My daughter is now pursuing this at one of the Community Schools. I have been teaching this language at the community school for almost 8 years.

I must say this language will be a bridge for the kids between Australia and India. It connects them back to their roots. Having Tamil in year 11 and 12 will give a very in depth understanding of the cultural importance, political views and more analytical knowledge of the social structure of Tamil Nadu (A state in India that has Tamil as the mother tongue). My son has personally benefited from this and I strongly recommend having Tamil as a subject for the students who want to pursue this epical language in year 11 and 12. This is an honour given to the language itself and would be an asset for the next generation to carry over.

Kind regards
Sindhuja Subramani Prasad