

# **A Kara Phonology\***

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## **1 Introduction**

The Kara language is spoken by approximately 4,000 people in the Kavieng subdistrict of New Ireland province. The purpose of this paper is to present a fairly complete description of Kara phonology. Some of the more interesting features of the system are the number of contrastive vowel phones, the syllabification of vowel sequences, and the use of phonemic contrasts to signal levels of transitivity.

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