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Cultural Heritage Acts Review
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Dear ACHA Review team,

Submission for the Qld Cultural Heritage Acts Review

We, the Minjerribah Moorgumpin (Elders-In-Council) Aboriginal Corporation (MMEIC) have read the submission of the Quandamooka Truth Embassy, dated 28 March 2022 (*Attachment A*) for the Queensland Cultural Heritage Act Review.

We fully support and endorse the recommendations made in their submission, namely:

- 1. Recommendation 1:** To ensure decisions are made by 'the right people for country,' legislative review should ensure traditional decision-making processes are followed in the identification and protection of cultural heritage.
- 2. Recommendation 2:** Legislative review should ensure that Aboriginal people who have been excluded from native title and PBC's processes are engaged in the identification and protection of cultural heritage.
- 3. Recommendation 3:** An independent body, and therefore independent processes, are required, that engage pre-colonial bloodline connected people to identify and protect cultural heritage.
- 4. Recommendation 4:** PBC's should not be appointed as Aboriginal cultural heritage bodies.
- 5. Recommendation 5:** Absolute recognition of intangible cultural heritage is required within the legislation.



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6. **Recommendation 6:** The definition of 'intangible cultural heritage' must be holistic. This definition should draw on existing frameworks that define intangible cultural heritage including Victoria's *Aboriginal Heritage Act (2006)*, UNESCO's Convention on Intangible Heritage (2003) and the ICOMOS Burra Charter.
7. **Recommendation 7:** The definition of cultural heritage within legislation must include modern living heritage and cultural practices.
8. **Recommendation 8:** The definition of cultural heritage with the *Act* should include management and use of cultural resources.
9. **Recommendation 9:** The QCHA must be reviewed and amended to comply with the *Queensland Human Rights Act (2019)*.

We are always happy to discuss this further via our contact details provided below.

Kind regards

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