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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to support the Wangan and Jagalingou and make my submission as follows for in 2022 it is high time we address the atrocious colonial framework that restricts consultation and care by First Nations peoples. As such I wish to see;

The management and protection of cultural heritage should be in First Nations hands, and not in the hands of the State or developers whereby improved the protection of cultural heritage in Queensland will be achieved by:

1. Amending the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that traditional owners with cultural connection to Country can be involved in consultation and negotiation processes, regardless of their status as a native title party.
2. Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations, so that they aren't reliant on the State to protect our cultural heritage if it is in imminent danger of harm or destruction.
3. Establish an independent First Nations-led decision-making body that is responsible for dispute resolution and mediation, and for assessing who the right people to speak for Country are.

Yours sincerely,

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