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Dear Sir, Madam,

I respectfully wish to submit my comments in regards to the above Cultural Heritage act 2003 and wish to add my comments for submission to the new act reforms.

Firstly I would like to say that I support the submission by the Traditional Owners of Wangan and Jajalingou people in their submission for the review and inclusions to the new Cultural Heritage act.

As Australians it is most important that we value our First Nation's people of this country and each individual country of each group. We have so much to learn and these places are of high importance.

So many areas and places are of significant Cultural heritage, these places are churches, schools, burial grounds, ceremonial places and they are significant. To dismiss all of that is just ignorant and to make the land value only good for mining removes any knowledge and ability for the Traditional owners to connect to country.

I would like to support and suggest that the following is added into the new Cultural Heritage Act in Queensland.

1.

Amend the definition of a Aboriginal party so that Traditional Owners and Native title holders with Cultural connection to country are always involved in consultation and negotiating and regulatory processes.

2.

Create greater enforcement processes for First Nations people in order to protect Cultural Heritage which is in imminent danger or harm and destruction, and this is funded by the state in order to establish the threat.

3.

Establish an independent First Nations lead in decision making, that is responsible for dispute, resolution, mediation and for assessing who the right people are in order to speak for country and decisions.

4.

Respect the history, culture of place as per Traditional owners claim in relation to country, culture and heritage of places and connection to country.

For example hundreds of artefacts have been found on the Carmichael mining site therefore representing thousands of years of occupation and connection to country, the Wanaan and Jagalingou people of this area need to be consulted and have connection to this country.

Therefore reforms on the CH act need to take onto consideration of not only the native title owners but the Traditional owners with connection to the specific sites..

Please advise of the outcome of the new act prior to it being passed in order to view any new changes.

Yours faithfully

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