



## Lodge a written submission

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### **Q.1 Please upload your document.**

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### **Q.2 Do you have any comments you wish to add?**

A. I strongly support the content of The Submission lodged by the Wangan and Jagalingou People of Central Queensland. I list their submission documents as they speak for me!!! The history of the settlement of Central Queensland is shameful and details active Genocide. For such a group of families to survive from their ancestral past should be respected and acknowledged. They should be recognised and applauded for their survival against all the barriers created by white colonial settlement. I strongly request that your consideration of response and claim to this action and this review procedure by the Queensland government be put into the true context of taking land rights from the true custodians of this land.

Another 'white man's' deceitful action!!

Cultural Heritage Acts in Queensland have failed the Wangan and Jagalingou People, and many other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. Currently these Acts simply allow developers a smooth ride to gain their approvals without meaningful consultation with the Traditional Owners for Country and without sufficient accountability when acting illegally. The management and protection of cultural heritage should be in our hands, and not in the hands of the State or developers. We are calling for the following reforms, that are needed at a minimum to improve the protection of cultural heritage in Queensland:

- Amend 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.
- Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations, so that we aren't reliant on the State to protect our cultural heritage if it is in imminent danger of harm or destruction.
- 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.