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Submitted to **Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972**

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About You

Are you submitting a response as an individual, or on behalf of your organisation?

Organisation

Organisation details

What is the name of your organisation?

Organisation Name:

Belang Aboriginal Corporation

Name of submitting officer and position.

Submitting officer and position:

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Do you have authorisation to make a submission on behalf of your organisation?

Yes

In which field is your business?

Aboriginal organisation

If "other" please specify your field of business:

Purpose of the Act

Question 1

Yes

If not, what changes should be made?:

Roles under the Act

Question 2

2 - who should be consulted?:

There needs to be on ground consultation with Indigenous Heritage officers ,who are heritage officers in their own country and have set up their own ranger programs for their lands. These people are connected to their elders and their community through heritage and work on the behalf of their lands. These people have seen the changes and have decided to make plans for conservation and land management on land using their own people and their own knowledge.

Question 3

Ineffective

How can the provision to appoint honorary wardens be improved?:

I believe these positions need to held by Indigenous people of Australia only.

These are the people that know the land and have not been able to do anything for years regarding Indigenous Heritage in this country. These people need to have their voices heard.

Question 4

Yes

Role and functions - Minister:

No

Role and functions - Registrar:

I would like to recommend that the Registrar have a key role in the return of indigenous artefacts from current past and current non- indigenous land owners and

companies working on land.

No

Role and functions - Committee:

I would recommend consultation with Land councils all over Australia and consultation with Indigenous Heritage providers on land.

Yes

Role and functions - DPLH:

What is Protected?

Question 5

Yes

5. How can section 5 be improved?:

Question 6

Yes

6. How can section 6 / Part VI be improved?:

Question 7

Yes

Additional comments:

Question 8

Yes

8. what needs to be considered?:

Protection and Enforcement

Question 9

9. Activities that should require consent or authorisation:

Constant use of lands where bush foods and bush medicines are located.
Waterholes and waterways, aquifers and natural springs.

Question 10

10. Criteria to evaluate activities that may affect a site:

Lose of Cultural and Environmental Values.

Question 11

11. What is an impact in relation to sacred sites?:

Constant consultation with traditional owners from that area.
Time frames developed for consultation.

Question 12

12. consent / authorisation for proposals that will affect sites:

The Traditional owners of the land.

Question 13

No opinion

13. How s18 can be improved?:

Question 14

14. provisions for long-term protection of sites:

The setting up of Ranger programs with Heritage officers from that area and the setting up of keeping places on land.

Question 15

Yes

15. How can enforcement provisions be improved?:

Question 16

Yes

16. How can penalties be improved?:

Site Assessment and Registration

Question 17

Yes

17. Why shouldn't a defence be provided?:

Question 18

Yes

18. What should the criteria be?:

Question 19

19. Steps to report place or object:

All Indigenous heritage officers and Land councils should have access to registrar and provide the information to their people and to any stakeholders. Consultation with elders on sites.

19. Steps to nominate a place or object:

Consultation with traditional owners and their heritage officers on land.

19. Steps to assess a place or object:

consultation between Indigenous Heritage officers and Elders .

19. Steps to enter a place or object on the Register:

Identification
Consultation
Determination
Action
Preservation
Monitoring

19. Steps to amend a place or object on Register:

Consultation
Discussion
Action
Preservation

19. Steps to remove place or object from Register:

Consultation
Determination
Action

Other Parts of the Act

Question 20

20. What's missing from the Act?:

Native Flora and Fauna usage and the Heritage protection of those areas on land . After all these area are still used and have been used to sustain our people for thousands of years and the value of these places are just as important to any other in this country.

Question 21

No opinion

21. Sections to be removed from Act?:

Any other comments

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