

**Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972) Review:  
Phase 1 Consultation Workshops:  
May 2018:  
Facilitator Report:**

**Workshop Name:** My Heritage, My Voice:

**Date:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018:

**Town / Venue:** Kununurra: Mirriwoong

**Facilitator:** Lee Harper Penman:

**Number of Attendees:** 5:

**Any logistical / venue related issues:** N/A

**Summary of Key Issues raised:**

- Lack of community access or involvement regarding quality and credible information.
- Limited community knowledge regarding current legislation, regarding Aboriginal heritage.
- Much more detail under each question needs to be added, specifically naming and categorizing each Section of the act.

**Summary of key ideas for amended legislation:**

- Acknowledgment and recognition of Eldership and traditional owners to the area.
- Inclusion of those recognized traditional elders who could support and assist to inform Government legislation.
- Establish a steering group of local traditional owners / elders that will increase knowledge and provide leadership and
- Begin to build an asset – based community development and social action approach in relation to policies and practices that damage sites of cultural and spiritual significance / importance, similar to what the Yued / Moora group identified.

**Points of contention:**

- Consulting with the right community elders / leaders and members.
- Feeling that the legislation is not a representation for all people / Mirriwoong interests.
- Much more transparency wanted and needed.

- More recognition, support of local established elders and traditional owners.
- The community do not know about Aboriginal heritage legislation, what these workshops are about, do not understand the subject matter, it was confused with Native Title.

**Overall effectiveness of workshop:**

The overall effectiveness of the workshop may be described, though provoking for the participants and government representation. Started off slow, after first question and prompts participants got into it, constructive, thoughts and ideas.

Were very keen to have the team back to discuss in the questions asked and points raised by other participants of the workshop.

Also very keen to involve other community members.

**Any other observations:**

Group does hold some apprehension regarding this process and feel that they do not have the final say, were very explicit in the team returning to speak to the right people, who were at present in attendance in a meeting in Broom.

**Any suggestions for next phase of consultation:**

Because of the attendance it is anticipated that more numbers will attend if the team returns for phase 2, so taking this into account, the suggestion of the following:

- More time on the ground needed for the location.
- Involvement of younger adults.
- Workshops to be run morning to afternoon and then afternoon to evening on the same day.
- Day 1 strategic out reach.
- Day 2 delivery of workshop consultation process.