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Mr Vaughan Davies
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Dear Mr Davies

REVIEW OF THE *ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972*

The Minister for Police and Road Safety, Hon Michelle Roberts MLA has asked that the Road Safety Commission respond directly to you regarding correspondence from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Ben Wyatt MLA, dated 8 March 2019. He invites submissions regarding the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (the Act).

On behalf of the Minister for Road Safety we commend the effort to gather the views of Aboriginal people, enabling them to clearly voice what is important to them and their expectations for a stronger say in relation to land and cultural heritage. The Road Safety Commission aims to take a contemporary approach with respect to the changed social and legal landscape that has led to the formal recognition of Aboriginal people's deep connections to the land and their culture. Revised legislation to reflect such change is supported.

Generally, the services and programmes delivered by the Road Safety Commission do not involve Aboriginal heritage issues and therefore we are not directly involved or have an informed position regarding the issues and proposals raised in the consultation process. We will ensure that if such issues arise when working with our partner agencies, such as Main Roads Western Australia, the spirit and compliance requirements that result from the review will be incorporated.

Yours sincerely



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