

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

Workshop Name: Working with Our Aboriginal Heritage:

Date: Friday 18th May 2018:

Town / Venue: Kununurra:

Facilitator: Lee Harper Penman:

Number of Attendees: 4:

Any logistical / venue related issues: N/A

Summary of Key Issues raised:

- Understanding and clarification of what the current legislation says.
- Clarification of the detail to be added, various layers of what's going to be included.

Summary of key ideas for amended legislation:

- Aboriginal involvement is key.
- Valued input from non-Aboriginal people, who have knowledge and experience.

Points of contention:

- Is this a one off process
- The language used within legislation and within the workshops, not deemed as 'user friendly'.
- Workshop not long enough.

Overall effectiveness of workshop:

Started off slow, after first question participants got into it, constructive, thoughts and ideas. Good level of contribution. Audience, interested and very engaged.

Any other observations:

Four knowledgeable individuals within the group took the lead, the others quite content for this to happen, until challenged.

Surprisingly Departmental staff had limited knowledge of the Act; need to be encouraged to voice their opinions on the subject. Presented at first that they felt a little uncomfortable regarding inputting into a subject that affects Aboriginal people from a non – Aboriginal view, explained that when Aboriginal and Non- Aboriginal interact that is where the ‘magic’ happens and place and space called ‘The 3rd Space’ a mind set, and way of thinking, all contribution is both key and valued.

Any suggestions for next phase of consultation:

- Staff awareness sessions regarding the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.
- Staff awareness regarding interaction, engagement, that there input is just as important / valued.
- Introduction, awareness training regarding 3rd Space engagement, interaction.