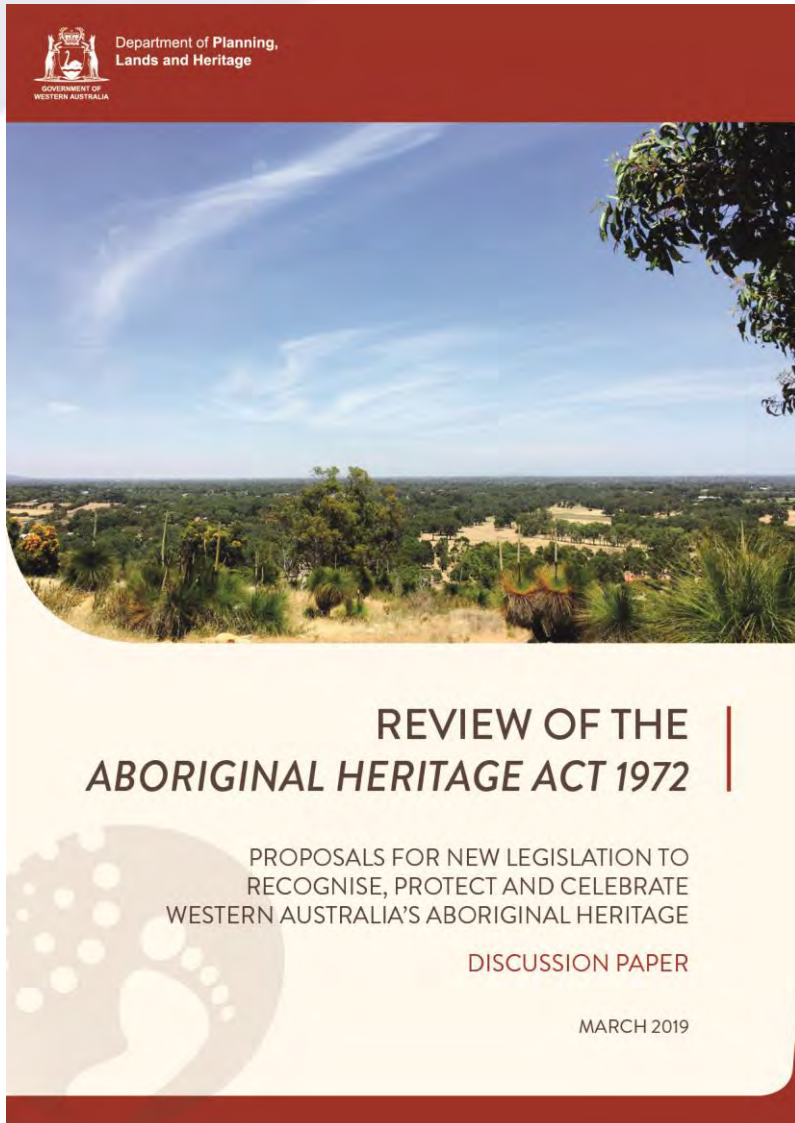




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AHA REVIEW PHASE 2 WORKSHOPS
NORTHAM - 1 MAY 2019
Facilitator Report

Report on Stage Two Consultations

Review of The Aboriginal Heritage Act

Northam (Ballardong area)

1 May 2019

Attendees

Community*

Number of Attendees: 2

DPLH Staff

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Facilitator

Robert Reynolds

Consultations were based on a PowerPoint presentation prepared by DPLH staff to ensure consistent presentations were made across the state. This draws on, and summarises information from the March 2019 Consultation Paper which was handed out to all participants in the workshop. The order of proposals differed from the document but all Desired Outcomes / Proposals listed in the Consultation paper were covered.

Issues raised by participants were written down on large sheets of paper displayed on the walls of the venue for the throughout the consultation where they were checked by participants. These are the official records of the meeting and will be published on the DPLH website. They are also attached at the end of this report.

While there were only two attendees at the Northam meeting it was important that the opportunity had been offered to discuss the proposed New AHA. More significantly both attendees were actively involved in Aboriginal Heritage with one running the Bilya Koort Boodja, Centre for Nyoongar Culture and Environmental Knowledge. They therefore brought detailed understanding of community concerns in relation to heritage to the workshop and were able to present these views clearly in their contributions to the discussions.

There was broad support for the direction that the proposed review is taking and keen to see the Aboriginal community supported to take a greater role in the protection of their heritage.

Details of the discussions are not covered here as the formal responses of the group are those put up around the meeting room and are to be uploaded on the DPLH AHA review website (these are attached). However, the following general points that underlay the responses to a range of the proposals and came up several times are noted below.

- Aboriginal Heritage must be controlled by the TOs with direct knowledge of the places under consideration

- The proposals were all supported but local TO's through LAHS and other mechanisms need to be adequately resourced.
- The good intent of the proposals also needs to be reflected in an Act that achieves the outcomes proposed.
- Aboriginal Heritage is often undervalued in the broader community and must be more actively promoted. The Bilya Koort Boodja Centre is contributing to this

General follow up

As requested by participants, copies of the presentation will be emailed to attendees by DPLH.

Robert Reynolds

8/5/2019

BUTCHER'S PAPER NOTES – NORTHAM WORKSHOP

1/5/19 Northam (1)

Proposal 1+2 New Act + Scope

- Supportive but the test will be related to the workability
- More scope to places related to camping & assoc with travelling
- Recognising past ancestral trails & historical association to places.
- Important to promote Aboriginal history & stories.
- Access to heritage places.

Northam (2)
1/5/19

Proposal 3A

LOCAL ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SERVICE

- Members need to demonstrate connection to country.
- Affinity to the land & knowledge of the area.
- Supportive - Local people = Local solutions
- Must be adequately resourced.
- Must be regionally based.

NORTHAM

1/5/19

(3)

Proposal 3B

Aboriginal Heritage
Council

- Highly skilled as determined by the Aboriginal community.
- Supportive of the concept, but the devil is in the detail.
- Concern that full Aboriginal membership isn't mandated.
- If not full Aboriginal membership there needs to be a development plan
- Must be responsive to the LAHS

Northam

1/5/2019

(4)

Proposal 5

Land Use Assessment

- Generally supportive.
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NORTHAM 1/5/2019 (5)

PROPOSAL 4 Aboriginal Heritage Register

- Coverage to be as broad as possible.
- Supportive of the proposal.
- Printable forms which are field reportable for use on country.
- LAHS to be supported to take people on country—to improve quality of info on the Register

NORTHAM 1/5/19 (6)

Proposal 36 Directory of Heritage Professionals

- Needs to be a way for skilled T/Os to be on the Register
↳ LAHS to support suitably experienced T/Os to nominate for the directory.

NORTHAM 1/5/19 (7)
Proposal 3C Minister's Role

- Like the transparency.

NORTHAM 1/5/19 (8)
Proposal 6 Agreements

- Must demonstrate open communication
- LAHS has the authority to review/work across boundaries.
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NORTHAM

1/5/19 (9)

Proposal 7

Transparency & Appeals

- Transparency must be demonstrated throughout the entire process, not just ~~at~~ at the point of a decision.
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NORTHAM

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Proposal 8

Enforcement

- Compensation to go to LAHS.
- Fines to go to relevant area, not consolidated revenue.

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Proposal 3D Role of DPLH

- Needs to be adequately resourced, particularly in support for LAHS
- =50(d) positions or =51

NORTHAM

1/5/19

(12)

Proposal 9 Protected Areas

- Transparency must be applicable throughout the entire process.
- LAHS to have a formal process to nominate areas to be recognised as Protected Areas
- Adequate resources provided to Manage P.A.s.