



Department of **Planning,
Lands and Heritage**

*PROPOSALS FOR NEW
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
LEGISLATION*

*TOM PRICE
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
22 May 2019*

MEETING RECORD

Department of **Planning,
Lands and Heritage**

**REVIEW OF THE
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972**

PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO
RECOGNISE, PROTECT AND CELEBRATE
WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

DISCUSSION PAPER

MARCH 2019

DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSALS

1. A New Aboriginal Heritage Act

PROPOSAL 1: *Repeal the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and deliver new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

2. What new legislation will cover: Aboriginal heritage places, objects, ancestral remains

PROPOSAL 2: *Update definitions and scope of new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

3. Key roles in Aboriginal heritage: Proposed local and central bodies – Functions and selection

PROPOSAL 3(a): *Local Aboriginal Heritage Services*

PROPOSAL 3(b): *The Aboriginal Heritage Council*

PROPOSAL 3(c): *The Minister's role*

PROPOSAL 3(d): *The role of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage*

PROPOSAL 3(e): *Heritage professionals – aiding selection of those with appropriate qualifications and experience and improving standards*

4. How heritage information will be managed: The Aboriginal heritage register

PROPOSAL 4: *Retain the current form and function of the register of Aboriginal Places and Objects but rename it the Aboriginal Heritage Register*

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5. Managing land use proposals that may impact on Aboriginal heritage

PROPOSAL 5: Introduce a referral mechanism to facilitate tiered assessments and approvals of proposed land uses

6. Agreements between Aboriginal people and land users

PROPOSAL 6: Encourage and recognise agreement making

7. Transparency of decision making

PROPOSAL 7: Transparency and appeals

8. Enforcement: Offences and penalties

PROPOSAL 8: A modernised enforcement regime

9. Protecting places of outstanding importance

PROPOSAL 9: Protected Areas





MEETING NOTES – TOM PRICE (14 MAY 2019)

There was one attendee at the AHA Review Phase 2 Workshop held in Tom Price on 14 May 2019. The DPLH AHA review team took the opportunity to provide the participant with an overview of the proposed legislative changes. No butcher's paper notes were taken/required