

WORKING WITH OUR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE WORKSHOP
KALGOORLIE - 17 MAY 2018

MEETING RECORD

- * LARGE BACKLOG - OF SITES THAT ARE YET TO BE ASSESSED.
- * SITES BEING IMPACTED WITHOUT CLEARANCE
- * CONCERN ABOUT PEOPLE DRILLING IN AREA PRIOR TO ANY PERMIT BEING ISSUED.
- * SURVEY PARTICIPANTS NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THEY ARE QUALIFIED TO SPEAK FOR AN AREA.
- * WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS AN NT CLAIM → SITES NEED TO BE PROTECTED.
- * CONCERNS AGREEMENTS MADE WITH NT CLAIMS REMAIN AFTER NT CLAIM DISMISSED.
- * MYTHOLOGICAL SITES CREATE DIFFICULTIES
- * DRATES + RENTS BEING COLLECTED EVEN THOUGH CANNOT PROCEED DUE TO HERITAGE ISSUES.

* PERMIT SYSTEM THROUGH DEPT
THAT PROVIDES PERMITS FOR LOW
IMPACT ACTIVITY.

* A WOULD LIKE A REGISTER OF
AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN "CLEARED"
OF SITES.

* GOVT TO FUND CULTURAL MAPPING
OF SITES SO ~~DEVELOPERS~~^{MINERS} KNOW \rightarrow
WHERE SITES ARE FOR ENTIRE STATE

* DIFFERENT TYPES OF SITES HAVE
DIFFERENT ~~TYPE~~ SIGNIFICANCE.

* ~~W/A~~ IF AREA ALREADY DISTURBED
APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED.

- * DEVELOPERS ^{x MINERS} WANT CERTAINTY PRIOR TO COMMITTING TO INVESTING
- * REGISTER LEGACY ISSUES
→ BOUNDARIES TOO LARGE
- * REGISTER DOES NOT REFLECT WHERE SITES ARE LOCATED
- * SITES SHOULD BE REMOVED IF THOSE SAY THEY ARE NOT THERE
- * PROCEDURAL FAIRNESS SHOULD APPLY AT POINT OF ADDING PLACE TO THE SYSTEM
- * PLACES SHOULD BE ON GROUND VERIFIED BEFORE ADDING TO SYSTEM
BY DEPT

- * S 18 process too long + costly
- * MANY PLACES IDENTIFIED BY PROFESSIONALS ARE NOT SITES, BUT END UP DELAYING PROCS + ADDING COSTS.
- * HERITAGE PROFESSIONALS NEED TO BE ACCOUNTABLE
- * SHOULD BE A REGISTER OF HERITAGE PROFESSIONALS THAT ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO STANDARDS → AND CAN BE STRUCK OFF. + FINED.
- * TRANSPARENCY + REPORTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE.
- * GUIDELINES + STANDARDS FOR SURVEYS
- * WANT AREAS TO ONLY NEED TO BE SURVEYED JUST ONCE.
- * TREES SHOULD NOT BE SITES.

WHO SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS

- * CURRENT APPROVAL PROCESS TOO COMPLEX + TIME INTENSIVE
- * NEED CLEAR TIMELINES THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CONSULTATION TIMES.
- * NEED REPORTING STANDARDS
- * NEED GUIDANCE MATERIAL
- * ACT TO INCLUDE SCHEDULE OF COSTS FOR CONSULTATION + SURVEYS
- * PEOPLE WANT CERTAINTY.
- * ALL REPORTS TO BE MADE PUBLIC.
- * SUSPICION THAT SYSTEM IS BEING PORTED
- * CENTRAL REGISTER OF SURVEYS
- * MANDATORY REPORTING OF SITES + SURVEYS
- * COSTS OF ENGAGING ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IS OK, IT'S ALL THE ADD ON COSTS + FEES THAT IS THE PROBLEM

* ~~GOVT~~ REGISTRATION OF PEOPLE TO CONSULT MUST BE INDEPENDENT OF LAND COUNCILS.

* LAND COUNCILS SHOULD NOT HAVE ULTIMATE SAY, SHOULD BE ELDERS

* DEALING WITH PBC NO BETTER THAN DEALING WITH LAND COUNCIL WAS EXPERIENCE OF ONE ATTENDEE.

* GOVT NEEDS TO TAKE LEADERSHIP ~~AND~~ ROLE OF CONSULTATION. → SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY FLAWED

* WANT IN RELATION TO CONSULTATION:

→ A REGISTER OF WHO TO CONSULT

→ CERTAINTY

→ SURVEY STANDARDS

* SUPPORT REGIONAL STANDARD HERITAGE AGREEMENT MODEL

Decision making

- * NEEDS TO BE A TRIBUNAL FOR APPEALS REGARDING SITE ASSESSMENTS.
- * LAND COUNCILS ACTING AS GATE KEEPERS AND NOT ALLOWING ACCESS TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WITH KNOWLEDGE.
- * PUNITIVE MEASURES FOR BOGUS OR FALSE CLAIMS, BY HERITAGE PROFESSIONALS
- * NEED A REGISTER OF PEOPLE THAT NEED TO BE CONSULTED.
- * LOCAL ELDERS SHOULD BE THE "VAMPIRE" WHETHER A PLACE IS A SITE.
- * LANDUSERS TO BE ADVISED OF THE PRESENCE OF PLACES WHETHER REGISTERED OR NOT.
- * NEED RESOURCING TO WORK THROUGH BACKLOG OF SITES.

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- Large backlog of sites that are yet to be assessed.
- Site being impacted without clearance.
- Concern about people drilling in area prior to any permit being issued.
- Survey participants need to demonstrate they are qualified to speak for an area.
- Whether or not there is an NT claim – Sites need to be protected.
- Concerns agreements made with NT Claims remain after NT Claim.
- Mythological site create difficulties
- Rates and rents being collected even though cannot process due to heritage issues.

- Permit system through Department that provides permits for low impact activity.
- Would like a register of areas that have been 'cleared' of sites.
- Government to fund cultural mapping of sites so miners plus know where sites are for entire State.
- Different types of sites have different significance.
- If area already disturbed approval not required.

- Developers / Miners want certainty prior to committing to investing.
- Register legacy issues – boundaries to large.
- Register does not reflect where sites are located.
- Sites should be removed if TO's say they are not there.
- Procedural fairness should apply at point of adding place to the system.
- Places should be on ground verified before adding by Department.

- S/18 process to long and costly
- Many places identified by professionals are not sites, but end up delaying process and adding costs.
- Heritage professionals need to be accountable.
- Should be a register of heritage professionals that are accountable to standards – and can be struck off and fined.
- Transparency and reports should be available.
- Guidelines and standards for surveys.
- Want areas to only need to be surveyed just once.
- Trees should not be sites.

Decision Making

- Current approval process to complex and time intense.
- Need clear timelines that take into account consultation times.
- Need reporting standards.
- Need guidance material.
- Act to include schedule of costs for consultation and surveys.
- People want certainty.
- ACL (??) reports to be made public.
- Suspicion that system is being rorted
- Central register of surveys.
- Mandatory reporting of sites and surveys.

- Costs of engaging Aboriginal people is OK, it's all the add-on costs and fees that is the problem.
- Register of people to consult must be independent of Land Councils.
- Land Councils should not have ultimate say, should be elders.
- Dealing with PBC no better than dealing with Land Council was experience of one attendee.
- Government needs to take leadership role: Consultation - System is currently flawed.
- Want in relation to consultation:
 - A Register of who to consult.
 - Certainty.
 - Survey standards.

- Support regional standard heritage agreement model.
- Needs to be a tribunal for appeals regarding site assessments.
- Land Councils acting as 'gate-keepers' and not allowing access to Aboriginal people with knowledge.
- Punitive measures for bogus or false claims, by heritage professionals.
- Need a register of people that need to be consulted.
- Local elders should be the 'umpire' whether a place is a site.
- Land Users to be advised of the presence of places whether registered or not.
- Need resources to work through backlog of sites.

- Should be a hierarchy for sites. Low to high are treated differently.
- Concerns about not knowing who to consult.
- How can you physically protect sites when they are mapped incorrectly and there is no information available.
- Having to do s/18s when there are no sites there because the register is wrong.
- Developers / Miners need to know where sites are so that they can avoid.
- People being told that a survey expires after 2 years.

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

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