

MY HERITAGE, MY VOICE WORKSHOP
WARBURTON - 16 MAY 2018

MEETING RECORD

*CONSULTATION WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE.

* ALT TENURE ~~IS~~ VERY STRONG FOR PROTECTING HERITAGE.

* IF SITES ARE REGISTERED THEN MINING COMPANIES ARE AWARE AND COME AND CONSULT.

* MINING COMPANIES NOT CONSULTING IF NO SITES ON REGISTER, BUT THERE MAY BE SITES THERE.

* PART III RESERVE WAS STRONG

* WOULD LIKE THE PREMIER TO COME TO WARBURTON TO DISCUSS ~~RE~~ REVIEW OF AHA.

* ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HERE ARE LANDOWNERS OF THE LAND THROUGH INHERITANCE AND NEED TO BE IN CONTROL OF DECISIONS REGARDING LAND

* WANT TO BE PROPERLY RECOGNISED AS THE LANDOWNERS.

* AND WANT TO BE COMPENSATED FOR ALL THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO THE LAND.

* NEW LEGISLATION NEEDS TO HAVE STRONGER PROTECTION FOR HERITAGE.

* ABORIGINAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING CULTURE FOR OVER 40,000 YEARS AND THAT THIS REMAINS STRONG TODAY.

* LOT OF CONCERN ABOUT
PEOPLE GOING INTO RESTRICTED
AREAS

* ANYONE DOING ANY ACTIVITY
IN THE AREA NEEDS TO DO
THOROUGH CULTURAL AWARENESS

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* NOT JUST MINING BUT ALSO
TOURISTS, COMMUNITY WORKERS -
ANYONE WHO COMES ONTO LAND

✚ COMMITTEE WITHIN COMMUNITY (MENS)
TO DEAL WITH CULTURAL + HERITAGE
ISSUES → NEED TO BE FUNDED

* ELDERN WITH KNOWLEDGE NEED TO
BE FUNDED

* COMMITTEE WOULD REPRESENT THE
NANA... LANDS.

* WANT COMMITTEE TO BE PART OF ACT.

* DISINCENTIVE TO REGISTER SITES
IF LOCATIONS ARE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

* WANT SITES REGISTERED BUT ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT PUBLIC ACCESS.

* COMMUNITY SHOULD BE ABLE TO
SAY NO TO DEVELOPMENT AND
NO BE THE FINAL ANSWER.

"NO MEANS NO"

* TENURE REFORM THAT GIVES
MORE POWER/AUTHORITY IN REGARDS
TO MAKING DECISIONS.

* WESTERN DESERT DIFFERENT TO
OTHER PARTS OF THE STATE.

* COMMUNITY NEED TO BE INVOLVED
IN SURVEYS AND IDENTIFIED
SITES PROTECTED

WHAT NEEDS PROTECTION

* BURIAL SITES

* LAW AND CULTURE MOST IMPORTANT
THING → GOVERNMENT NEED TO UNDERTAKE

LEGISLATION SHOULD NOT WATER DOWN
PROTECTION.

+ FEAR OF CULTURAL CONNECTION BEING
THREATENED IF THINGS NOT PROTECTED

* STOP MINING DAMAGING SITES

* ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WANT MORE CONTROL

* PEOPLE UNHAPPY SO MUCH DAMAGE
HAS HAPPENED AND GONE UNPUNISHED.

* THERE SHOULD BE COMPENSATION FOR
DAMAGE.

* DO NOT TRUST GOVERNMENT

WHAT PLACES NEED
PROTECTING

* TYPES OF SITES ALREADY
PROTECTED UNDER ACT SHOULD BE
MAINTAINED

* BURIALS

* ALL OF HERITAGE INCLUDING
SPIRITUAL & NON-TANGIBLE

ROLES

- * DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER A SITE IS PROTECTED SHOULD BE MADE MORE LOCALLY AND BY THE TOS
- * WHICH REQUIRES RESOURCING.
- * CONTROL ACCESS
- * PERMITS TO CONTROL ACCESS + MONITORED
- * MINISTER SHOULD NOT BE THE DECISION MAKER
- * ACMC NOT REPRESENTATIVE IS A PROBLEM
- * IF ACMC TO CONTINUE NEEDS TO ~~MEET~~ VISIT DEVELOPMENT SITES + MEET WITH COMMUNITY PRIOR TO CONSIDERING ITEMS.
- * PROCESS DONE CURRENTLY BY ACMC SHOULD BE MADE BY LOCAL COMMUNITY

* ACT SHOULD ALSO CREATE JOBS
IN COMMUNITY RELATING TO PROTECTIVE
AND PRESERVING HERITAGE.

* NEEDS RESOURCING

* WANT A MEN'S ABORIGINAL
COMMITTEE UNDER THE ACT THAT
IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSFERING
KNOWLEDGE AND IS RESOURCED TO
DO IT.

* MEN'S COMMITTEE TO ALSO
BE DECISION MAKER REGARDING
PROPOSED MINING OR DEVELOPMENT.

* NEED TO HAVE BIG SIGNS THAT
ALSO LIST WHAT THE PENALTIES ARE
THAT IT IS SERIOUS

ENFORCEMENT.

- * HIGHER PENALTIES → IN ORDER OF \$ MILLIONS. + INTEREST
- * PENALISE GOVT FOR BAD DECISIONS THAT LEAD TO BREACHES.
- * PENALTIES SHOULD BE PAID TO COMMUNITY.
- * PENALTIES SHOULD BE HIGHER + COMPENSATE COMMUNITY.
- * SERIAL OFFENDERS BANNED.
- * RANGERS TO ACT AS WARDENS UNDER THE LEGISLATION.
- * FUND + RESOURCE RANGERS FROM MINING COMPANIES.

* SIGNS THAT STATE WHAT PENALTIES ARE.

* FUND RANGERS TO UNDERTAKE ENFORCEMENT TASKS.

* SITES ON REGISTER SHOULD NOT BE READILY VISIBLE BY PUBLIC.

* OBJECTS NEED TO BE PROTECTED.

* NEED PROCESS TO RECOVER

MATERIAL ALREADY TAKEN FROM LAND

* OBJECTS + PLACES WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED NEED TO BE PROTECTED.

* PEOPLE DON'T MOVE FROM COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY NEED TO PROTECT COUNTRY.

* TENURE SHOULD BE PERPETUAL, NOT RESTRICTED TO 99 YR LEASE

* LEGISLATION NEEDS TO MAKE IT AN OFFENCE FOR TO PUBLISH OR INTENENT CULTURALLY CONFIDENTIAL IMAGES.

- * Need to increase the penalties for site disturbance, current fines/penalties are not acceptable.
- * There's lots of sites on country, especially burial sites, they all need to be protected, not just the ones on government database.
- * Change act to protect all sites equally with government \$\$, not just registered sites.
- * Need signage on certain sites.
- * Concerns about men doing all the talking and women getting overlooked.
- * Concerns with men not respecting women sites and women are suffering.

* Land developers (anyone interested in entering our land) Need to come to the community & ask our permission first.
Not to by-pass us because it fits under NT.

* There needs to be proper consultation with Aboriginal people, the TO's for this area
* Currently, companies/white people drive right through, and do so because of Native Title powers.

* Consultation / proper consultation can be done through Ng Council.

* Heritage Act needs to be stronger than N.T. Act.

* Companies that are opening up our land for development (mining) - Need to then close our land, cover in the holes, & revegetate, or cop big fines.

* Fines should go back to the community

* Heritage Act needs to protect song & story lines not just physical features.

* Some companies not made to consult with TO's. They just go through Ng Council. TOs also

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MEETING RECORD

Consultation with the Right People?

- ALT tenure very strong for protecting heritage
- If sites are registered then mining company are aware and come and consult.
- Mining companies not consulting if no sites on Register, but there may be sites there. Part III Reserve was strong
- Would like the Premier to come to Warburton to discuss Review of AHA.
- Aboriginal people here are landowners of the land through inheritance and need to be in control of decisions regarding land.
- Want to be properly recognized as the landowners.
- And want to be compensated for all the damage that has been done to the land.
- New legislation needs to have stronger protection for heritage.
- Aboriginal people have been practicing culture for over 40,000 years and this remains strong today.
- Lot of concern about people going into restricted areas.
- Anyone doing any activity in the area needs to do Cultural Awareness – Not just mining but also tourists, community workers – anyone who comes onto land.
- Committee within community (Men) to deal with culture and heritage issues – needs to be funded.
- Elders with knowledge needs to be funded.
- Committee would represent the Ng Lands.
- Want committee to be part of the Act
- Disincentive to register sites if locations are publicly available.
- Want sites registered but are concerned about public access.
- Community should be able to say no to development and 'no' be the final answer. 'No means No'.
- Tenure reform that gives more power/authority in regards to making decisions.
- Western Desert different to other parts of the State.
- Community needs to be involved in surveys and identify sites protected.

What Places Need Protecting?

- Burial Sites
- Law and cultural most important
- Things – Government need to understand
- Legislation should not water down protection.
- Fear of cultural connection being threatened if things not protected.
- Stop mining damaging sites.
- Aboriginal people want more control.
- People unhappy, so much damage has happened and gone unpunished.
- There should be compensation for damage.
- Do not trust Government.
- Types of sites already protected under the Act should be maintained.
- Burials
- All of heritage including spiritual and non-tangible.

Roles?

- Decisions about whether a site is protected should be made more locally and by the TOs.
- Which requires resourcing.
- Control access
- Permits to control access and monitored
- Minister should not be the decision maker
- ACMC not representative is a problem
- If ACMC to continue needs to visit development sites and meet with the community prior to considering items.
- Process done currently by ACMC should be made by local community,
- Act should also create jobs in community relating to protecting and reserving heritage.
- Needs resourcing
- Want a mens Aboriginal committee under the Act that is also responsible for transferring knowledge and is resourced to do it.
- Men's committee to also be decision makers regarding proposed mining or development.
- Need to have a big sign that also list what the penalties are that it is serious.

Enforcement?

- Higher penalties – In order of millions \$\$ and interest.
- Penalise government for bad decisions that lead to breaches
- Penalties should be paid to community.
- Penalties should be higher and compensate community.
- Serial offenders banned.
- Rangers to act as Wardens under the legislation.
- Fund and resource Rangers from mining companies.
- Signs that states what penalties are.
- Fund Rangers to undertake enforcement tasks.
- Sites on Register should not be readily visible by public.
- Objects need to be protected.
- Need process to recover material already taken from land.
- Objects and places where they are located need to be protected.
- People don't move from country because they need to protect country.
- Tenure should be perpetual, not restricted to 99 year lease.
- Legislation needs to make it an offence to publicise on internet any cultural confidential images.

Women's Group Discussion

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- Land developers (anyone interested in entering our land) need to come to the community and ask our permission first. Not by-pass us because it fits under native title.
- There needs to be proper consultation with Aboriginal people, the TO's for this area.
- Currently, companies/white people drive right through, and do so because of native title powers.
- Consultation / proper consultation can be done through Ng Council.
- Heritage Act needs to be stronger than NT Act.
- Companies that are opening up our land for development (mining) Need to then close our land, cover in the holes, and revegetate., or copy big fines.
- \$\$ generated from these fines should go back to the community.
- Heritage Act needs to protect song & story lines, not just physical features.
- Some companies not made to consult with TO's. They just go through the Ng Council. TO's also need to know.

MY HERITAGE MY VOICE/WORKING WITH OUR ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

WORKSHOP SIGN IN SHEET

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