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REVIEW OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972 – PHASE TWO – PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGISLATION

Reference is made to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage's (DPLH) invitation on 11 March 2019, to participate and comment on the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (the Act) – Phase 2 Discussion Paper outlining proposals for new legislation.

The Department of Finance acknowledges the importance of conserving and protecting Aboriginal heritage.

Over the years the Department of Finance has had considerable interaction with the Act on heritage issues when delivering public works to non-residential building projects throughout the State and managing various government sites.

Proposals to repeal the Act and draft new legislation as outlined in the Discussion Paper are supported.

The Department looks forward to reviewing the Draft Exposure Bill when released during the Phase 3 consultation process prior to being introduced into Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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