

**MY HERITAGE, MY VOICE WORKSHOP
MEEKATHARRA - 24 MAY 2018**

MEETING RECORD

- * HERITAGE SURVEYS FOR AREAS TO BE DEVELOPED SHOULD BE COMPULSORY + INCLUDE THE RIGHT ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.
- * NEED TO MAINTAIN DISTINCTION BETWEEN HERITAGE LEGISLATION + NATIVE TITLE LEGISLATION
- * LEVERAGING FROM OTHER LEGISLATION WHERE IT ASSISTS PROTECTING HERITAGE
e.g. ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION, LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT...
- * PROTECTING LANDFORMS THAT SUPPORT ABORIGINAL CULTURAL RESOURCES → PLANTS, TOOL MANUFACTURE, WATERWAYS + NATURAL FLOWS.
- * PLANTS + ANIMALS OF CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

* WHAT ACTIVITIES REQUIRING APPROVAL
→ REMOVE FROM SECTION 18 REFERENCE
TO HOLDER OF "ANY MINING PRIVILEGE"

* LEGISLATION NEEDS TO INCLUDE
SECTIONS THAT REQUIRE LAND USERS
TO AVOID HERITAGE SITES.

* UNDER SECTION 15, TRADITIONAL
OWNERS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF
SITES BEING REPORTED

* LEGISLATION NEEDS TO PROVIDE KEEPING
PLACES AT REGIONAL LEVEL

* KEEP ACTIVITIES LISTED IN ~~THE~~ REGULATIONS

* GENERAL PUBLIC + LAND USERS
NEED TO BE EDUCATED ABOUT
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE.

* ANY ACTIVITIES THAT WILL
IMPACT HERITAGE ~~OR~~ MUST
REQUIRE AN APPROVAL

* ACMC MEMBERSHIP:

→ MEMBERS SHOULD BE HEADQUARTERED
DUE TO THEIR EXPERTISE.

→ SHOULD HAVE REFERRED FROM
LOCAL COMMUNITY.

- EVIDENCE OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL
COMMUNITY.

→ ROLE OF ACMC MEMBERS SHOULD
ALSO INCLUDE LIAISON WITH COMMUNITY.

→ SEND LETTERS TO COMMUNITY
UPDATING.

→ REPRESENTATIVE → AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS
PER REGION

→ BE FUNDED TO LIAISE WITH COMMUNITY.

* HERITAGE + NATIVE TITLE NEED TO
BE SEPARATE → EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE
SOME OVERLAPS

→ SOME STORIES GO BEYOND BOUNDARIES.

ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES.

* SUPPORT ACMC ASSESSING SITES

- ACMC SHOULD BE MADE UP OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.

→ SHOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF STATE.

* ESTABLISH LOCAL LIAISON GROUP THAT INCLUDES ELDERS + LAWYERS, THAT NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED AND REPORT TO COMMUNITY, AND REPORT BACK TO DEVELOPER THE VIEW OF COMMUNITY REGARDING DEVELOPMENT.

* GOVT NEEDS TO PROVIDE TRAINING ON HERITAGE → LEGISLATION + MANAGEMENT.

* SUPPORT MINISTER MAKING DECISIONS SO LONG AS HE HAS ALL THE FACTS REGARDING ABORIGINAL HERITAGE INCLUDING SIGNIFICANCE + IMPACTS.

* TRADITIONAL OWNERS MUST HAVE A RIGHT OF APPEAL TO DECISIONS THAT RESULT IN IMPACTS TO A SITE.

③ WHO NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED + HOW?

* MINING COMPANIES, PROSPECTORS, SHIRE ALL NEED TO ~~BE~~ CONSULT.

* TRADITIONAL OWNERS (NATIVE TITLE APPLICANTS + HOLDERS) NEED TO BE CONSULTED ALONG W/ THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY THAT HAVE BEEN LIVING IN AN AREA.

* ANY ACTIVITY THAT MAY RESULT IN IMPACT TO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE MUST INCLUDE CONSULTATION → INCLUDES ACTIVITIES BY SHIRE, MAIN ROADS...

* OF THE VIEW THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS THAT IMPACT HERITAGE.

* CONSULTATION WITH LAND COUNCIL = ^{NT} ^{REF} ^{BOODJ}
NOT SUFFICIENT BECAUSE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE NOT FINDING OUT ABOUT DEVELOPMENT. COMMUNITY NOT BEING ADVISED.

* ACCESS TO SITES NEED TO
BE MAINTAINED ALONG WITH
ACCESS TO HUNTING GROUNDS.

* WATER HOLES NEED PROTECTION

* PROBLEMS WITH WONG PEOPLE PUTTING
IN FORMS TO REGISTER SITES, THEN THEM
BECOMING INFORMANTS FOR THAT SITE
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE NOT THE CUSTODIAN.

* THINGS SUCH AS RUBBISH DUMPS ARE
BEING BUILT ON SACRED SITES

* INTANGIBLE PROPERTY NEEDS TO REMAIN
WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WHO HOLD THE KNOWLEDGE.

* PLANTS + BUSH MEDICINE NEED TO
BE PROTECTED AND ACCESS TO THESE
MAINTAINED.

* TOURISM INDUSTRY - TRADITIONAL OWNERS
NEED TO HAVE A SAY WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO.

- TRADITIONAL OWNERS TO DECIDE WHERE
TOURISTS/PUBLIC CAN AND CAN'T GO.

- INCLUDING ULU (CURS)

①
* WHAT NEEDS LEGISLATION
TO PROTECT IT

+ NEED BUFFERS TO PROTECT THE
INTEGRITY OF SITES → BUFFERS
SHOULD BE ABOUT 1KM BUT WILL
DEPEND OF SITE TYPE AND SIGNIFICANCE
TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS.

* NATIVE WELFARE RESERVES + MISSIONS

* OWNERSHIP OF RESERVES + MISSIONS SHOULD
GO BACK TO TRADITIONAL OWNERS

* ACT NEEDS TO BE CLEAR THAT IT
ALSO APPLIES TO POST EUROPEAN ARRIVAL
PLACES THAT ~~WAS~~ HAVE BEEN AND ARE
IMPORTANT CULTURALLY TO ABORIGINAL
PEOPLE.

* WATER SOURCES

* HUNTING GROUNDS

**MY HERITAGE, MY VOICE WORKSHOP
MEEKATHARRA - 24 MAY 2018**

MEETING RECORD

What needs Legislation to protect it?

- Needs buffers to protect the integrity of sites. Buffers should be about 1km but will depend of site type and significance to Traditional Owners (TO's).
- Native welfare reserves and missions.
- Ownership of reserves and missions should go back to traditional owners.
- Act needs to be clear that it also applies to post European arrival places that have been and are important culturally to Aboriginal people.
- Water sources.
- Hunting grounds.
- Access to sites need to be maintained allow with access to hunting grounds.
- Waterholes need protection.
- Problems with wrong people putting in forms to register sites, then them becoming informants for that site even though they are not the custodians.
- Things such as rubbish dumps are being built on sacred sites.
- Intellectual property need to remain with Aboriginal people who hold the knowledge.
- Plants and Bush medicine need to be protected and access to these need to be maintained.
- Tourism industry – TO's need to have a say where people can go:
 - TO's to decide where tourist/public can and can't go

Who should be consulted and how?

- Mining companies, prospectors, shire all need to consult.
- TO's (native title application and holders) to be consulted along with Aboriginal Community that have been living in an area.
- Any activity that may result in impact to Aboriginal heritage must include consultation – includes activities by shires, main roads etc.
- Of the view that there has been no consultation with community regarding developments that impact heritage.
- Consultation with land council (Native Title Representatives Bodies) not sufficient because Aboriginal people not finding out about development s community being advised.

Roles and responsibility

- Support ACMC accessing sites:
 - ACMC should be made up Aboriginal of people
 - Should be representative of different parts of State
- Establish local liaison group that include elders and rangers, that needs to be consulted and report to community and report back to developers the view of community regarding developers.
- Government needs to provide training on Heritage – Legislation and Management.
- Support Minister making decision so long as he has all the facts regarding Aboriginal heritage including significance and impact.
- TO's must have a right of appeal to decisions that result in impacts to a site.
- ACMC membership:
 - Members should be headhunted sue to their expertise
 - Should have referees from local community
 - Evidence of support from local community

- Role of ACMC membership should also include liaising with community
- Sending letter to community updating
- Representatives – at least two members for region
- Be funded to liaise with community
- Heritage and Native Title need to be separate
 - Even though there are some overlaps
 - Some stories go beyond boundaries

What actions require approval?

- Remove from section 18 reference of “any mining privilege”.
- Legislation need to include sections that require land users to avoid heritage sites.
- Under section 15, TO’s should also be informed of sites being reported.
- Legislation needs o provide keeping place at regional level.
- Keeping activities listed in regulations.
- General public and land users need to be educated about Aboriginal Heritage.
- Any activities that will impact heritage must require an approval.
- Heritage surveys for areas to be developed and should be compulsory and include the right Aboriginal people.
- Need to maintain distinction between Heritage legislation and Native Title Legislation.
- Leveraging from other Legislation where it assist protecting Heritage e.g. Environment Legislation, Land Administration Act.
- Protecting land forms that support Aboriginal cultural resources:
 - Plants
 - Tools manufacture
 - Waterways
 - Natural flows