

MY HERITAGE, MY VOICE WORKSHOP
WARMUN - 15 MAY 2018

MEETING RECORD

① What needs legislation to protect it?

• ANIMAL STORIES

• SPORES & SPONGELINES

• burials

• SACRED WATERS & WATER HOLE

• ceremony grounds

• birthing places

• SECRET BURIAL SITES

• STORY PLACES - Ngarrangkarni.

• MEETING PLACES

• LULL GROUNDS

• MEN PLACE

• WOMAN PLACE

• HUNTING / GATHERING GROUNDS

• CAMPING PLACES

• MASSAGING PLACE

What roles and responsibilities are needed?

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

- Different family groups within wider groups. 6-8 skins. talk to the right people.

RANGER PROGRAMS

↳ formalization of
APPROPRIATE - STEERING GROUPS
RIGHT REPRESENTATION

*ACMC should not make decisions regarding sites. TDs for the country the site is on should make the decision.

- Kimberly committee to make decisions. each group has a rep. from each language group.

③ Who should be consulted and how?

- Elders to be recognised.
- TOs - to be consulted, not just Land Councils.
- face to face. in person on country.
- the right language group for the place.

④ What action requires approval?

EVERYTHING

Nothing can

BE DESTROYED

- There should be no impact to Dreamtime places.

⑤ What penalties are needed?

- IMPRISONMENT

- FINES

- Compensation - back to

- BAN'S

TRADITIONAL

OWNERS

COMMUNITY

- Extend statute of limitations - limitless?

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What needs Legislation to protect it?

The places already covered under the Act, as well as the addition of the following places should be protected:

- Burials, including secret burials, and massacre sites.
- Ceremony grounds.
- Birthing places.
- Stories and songlines – Ngarrangkarni - (dreaming) and animal stories.
- Sacred waters and waterholes.
- Meeting places.
- Lore grounds.
- Mens places.
- Women's places, hunting/gathering grounds.
- Camping places.

What roles and responsibilities are needed?

Traditional owners should be more involved in decision making regarding what can and can't happen to sites.

The formalization of appropriate steering groups for the Kimberley region with the right representation from specific groups should be set up to make decisions. A Kimberley committee should make decisions, with the group having representatives from each language group.

Different family groups within larger language groups should be consulted. It is important to make sure you talk to the right people.

The ACMC should not be making decisions regarding sites. Traditional Owners who can speak for the country the site is on should make the decision.

Ranger programs could be used as a way of caring for sites in the future.

What actions require approval?

Everything. Nothing can be destroyed.

There should be no impact to dreamtime places.

Who should be consulted and how?

Elders to be recognised.

Traditional Owners should be consulted – not just the Land Council.

Consultation should be face to face- in person and on country.

The right language group representatives should be consulted for the right places.

What penalties are needed?

Imprisonment.

Fines.

Compensation- back to the Traditional Owners/community.

Bans- banned from being on particular country, banned from undertaking certain activities i.e. mining.

Extend the statute of limitations on prosecuting breaches of the Act. Potentially there should be a limitless statute on this.