



Department of **Planning,  
Lands and Heritage**

*PROPOSALS FOR NEW  
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE  
LEGISLATION*

*KARRATHA  
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP  
1 May 2019*

MEETING RECORD

Department of **Planning,  
Lands and Heritage**

**REVIEW OF THE  
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972**

PROPOSALS FOR NEW LEGISLATION TO  
RECOGNISE, PROTECT AND CELEBRATE  
WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

DISCUSSION PAPER

MARCH 2019



## DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSALS

### 1. A New Aboriginal Heritage Act

**PROPOSAL 1:** *Repeal the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and deliver new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

### 2. What new legislation will cover: Aboriginal heritage places, objects, ancestral remains

**PROPOSAL 2:** *Update definitions and scope of new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

### 3. Key roles in Aboriginal heritage: Proposed local and central bodies – Functions and selection

**PROPOSAL 3(a):** *Local Aboriginal Heritage Services*

**PROPOSAL 3(b):** *The Aboriginal Heritage Council*

**PROPOSAL 3(c):** *The Minister's role*

**PROPOSAL 3(d):** *The role of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage*

**PROPOSAL 3(e):** *Heritage professionals – aiding selection of those with appropriate qualifications and experience and improving standards*

### 4. How heritage information will be managed: The Aboriginal heritage register

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## DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSALS (cont.)

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### **5. Managing land use proposals that may impact on Aboriginal heritage**

**PROPOSAL 5:** *Introduce a referral mechanism to facilitate tiered assessments and approvals of proposed land uses*

### **6. Agreements between Aboriginal people and land users**

**PROPOSAL 6:** *Encourage and recognise agreement making*

### **7. Transparency of decision making**

**PROPOSAL 7:** *Transparency and appeals*

### **8. Enforcement: Offences and penalties**

**PROPOSAL 8:** *A modernised enforcement regime*

### **9. Protecting places of outstanding importance**

**PROPOSAL 9:** *Protected Areas*



## MEETING NOTES – KARRATHA (1 MAY 2019)

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LOCAL ABORIGINAL HERITAGE SERVICE

SOME WILL NEED ASSISTANCE TO  
BUILD CAPACITY FOR THIS ROLE

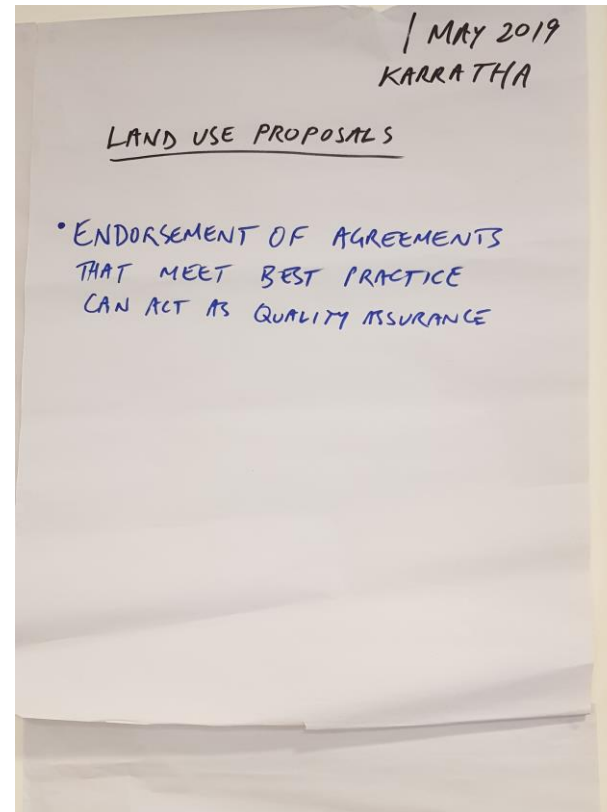
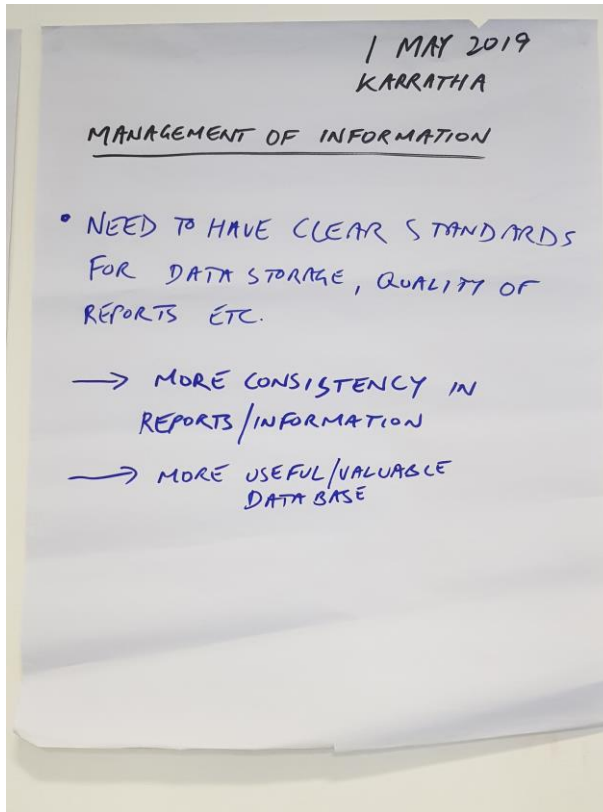
HOW CAN LAHS BE EMPOWERED TO  
SECURE ACCESS TO IMPORTANT PLACES  
WHERE THEY ARE LOCKED UP ETC?

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WHAT IS PROTECTED

- NAME OF NEW ACT?  
- INCLUDE REFERENCE TO 'CULTURAL  
HERITAGE'

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