

**Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972) Review:
Phase 1 Consultation Workshops:
May 2018:
Facilitator Report:**

Workshop Name: My Heritage, My Voice:

Date: Monday 14th May 2018:

Town / Venue: Halls Creek: Jaru.

Facilitator: Lee Harper Penman:

Number of Attendees: 5:

Any logistical / venue related issues: N/A

Summary of Key Issues raised:

- Lack of community access to quality and credible information.
- The impact was evident and hampered development of sustainable community responses.
- The lack of community-driven leadership not supported or recognised by community.

Summary of key ideas for amended legislation:

- Establish a knowledge / leader board presence in the formulization of specific steering group that will include tradition owners who live and come from the area knowledge and provide leadership and direction.
- Begin to build an asset – based community development in the form of ranger programs.

Points of contention:

- Increased community awareness of the relationship between the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Aboriginal community.
- Much more transparency wanted and needed.
- More recognition, support of local established Jaru traditional owners and elders.
- Explore how to build / support knowledge and leader board capacity, leadership and resilience to enable lobbying for change at local, regional and national levels.
- The knowledge and leadership board to have the final say as who makes the decision to conduct works on country.

Overall effectiveness of workshop:

The overall effectiveness of workshop, may be described as first slow, however once engaged it was very productive and engaging, the participants were very vocal and eagerly engaged in conversation, thoughts and ideas.

Participants very keen to have the team back to discuss the findings of the consultation and also keen to involve other community members from appropriate families.

Any other observations:

Group does hold some apprehension regarding this process and feel that they on countless occasions have gone through a similar exercise.

They expressed that other members of the Jaru community have to be involved in the consultation.

One elder was present and at first was engaged and vocal, when a younger woman arrived, different skin group and family, he became very quite and after a short while left, it was only then that the younger woman explained that this is part of the problem, elders speaking about country that they have no claim too.

Any suggestions for next phase of consultation:

Because of the attendance it is anticipated that more numbers will attend, so taking this into account, the suggestion of the following:

- More time on the ground needed for the location.
- Involvement of younger adults.
- Workshops to be run morning to afternoon and then afternoon to evening on the same day.
- Day 1 strategic out reach.
- Day 2 delivery of workshop consultation process.
- Include succession planning and knowledge and leadership boards, Eldership initiatives within community leadership projects, actively supported by the local shire and The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage.
- Support the progress made as a result of this consultation process in relation to the development of Jaru community leaders and initiatives such as the Ranger Program in order to develop strong and dynamic

community perspectives about Planning, Lands and Heritage on their own country.