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Ms Gail McGowan
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Dear Ms McGowan

**SUBMISSION TO THE DISCUSSION PAPER - REVIEW OF THE ABORIGINAL
HERITAGE ACT 1972**

Thank you for providing the City of Kwinana (the City) the opportunity to make a submission to the Discussion Paper that outlined proposals for new legislation for recognising, protecting and promoting Western Australia's Aboriginal Heritage.

The City believe that the proposals made in the Discussion Paper will provide an appropriate framework for new legislation that recognises, protects and celebrates Western Australia's Aboriginal Heritage. The City specifically supports the new approach i.e. the referral system, which facilitates tiered assessments thereby identifying heritage values in the early stages of the land use planning. In the event that new legislation for Aboriginal Heritage is enacted, the City is of the view that any Reconciliation Advisory Group established within a local government should be consulted for advice on the formation of a Local Aboriginal Heritage Service. The Act and any associated regulations should also ensure that any agreement regarding aboriginal heritage management and land use proposals by a Local Aboriginal Heritage Service does not result in a loss or degradation of Aboriginal Heritage.

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The City supports the proposals outlined in the Discussion Paper, phase two of the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* and would like to be informed of the progress made towards the preparation of the draft Exposure Bill (Green Bill), the precursor to the new legislation that replaces the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Abbiss', with a stylized, cursive flourish at the end.

Joanne Abbiss

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER