

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

Workshop Name: My Heritage, My Voice:

Date: Thursday 3rd May 2018:

Town / Venue: Albany:

Facilitator: Lee Harper Penman:

Number of Attendees: 14:

Any logistical / venue related issues: N/A

Summary of Key Issues raised:

- Lack of community access or involvement regarding quality and credible information.
- Limited community knowledge regarding current legislation, regarding Aboriginal heritage.
- Much more detail under each question needs to be added, specifically naming and categorizing each Section of the act.

Summary of key ideas for amended legislation:

- Acknowledgment and recognition of Eldership and traditional owners to the area.
- Inclusion of those recognized traditional elders who could support and assist to inform Government legislation.
- Establish a steering group of local traditional owners / elders that will increase knowledge and provide leadership and
- Begin to build an asset – based community development and social action approach in relation to policies and practices that damage sites of cultural and spiritual significance / importance, similar to what the Yued / Moora group identified.

Points of contention:

- With holding of information by community members.
- Feeling that the legislation is not a representation for all Noongar people / interests.
- Much more transparency wanted and needed.

- More recognition, support of local established elders and traditional owners.
- The community do not know about Aboriginal heritage legislation, what these workshops are about, do not understand the subject matter,

Overall effectiveness of workshop:

The overall effectiveness of the workshop may be described, as both very productive and engaging, participants were very vocal and eagerly engaged in conversation, thoughts and ideas.

Were very keen to have the team back to discuss in the questions asked and points raised by other participants of the workshop.

Also very keen to involve other community members.

Any other observations:

Group does hold some apprehension regarding this process and feel that they on countless occasions have gone through a similar exercise with none or very little accomplished.

They expressed that they hold some faith in this due to both Haley Coyne and Lee Harper Penman's involvement as they have a solid and sound reputation within community.

Are very much looking forward to the next consultation process and what will be presented back to them from the Department.

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.