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To the Review Panel,

With respect I submit my support for the Traditional Owners in this case and throughout Australia, for greater recognition, involvement and legal power in relation to the continuing damage, destruction and sacrilegious acts against First Nations' Peoples culture, heritage, artifacts, history and sites of sacredness.

Despite how Queensland is often disparaged by other states I know from my friends in Queensland and my time spent in Queensland over a life time, there is a strong level of support for the claims for respect and recognition of Aboriginal cultural sites.

Queensland can do better than Western Australia, NSW, Tasmania and Northern Territory, by recognising and involving our First Nations Brothers and sisters in relevant matters, as they ask. I am now 80, served voluntarily in 1 NSW Regt. [Commando] 1966-67, ran my own HRD / HRM consultancy from 1983 to my retirement. I also spent much time with Aboriginal people in cities and rural areas [NSW and NT]. I was always impressed with their sincerity and patience when trying to manage their lives while threading the way through prejudice, injustice and discrimination.

Those days must end now. Your Review Panel can provide a template and gold standard for other states.

Again, with respect – Adrian Bell, [REDACTED]