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To Whom it may concern;

As you would be aware Australia has a terrible record for mistreatment of our indigenous population and Queensland is certainly not immune from this with the recent extinguishing of native title on land to be used for mining. This review of heritage provides an opportunity to reverse some of the pasts bad decisions. I suggest;

- Amend the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that traditional owners with cultural connection to Country can be involved in consultation and negotiation processes, regardless of their status as a native title party.
- Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations, so that we aren't reliant on the State to protect our cultural heritage if it is in imminent danger of harm or destruction.
- Establish an independent First Nations-led decision-making body that is responsible for dispute resolution and mediation, and for assessing who the right people to speak for Country are.

Regards,

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