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Dear Queensland government.

For too long the voices of First Nations people have been ignored by your government. The Traditional owners the Wangan and Jagalingou peoples of the land where the Carmichael mine is being built were not properly consulted in the planning process and now risk losing precious cultural heritage due to Adani's mine. Already so much cultural heritage has been lost through European invasion, surely it should be the top priority of the government to protect remaining sites for future generations, rather than support a mine that will only do damage?

I respectfully request that the Wangan and Jagalingou people's voices be heard and that the following reforms are made by the government to protect the cultural heritage of traditional landowners.

- 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.

Sincerely, Sophie Day