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Dear Sir/Madam,

Queensland's laws currently fail to recognise the right people to speak for Country

First Nations people should have a say in how their ancestral land is dealt with irrespective of how a large multinational company wants to use the land for their own gain.

We need to listen to them by these 3 points:

1. Amend the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that Traditional Owners with cultural connection to Country are always involved in consultation and negotiation processes, regardless of their status as a native title party.
2. 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.
3. 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 yours,
Dennis Nickell