

I am writing in response to the review of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Acts

I have been shocked and saddened by recent destruction of Australia's first nation heritage. This heritage is greatly valued by non indigenous people like myself as well those with an indigenous background.

The destruction of the 46,000 year old Juukan Gorge rock shelters lead to a Australian Senate inquiry. I support and recommend their report.

The Australian Senate report "A Way Forward" ISBN: 978-1-76092-310-5.

Current legislation at both State and Federal level does not provide sufficient protection for Aboriginal Heritage.

In particular, current laws do not recognise that Cultural attachment to a site extends past the recognised custodians of the land.

Sites associated with festivals, trade and other intertribal activities are important to a large number of first nations people.

There is no body with sufficient authority to police and enforce protection.