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Queensland's Cultural Heritage Acts have failed to protect the cultural heritage of the Wangan and Jagalingou People on the site of the Carmichael coalmine. To prevent this happening in future, I urge the Queensland government to.....

- 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 they aren't reliant on the state to protect their cultural heritage if there's a threat of harm or destruction.
- 3) Establish an independent First Nations-led decision-making body responsible for conflict resolution and mediation and for assessing who the appropriate persons to speak for Country are. Queensland's laws currently fail to recognise this.

Thankyou for taking these suggestions into consideration. I trust that you will act upon them wisely.

With regards,  
Gary Freer

