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**Q.1 Please upload your document.**

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**Q.2 Do you have any comments you wish to add?**

- A. The management and protection of cultural heritage should be in Aboriginal hands, and not in the hands of the State or developers. We are calling for the following reforms, that are needed as a minimum to improve the protection of cultural heritage in Queensland:
- 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.