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Subject: RE: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Acts

Dear Laurence,

Thank you for your feedback on the review of the Cultural Heritage Acts. The Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships values your contribution towards finalising this review.

Please note that your submission will be published on our website following the public consultation closing date.

Regards

Cultural Heritage Acts Review Team

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The Review Committee,

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I appreciate that you are dealing with an issue which you see as complex and you suffer having to work in the context of a social environment mislead by self-righteous greed based propaganda, however, please consider the following.

Ever since the European settlement into Australia the European concept of **Greed Conquers All** has ruled. With the military power and organisation to do so and zero humanity the settlers treated the native people as a nuisance to be dispossessed, removed, exploited, murdered as required purely to satisfy self-righteous greed.

Far too slowly, we have recognised that this behaviour is not acceptable and that, just because the original owners did not have a formal land title system, that did not mean that they weren't the effective owners of the land. Let us face it, even if such a documented system existed it would have been overwritten.

The aboriginal people are, **at absolute minimum**, Australian Citizens, so when legislating with respect to them this should be the starting principle.

The starting principle should not be: "We've resolved all these issues in our favour in the past. What's the smallest concession we can get away with?"

To surmise that they are ignorant and can be ignored in favour of real or imagined benefit to a large greed-based organisation is ignorant, sub-human and ultimately will be shown to be self-defeating.

Despite the fact that the culture of the 'rulers' in Queensland has always supported repression as a first principal, it's time to move away from that approach.

Nelson Mandela showed in Africa that fair communication between people can largely resolve these types of issues. Victoria is currently holding these discussions and we all know that out of it will come a better society for everybody, with the losses being in the minds of greedy people who already have more than they can cope with or need - leading to a vast emphasis in legislation protecting their property and providing for the repressive policing for which Queensland is infamous.

An associated issue:

In the particular case of the Carmichael Valley, this greed parameter has with Government support allowed an unscrupulous, corrupt, convicted of criminal behaviour organisation to dictate future use the coal resources there at the expense of the far more important water resources. When everyone with even the vaguest understanding of climate change says it's time to stop mining coal and it's painfully clear that the coal market will die economically where are the resources for rehabilitation of the destroyed environment. You can be absolutely certain that based on its past behaviour the Adani originated financial entities will make no attempt at land rehabilitation and that they will have stockpiled their assets where the Queensland and Australian Governments cannot get at them.

Giving a set of Australian citizens their right to determine the use of their land with a proper view of long term sustainability would stop this development now and lead to a better happier world.

Regards,

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