

Email Submission from: Beverley Bone (City of Fremantle)

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Good afternoon, I would like to make comment on the strategy:

Are the main ideas right?

- The high level strategy sets the Government's position

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Do you agree with the description of the overall goal, principles, strategic elements and framework?

- Agree in particular with the emphasis on multi generational, lasting change along with the benefit for the whole of the WA community.
- The importance of focusing on Culture and collaboration and the desire to embed aboriginal history into schools

Would you change or add anything?

- Whilst I have read through the extensive consultation list, I observed that you may have not consulted with the Whadjuk Traditional Owners through South West Land and Sea Council. As a local government authority we have an engagement strategy endorsed by Council in 2015 that matters of land and heritage require consultation with the Traditional Owners and other matters such as community through the Walyalup Aboriginal Reference Group. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Walyalup area provide guidance and information along with another formal group of Council the Walyalup Aboriginal Reference Group. This can be complicated and everyone seems to have a connection with Walyalup (matrimonial hierarchy) which can complicate facilitation on who speaks for what.

2. Are we using the right words?

You might broadly agree with the main ideas, but want to see them expressed using different language. We welcome your recommendations. In particular, we are interested in whether the term "Aboriginal people" should be used or whether other terms such as "First Nations" would be more appropriate.

- The language is appropriate and I believe that the Aboriginal community would be the most appropriate to provide guidance on the term "Aboriginal" or "First Nations"

3. What else should we be thinking about? You may have a view on how the strategy should be implemented in a particular region or subject area, or examples of current good practice. Your ideas are valuable to us.

- I reinforce the need to have the Traditional Owners engaged as part of the process and implementation across WA. Building trust through the development of relationships and respecting Aboriginal Lore and Culture 'birdiya to birdiya' boss to boss.

Thanks again for the opportunity, Bev

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