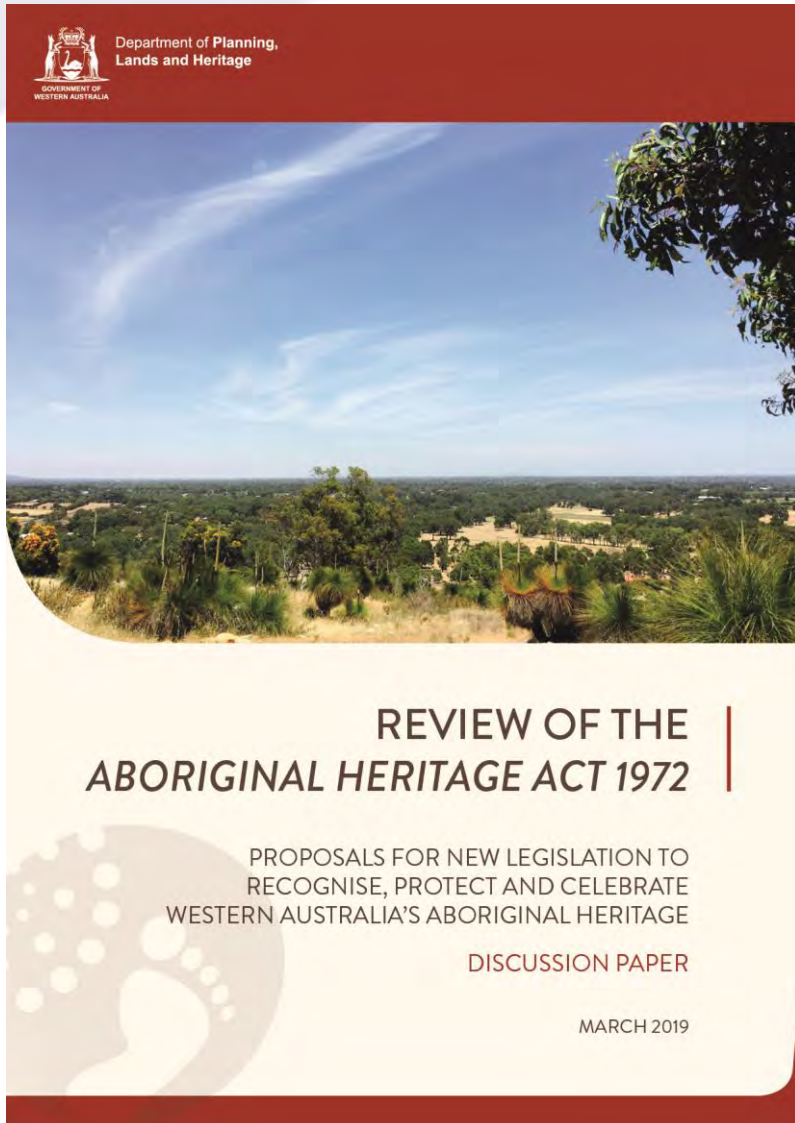




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# AHA REVIEW PHASE 2 WORKSHOPS MOORA – 30 APRIL 2019 *Facilitator Report*

# **Report on Stage Two Consultations**

## **Review of The Aboriginal Heritage Act**

**Moora (Yued Country)**

**30 April 2019**

### **Attendees**

#### Community\*

Number of Attendees: 7

#### DPLH Staff

Glenn Shaw

Harley Coyne

Jeremy Elliott

#### Facilitator

Robert Reynolds

Consultations were based on a PowerPoint presentation prepared by DPLH staff to ensure consistent presentations were made across the state. This draws on, and summarises information from the March 2019 Consultation Paper which was handed out to all participants at the workshop. The order of proposals differed from the document but all Desired Outcomes / Proposals listed in the Consultation paper were covered.

Issues raised by participants were written down on large sheets of paper displayed on the walls of the venue for the whole length of the consultation where they were checked by participants. These are the official records of the meeting and will be published on the DPLH website and are attached at the end of these notes.

The Aboriginal People attending the Moora meeting included traditional owners / knowledge holders who are actively involved in the local Yued community and had practical experience working in heritage under the existing legislation. This meant discussions of the proposed changes were often put in the context of real on ground experience and issues surrounding management and protection issues at a local level. This resulted in very active participation in the discussion and the full time allocated for the meeting was utilized.

Details of the discussions are not covered here as the formal responses of the group are those put up around the meeting room and are to be uploaded on the DPLH AHA review website. However, the following general points that underlay the responses to a range of the proposals and came up several times are noted below.

- Important that the correct people are consulted. These should be those with knowledge not just native title connections.
- It is important that heritage is in the hands of local community members. They are the people with the knowledge and connections to country as well as cultural authority. There is a history of sites important to the community that have been

determined not to meet the criteria for site registration under the existing system and therefore put at risk or destroyed. Aboriginal people with direct connection to sites need to make these determinations. All the changes that give more control to local knowledge holders is supported.

- Heritage consultants need to be more accountable to the people whose sites they record write reports about.
- Local communities need to be supported to pass on cultural information.
- Women's sites often don't receive the attention they deserve. Male and female views need to be considered at all levels of the heritage processes.
- Mission sites and places with historical associations are of particular importance in Yued Country and need to be protected.

### **Other Issues**

Inevitably issues beyond the scope of the AHA review were raised during the meeting. Unless these had direct relevance to the working of revised heritage legislation these were parked and those raising them were asked to bring them up during the break with DPLH Staff. They were written These were noted down at the time and staff also followed them up if they were not raised. These form a valuable part of ongoing engagement between DPLH Aboriginal heritage section and local community members.

Issues raised at the Moora Meeting included

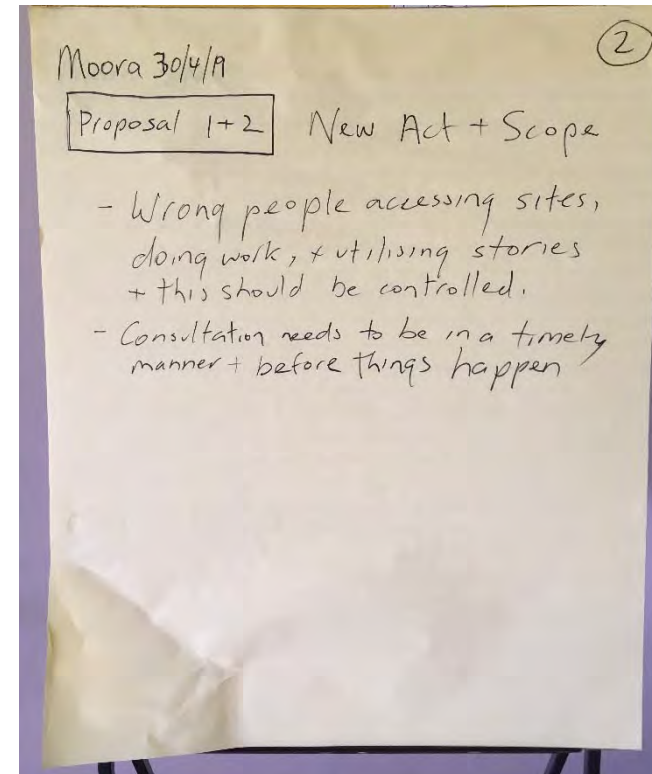
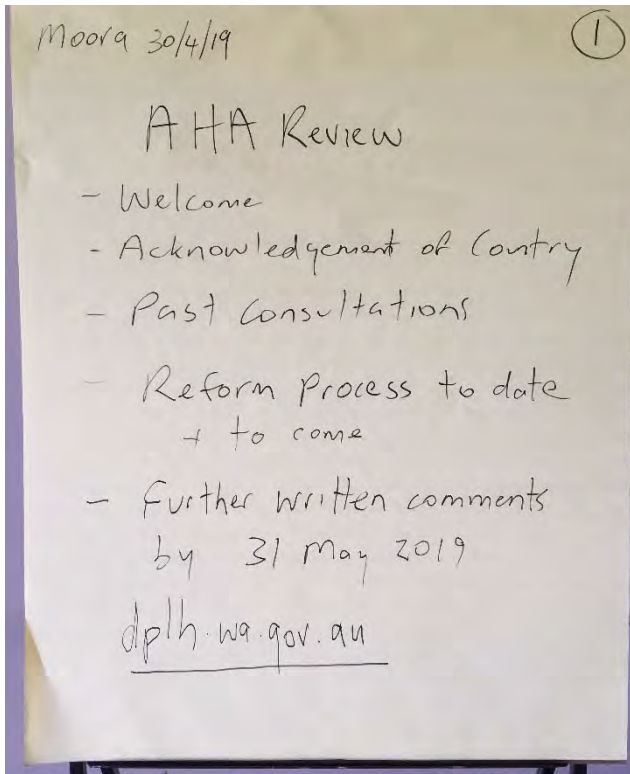
- Protection of Mogumber / Moore River Settlement
  - Particularly funding to conserve the Church
  - Concern at damage to the river area during fire fighting last year – Need for a fire plan (JE to refer to ALT)
- Need to investigate site damage at Mogumber (townsite / not mission) – compliance to talk to Colin Hedland
- What happened to artefacts salvaged during ILUKA heritage investigations.
- Need to protect the Walabing reserve. Birthing and burial areas under threat from proposed roadworks (Glen Shaw to follow up)

### **General follow up**

It was agreed that copies of the presentation would be emailed to attendees who have email addresses together images of the response sheets. For Colin Hedland and those without email hard copies will be made and Harley Coyne will post them to them.

Robert Reynolds  
30/4/2019

## BUTCHER'S PAPER NOTES – MOORA WORKSHOP



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Proposal 3A

Local Aboriginal  
Heritage Services (LAHS)

- Membership to LAHS should be restricted to people from that country
- How will disputes within the LAHS be resolved
- Need to ensure that people involved in decision making are not just ancestors of the land but also knowledge holders

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Proposal 3B

Aboriginal Heritage  
Council (AHC)

- Should be gender equity
- Should have majority Aboriginal people
- Support No ACMC
- Support AHC as advisory + oversight rather than decision maker



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**Proposal 5** Land Use Assessments

- Generally support proposal however the end decisions should remain with the LAHS not with Minister
- Should be very clear as to how decisions are to be made.
- Survey reports need to come back to LAHS + Gender Balanced

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**Proposal 4** The Aboriginal Heritage Register

- Access + control of Register should be through LAHS to authorise
- Should cover contemporary places where Aboriginal people gathered, camped, hunted, fished etc
- Should cover places where there are plants + animals important to Aboriginal people
- LAHS should be supported to upgrade current info on the Register.

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Proposal  
3E

Directory of  
Heritage professionals

- Supportive of ~~Directory~~
- Need to ensure Heritage professionals use right people in surveys with the knowledge
- Aboriginal people with expert knowledge should be considered heritage professionals
- Should be categories for different skills such as
  - surveys
  - site recording
  - monitoring
  - repatriation of remains.

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Proposal 3C

Ministers Role

- Generally supported.
- Important that decisions be published.

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### Proposal 6 Agreements

- Agreements are a good way forward
- Having the AHC in a monitoring role to make sure that agreements are fair and equitable is a good idea.

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### Proposal 7 Transparency + Appeals

- Good proposal + supported

### Proposal 8 Enforcement.

- Fines to go back into heritage protection



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Proposal 3D Role of DPLH

- No comments

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Proposal 9 Protected Areas

- Generally supportive

