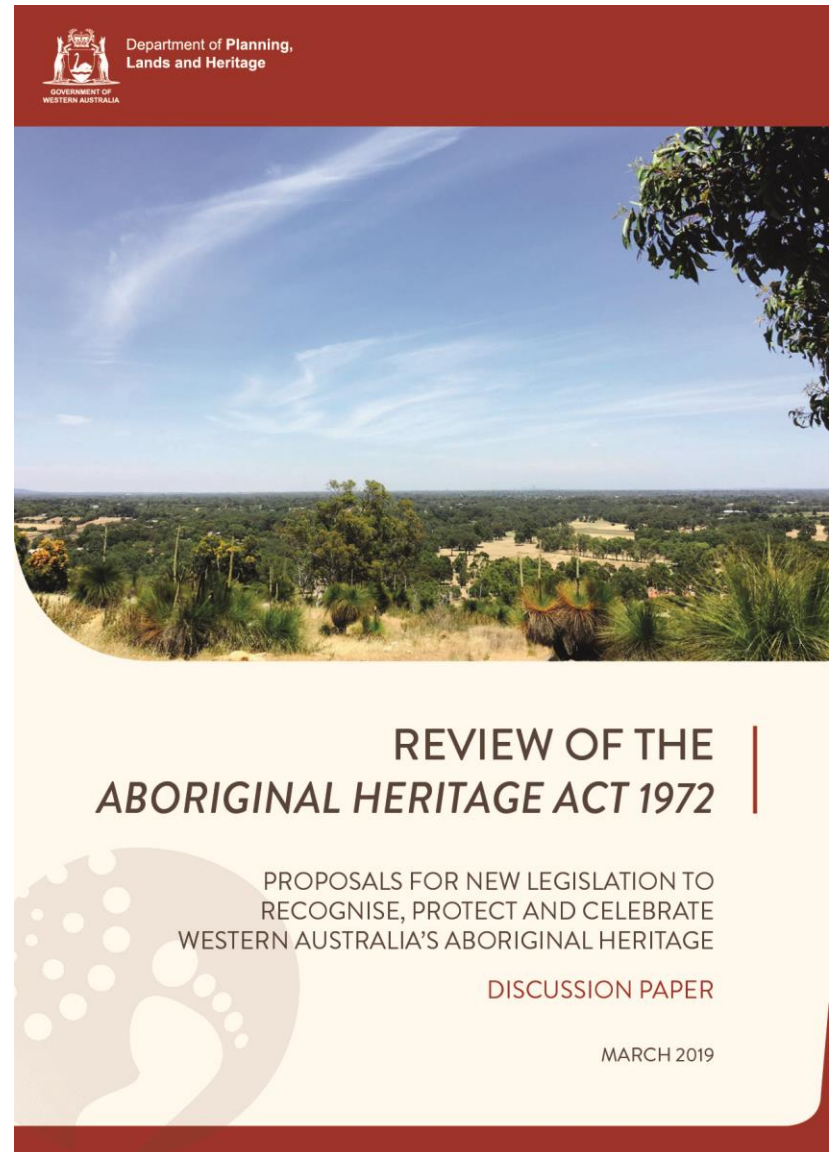


*PROPOSALS FOR NEW
ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
LEGISLATION*

*MERREDIN
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
2 May 2019*

MEETING RECORD



DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSALS

1. A New Aboriginal Heritage Act

PROPOSAL 1: *Repeal the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and deliver new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

2. What new legislation will cover: Aboriginal heritage places, objects, ancestral remains

PROPOSAL 2: *Update definitions and scope of new Aboriginal heritage legislation*

3. Key roles in Aboriginal heritage: Proposed local and central bodies – Functions and selection

PROPOSAL 3(a): *Local Aboriginal Heritage Services*

PROPOSAL 3(b): *The Aboriginal Heritage Council*

PROPOSAL 3(c): *The Minister's role*

PROPOSAL 3(d): *The role of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage*

PROPOSAL 3(e): *Heritage professionals – aiding selection of those with appropriate qualifications and experience and improving standards*

4. How heritage information will be managed: The Aboriginal heritage register

PROPOSAL 4: *Retain the current form and function of the register of Aboriginal Places and Objects but rename it the Aboriginal Heritage Register*

DISCUSSION PAPER PROPOSALS (cont.)

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5. Managing land use proposals that may impact on Aboriginal heritage

PROPOSAL 5: Introduce a referral mechanism to facilitate tiered assessments and approvals of proposed land uses

6. Agreements between Aboriginal people and land users

PROPOSAL 6: Encourage and recognise agreement making

7. Transparency of decision making

PROPOSAL 7: Transparency and appeals

8. Enforcement: Offences and penalties

PROPOSAL 8: A modernised enforcement regime

9. Protecting places of outstanding importance

PROPOSAL 9: Protected Areas

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Merredin 2/5/19 (1)

Proposal 1&2 New Act & Scope

- Support a new Act.
- Support the expanded definition.
- Important that Local Government bound by the Act.
- Protection of broader Cultural Landscape.
- Should also cover desecration of sites (consistency w Fed Act)

Merredin 2/5/19 (2)

Proposal 3A Local Aboriginal Heritage Service

- Important that local people have the say over their local area
 - ↳ Sub groups must be recognised as part of the process.
- Concern that current established structures will try to interfere with the process.
- 14 Groups not just 6 Groups under the SWS

MEETING NOTES - MERREDIN (2 MAY 2019)

Merredin 2/5/19 (3)

Proposal 3B Aboriginal Heritage Council

- Improvement on the previous system.

Merredin 2/5/19 (4)

Proposal 5 Land Use Assessments

- General Support. Providing T.O.s have control

MEETING NOTES - MERREDIN (2 MAY 2019)

Merredin 2/5/19 (5)

Proposal 4 Aboriginal Heritage Register

- Support local community having more input
- Financial resources should be available to local community to support the new system
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Merredin 2/5/19 (6)

Proposal 3E Directory of Heritage Professionals.

- General Support
- Important that Aboriginal people are included in the role of Heritage professionals
- Should be professionals with ties to particular country.
- Training of local people to meet criteria to get on the ~~Register~~ Directory.

MEETING NOTES - MERREDIN (2 MAY 2019)

Merredin 2/5/19 (7)

Proposal 3C Minister's Role

- Minister must recognise T/os associated with a specific area
↳ 14 groups not 6.
- Aboriginal representation as part of the Review Body i.e. S.A.T.
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Merredin 2/5/19 (8)

Proposal 6 Agreements

- Support the idea of Agreements as a better way to go.

MEETING NOTES - MERREDIN (2 MAY 2019)

Merredin 2/5/19 (9)

Proposal 7 Transparency & Appeals

- Right to Appeal is a positive change.
- Aboriginal participation & inclusion in S.A.T. or other review body.

Merredin 2/5/19 (10)

Proposal 8 Enforcement

- Rangers assist with compliance & enforcement on country.

MEETING NOTES - MERREDIN (2 MAY 2019)

Merredin 2/5/19 (11)

Proposal 3D Department's Role

- Support for Ranger in Protection & Management.
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Merredin 2/5/19 (12)

Proposal 9 Protected Areas

- Protected Area should mean Protection.