

**Aboriginal Heritage Act (1972) Review:
Phase 1 Consultation Workshops:
May 2018:
Facilitator Report:**

Workshop Name: My Heritage, My Voice:

Date: Wednesday 16th May 2018:

Town / Venue: Balgo: Tjurabalan

Facilitator: Lee Harper Penman:

Number of Attendees: 18:

Any logistical / venue related issues: N/A

Summary of Key Issues raised:

- Confusion of what the workshops were about, for example: What is Aboriginal Heritage?
- Liaison within the community was needed prior to the event.

Summary of key ideas for amended legislation:

- Elders to be recognized
- Ranger programs to be implemented
- Banning orders to be in the Act as punishment for those companies who break the law.
- Permission to be granted for access to country by elders of that country.
- All points raised in workshop to be included.

Points of contention:

- Need to have a presence within the community.
- Liaise with the community regarding the event, have people on the ground and be seen.
- Engage with the community, knock on doors, and speak to people.

Overall effectiveness of workshop:

Excellent turn out, started off slow, lots of ideas and thoughts, participants engaged very well, despite the language barriers as English is the second language for most.

Participants are eager to be heard and to be involved in the process and the team to come back to the community and tell them of the next phase and what other communities are saying.

Any other observations:

The men elders were the clear lead within the group, with both young men and woman silent through out the workshop.

Uncle Mark was very direct in who shall be involved; for example, the elder's men make the decisions for community.

Any suggestions for next phase of consultation:

- To re-engage over a 2 -3 day period and complete the 2nd phase of the consultation.
- Over the next 3 – 4 weeks.