

MEETING RECORD

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① What needs legislation  
to protect it?

- Protect culture - Both MEN & WOMEN
  - ⊕ PROTECT SITES
  - ⊕ MINING COMPANIES NOT NOTIFYING ANYONE WHEN ON COUNTRY TAKING SAMPLES
- DECISION ON COUNTRY TO BE MADE BY COMMUNITY
- PROTECT EVERYTHING
  - ⊕ STORIES
  - ⊕ SONGLINES
  - ⊕ ALL TO BE PROTECTED
- DECISION TO PROTECT SITE SHOULD BE MADE HERE

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## SOLUTION-OPTION

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- MINING COMPANIES SHOULD TALK TO COMMUNITY
- GOV'T SHOULD NOT DECIDE SHOULD BE LOCAL
- DECISIONS TO BE MADE HERE NOT IN PERTH

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## WHAT ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NEEDED

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- COMMUNITY — SHOULD HAVE A SAY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS
- LOCAL AUTHORITY OR REGIONAL AUTHORITY
- THE COMMITTEE (ACMC) ARE NOT THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO DECIDE
- MINISTER — BUT LOCAL PEOPLE HAVE THE FINAL SAY
- DON'T WANT PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRY TALKING ABOUT OUR COUNTRY
- SIB need to be changed + traditional OWNERS & NO-ONE ELSE SHOULD DECIDE ON IMPACT

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## SOLUTIONS - OPTION

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- HAS TO BE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY LAW
- ONLY LOCAL PEOPLE TALK FOR COUNTRY
- LOCAL ~~COMMUNITY~~ AUTHORITY MEMBERS ELECTED BY COMMUNITY
- IF THERE IS TO BE A COMMITTEE (ACML) COMMUNITY SHOULD ELECT MEMBERS
- $\Phi$  SHOULD BE 2 MEMBER FOR EACH REGION (I.E. WESTERN DESERT)



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& HOW

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- EACH MOB SHOULD LOOK AFTER THE HERITAGE IN THEIR COUNTRY
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⑦ WHAT ACTIONS REQUIRE  
APPROVAL ?

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- SOME PLACES SHOULD BE  
"NO GO" PROTECTED AREAS

## SOLUTIONS- OPTION

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- WORK WITH THE "BOARDS"  
WHERE POSSIBLE
- NEEDS TO BACK TO ELDERS OF  
THE AREA TO DECIDE



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## WHAT PENALTIES ARE NEEDED?

- NEED STRONGER PENALTIES:  
FINES
- SHOULD BE STRONGER FINES  
FOR PEOPLE WHO DISTURB SITES  
& STEAL ARTEFACTS
  - ⊕ THEY SELL & PROFIT FROM IT
  - ⊕ CURRENT PENALTIES MEAN NOTHING

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## SOLUTIONS- OPTION

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- STRONGER PENALTIES: FINES  
\$ INCREMENTAL FOR REPEAT  
OFFENDERS

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## **Aboriginal Heritage Act (AHA) Review Consultation Meeting**

### **My Heritage My Voice**

### **Jigalong Aboriginal Community**

**3 May 2018**

## 1. ATTENDANCE

There were 25+ people who attended the meeting with not all attending placing their name on the attendance sheet

## 2. MEETING PROCESS

- Welcome by Chairperson of the local Organisation
- No Powerpoint Presentation as meeting outside
- Introduction of Facilitator and Staff
- General discussion based on topics.

## 3. FACILITATOR AND STAFF

Facilitator: Dr Stuart Bradfield

Staff: Emma Rigby, Glenn Shaw

## 4. DISCUSSION BASED ON TOPICS

As community members came and left the meeting and returned at a later point it was agreed the consultation would be in a conversational format rather than formal structured questions and responses. This was beneficial as the process not only created discussion between the community members and DPLH Staff and Facilitator but also between the Jigalong community members present.

### Topic 1: WHAT NEEDS LEGISLATION TO PROTECT IT?

- Protect culture – Both Men and Women
  - Protect Sites
  - Mining Companies not notifying any-one when on country taking samples
- Decision on country to be made by community
- Protect everything
  - Stories
  - Songlines
  - All to be protected
- Decision to protect site should be made here (community)

#### SOLUTION – OPTION

- Mining companies should talk to community
- Government should not decide – should be local
- Decisions to be made here (local) not in Perth

### TOPIC 2: WHAT ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NEEDED?

- Community should have a say about what happens
- Local Authority or regional Authority
- The Committee (ACMC) are not the right people to decide
- Minister – but local people must have the final say
- Don't want people from other country talking about our country.
- s18 need to be changed – Traditional Owners and no-one else should decide on impact

#### SOLUTION – OPTION

- Has to be local community in law (legislation)
- Only local people talk for country
- Local authority with members elected by community
- If there is to be a Committee (ACMC) community should elect members
  - Should be 2 members for each regional (i.e. Western Desert)



TOPIC 3: **WHO SHOULD BE CONSULTED AND HOW?**

- Should talk to community
  - Men for Men's places
  - Women for Women's places
- We know who we are, we look after our land – how it was from the beginning
- **Each mob should look after the heritage in their own country**

**SOLUTION – OPTION**

- Make it law to talk to community
- Men for Men's Place and Women for Women's Place
- Should be local not a committee in Perth

TOPIC 4: **WHAT ACTIONS REQUIRE APPROVAL?**

- Some places should be "NO GO" Protected Areas

**SOLUTION – OPTION**

- Work with the Boards (organisations) where possible
- Need to talk to Elders of the area to decide

TOPIC 5: **WHAT PENALTIES ARE NEEDED?**

- Need stronger penalties and fines
- Should be stronger fines for people who disturb sites and steal artefacts
  - They sell and profit from them
  - Current penalties mean nothing

**SOLUTION – OPTION**

- Stronger penalties: Fines
  - Needs to be incremental for repeat offenders