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Yes

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Purpose of the Act

Question 1

Yes

If not, what changes should be made?:

Roles under the Act

Question 2

2 - who should be consulted?:

The Culturals Maternal Committe is not a true representation for Noongar Boodja. This committee must an should make contact with Noongar Elders an families that are true representatives of land an heritage in Noongar Boodja.

Question 3

Ineffective

How can the provision to appoint honorary wardens be improved?:

Honary Wardens must be knowledgeable in Cultural Heritage. Must be able to work/ liaise with other enviromentalist that are respondents to lands, waterways, an heritage site on country.

Question 4

No

Role and functions - Minister:

Go back to my answer at

Q. 2. The Cultural Materials Committe should be recommending Noongar People to meet and consult with the Minister for Aboriginal Heritage in each regions.

Yes

Role and functions - Registrar:

Get out to the people an thete communities. Find out what the real concerns are and help make them work in their communities.

No

Role and functions - Committee:

The whole lot of roles an function need to change to suit Aboriginal Communities an their leaders/Elders that are knowledgeable if Culture an Heritage in the areas.

No

Role and functions - DPLH:

Again work with Aboriginal Communities an their knowlegeable Leaders on the ground.

What is Protected?**Question 5**

No

5. How can section 5 be improved?:

DIA should not take any object from off country without Elders/Leader permission. The whole Noongar community should know an decide the items found.

Question 6

Yes

6. How can section 6 / Part VI be improved?:**Question 7**

Yes

Additional comments:**Question 8**

Yes

8. what needs to be considered?:

With the consultation from Elders/Leaders an community imput.

Protection and Enforcement**Question 9****9. Activities that should require consent or authorisation:**

Mining, Farming building of townsites, construction, etc.

Question 10**10. Criteria to evaluate activities that may affect a site:**

Consultation with Land Councils Elders/Leaders an people with the knowlede about heritage.

Question 11**11. What is an impact in relation to sacred sites?:**

Refer to Q10. The same answer.

Question 12**12. consent / authorisation for proposals that will affect sites:**

Elders/Leaders with knowledge of the area an its cultural heritage.

Question 13

Effective

13. How s18 can be improved?:

Aboriginal Affairs Minister must stop overruling Traditional Owners decision when it comes to sacred sites being desecrated for mining, roadworks an other construction. AAMinister must always consult with TO's.

Question 14**14. provisions for long-term protection of sites:**

Consultation with TO's at all levels on country.

Question 15

No

15. How can enforcement provisions be improved?:

Example: Airport construction destroyed a sacred site. This is a big company but was fined \$10,000.00. Q. Where did this \$\$\$ go too. Did it go to Whadjuk Working Party's Trust Fund for TO's. It is an insult to Noongar TOs culture an heritage. Make these fines worth while to TOs future.

Question 16

Yes

16. How can penalties be improved?:

But what good is penalties if Govt are not going to impose the penalties onto Construction Companies that destroy sacred sites or objects of Noongar heritage/culture.

Site Assessment and Registration

Question 17

No

17. Why shouldn't a defence be provided?:

Question 18

Yes

18. What should the criteria be?:

If someone from a decease family member who recorded stories an recognise sites an told stories must be aloud to be able to look at the information documented by a mother or father who is deceased.

Question 19

19. Steps to report place or object:

There are lots of places in Noongar Boodja that is not registered by DIA not on the register but with family members. These Elders/Leaders must be recognised an consulted about sites that are not registered. Dont just talk with people who do not know areas. Go see the right people.

19. Steps to nominate a place or object:

NOT BY COMPUTORS not all Noongar people got computers in their homes.

19. Steps to assess a place or object:

Work with community always.

19. Steps to enter a place or object on the Register:

Consult with community always.

19. Steps to amend a place or object on Register:

Talk with the communtiy. Community consultation always

19. Steps to remove place or object from Register:

Talk with community always consult and family members first point of contact to be informed of the process.

Other Parts of the Act

Question 20

No opinion

20. What's missing from the Act?:

Question 21

No opinion

21. Sections to be removed from Act?:

Any other comments

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