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Dear Mr Gammie

**SUBMISSION ON CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE REVIEW OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our views on the consultation paper on the review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (AH Act).

The Conservation and Parks Commission (Commission) is the vesting body for State forest, timber reserves and marine reserves; national parks, conservation parks and nature reserves, either solely or jointly with an Aboriginal body corporate, and other lands referred to in section 5(1)(g) of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act).

Under the CALM Act, the Commission has a statutory function, amongst others, to advise the Minister for Environment on the development of policies to achieve the objectives of management plans for vested lands. These objectives allow for the protection and conservation of the value of the land to the culture and heritage of Aboriginal persons, in particular from any material adverse effect caused by entry on or the use of the land by other persons; or the taking or removal of the land's fauna, flora or forest produce.

The Commission has the care, control and management of the vested land placed with it, either solely or jointly with another person or body. The Director General of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), has the statutory function to manage land to which the CALM Act applies. The Commission and the DBCA have fostered and maintained a close working relationship in protecting and conserving the values of vested lands in accordance with legislative requirements.

The Commission has consulted with DBCA, and endorses the DBCA submission on the consultation paper on the review of the AH Act in its entirety.

Yours sincerely

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