

I wish to support the Wangan and Jagalingou submission. It is a travesty that corporations such as Adani/Bravus can bypass traditional custodians and their right to determine the use of their land.

With W&J I request that you

1. Amend the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that Traditional Owners with cultural connection to Country are always involved in consultation and negotiation processes, regardless of their status as a native title party.
2. Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations, so that we aren't reliant on the State to protect our cultural heritage if it is in imminent danger of harm or destruction.
3. Establish an independent First Nations-led decision-making body that is responsible for dispute resolution and mediation, and for assessing who the right people to speak for Country are.

Thank you

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