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Submission: Review of Queensland Cultural Heritage Acts (Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and the Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003)

Dear Sir/Madam

Reform the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Acts to better protect First Nations cultural heritage in Queensland.

Aboriginal people lawfully predate your authority. Your authority is based on the European occupation that was unlawful under British Royal Law, British Parliamentary Law and International Law. Aboriginal people were the legitimate authority that gave consent for the construction and use of Aboriginal sites. These sites have existing use rights, if you racist occupiers gave the same credence to Aboriginals existing use rights as you do to European developments. Australians are sick of you people destroying irreplaceable Australian heritage because it is not your European heritage. Aboriginal people have a religious creation story and religious deities, but they don't create buildings for their churches, they designate natural areas for their 'churches'. These sites are religious sites, and are the irreplaceable cultural heritage of all Australians. Stop your religious discrimination against Aboriginal People. And Stop your racist destruction of Aboriginal peoples culture. And I note your associated callous disregard for the additional impacts of the developments that your government has given Consent for, such as the Bravus coal mine destruction of Aboriginal cultural and religious sites, that will cause deaths and destruction from their climate heating coal emissions. Please be advised that Australian criminal law is clear, it states 'callous disregard to the impacts of an act that causes death is an act of murder', so please stop your callous disregard to your murder of Australians that is associated with your religious discrimination and your racist destruction, (the previous arrangement where emissions from exported coal and gas were calculated in the country where they are burnt, has broken down, with countries such as India and China now not a part of that arrangement.).

- Stop destroying the religious and heritage sites of Aboriginals - they have more meaning to Aboriginal people, and more value value to all Australians, than the money you and developers make from their destruction
- Amend the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that traditional owners with cultural connection to Country can be involved in consultation and negotiation processes, regardless of their status as a native title party.

- Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations, so that we aren't reliant on the State to protect their cultural heritage if it is in imminent danger of harm or destruction.
- 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.
- Or, go back to Europe where your heritage is

Yours

John Lazarus