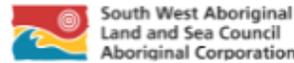


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Questions for WA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA

The following questions were directed towards Minister Buti, and/or the State Government, during the workshop (either during the Minister's address on Day Two, or as part of broader conversations in the afternoon sessions of each day). While some of these may have been answered as part of the Minister's presentation, it was thought important to pose them again and request written responses for the benefit of clarity. Upon receiving them, responses will be shared with all workshop participants for their information.

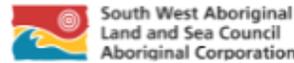
1. Can you advise what resources and funding will be provided to support Aboriginal communities to first protect and promote heritage, and then to address applications to access country?
2. Will there be support offered for on-country visits and management and transmission of heritage, not just in response to access applications and monitoring the activities of others?
3. Will government funding into heritage surveys be re-addressed? Financial burden is currently on individuals, proponents, and PBCs.
4. Will there be investment in ACH databases and spatial mapping?
5. Has the government considered imposing a Cultural Heritage Tax on miners to create a fund for protection and rehabilitation of sites that have been inadvertently impacted?
6. Will the existing standard heritage agreements under ILUAs be replaced by processes under the new ACHA in relation to Tiered Activity processes?
7. What is the Government's streamlining policy in relation to existing project approval processes under the Mining Act, Environmental Protection Act, Land Administration Act, State Agreements and the new ACHA?

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8. Under the Act, you as the Minister will have the ultimate capacity to decide on applications. Will you be ensuring that there has been Free, Prior and Informed Consent? And if so, how?
9. Has the State developed a performance metric to assess the success of the new ACHA. If so, can that metric be made available?
10. In exercising your powers regarding the approval of a proponent's application to undertake activities that could impact heritage, will you give primacy to the views of Aboriginal communities as the authority on whether heritage exists and how it may be impacted by activities?
11. Does the Minister regard Aboriginal people and all other interested 'ground disturbing interests' and proponents as "stakeholders"?
12. Are the [State Government's] co-design processes intended to deal with sections of the regulations in different stages or all of the remaining regulations and policy development in one go?
13. How are Aboriginal people outside of Land Councils and PBCs going to be a part of the [State Government's] entire process?