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- A. The Cultural Heritage Acts in Queensland have failed the Wangan and Jagalingou People. Currently these Acts allow developers to gain their approvals without meaningful consultation with the Traditional Owners and without sufficient accountability. Cultural heritage should be in traditional owner hands, and not the State or developers. The following reforms are needed to improve the protection of cultural heritage in Queensland:
- Amend the definition of 'Aboriginal party' so that traditional owners with cultural connection to Country can be involved in consultation and negotiation processes.
 - Create enforcement powers for traditional owners to protect cultural heritage if it is in 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.