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Hello,

I wish to live my concerns over the current processes U defeat in QLD.

For thousands of years Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's have cared for country and have an enduring and deep cultural connection: both physically and spiritually. Traditional owners hold vast knowledge and care deeply for their land as it is inseparable from them.

I wish to support the view that

*The definition of 'Aboriginal party' in the Cultural Heritage Acts should be changed so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People with particular knowledge about both tangible and intangible cultural heritage in an area are able to be recognised as a party and consulted on cultural heritage management and protection, regardless of whether there is already a native title party recognised for that area.*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people require respect to have control over decisions that are made in their traditional lands. This is a basic human right as first nations in people. This right applies to decisions made by Governments for the activities of companies such as Adani.

I implore you to consider these actions:

- 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 our 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.

I look forward to your response,

Many thanks