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Dear Government of Queensland,

I am writing this submission to express my concern for our First Nation's Wangan and Jagalingou Nagana Yarrbayn Cultural Custodians who are part of their Country in Spiritual and Physical Interaction with their land. Mining Mother Earth is desecration, we have cemeteries in Australia we do not desecrate and mine them, mining coal and gas is the same desecration. I am writing to express my deep concern for mining at this time of extreme weather disruption, just for money.

I request -

1. That you amend the outdated definition of, "Aboriginal part" so that the Traditional Owners who have cultural and spiritual connection to their Country are first and foremost involved in both consultation and negotiation processes, albeit regardless of their status as a Native Title Party.
2. Create greater enforcement powers for First Nations People so that they are no longer dependents of the State to protect their precious Cultural Heritage when it is in imminent danger of both harm and or destruction.
3. That a totally independent First Nations led decision making body that is responsible for the resolution of disputes and mediation. Also for assessing who are the correct people to speak for their Country.

I urge you to respect our Elders and First Peoples so we can cease mining Mother earth because it is not the way to treat her, we must respect MOTHER Earth.

Yours in hope,

Elisabeth Mortimer