

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you about the vast concerns about the Aboriginal Lands Act Review 2022.

The main proposed issues I can see to the Aboriginal Lands Act Review 2022 are revisions to our ALCT elections, transferring management role and land to small groups instead of the Aboriginal community and our community representatives who have the land management expertise.

The Aboriginal community does not want any revisions to the ALCT elections. The current process gives all Aboriginal people the opportunity to challenge anyone applying to get on the roll who are not Aboriginal.

Anyone challenged must prove their eligibility through an Aboriginal Panel appointed by the Tasmanian Electoral Commissioner. This is the most appropriate, transparent, and fair process. For anyone applying for Centrelink benefits or a driver's licence, they must prove who they are. This process should not be any different.

I do not support the notion of a land management role being given to groups of people in a particular area, based on the fact that they have set up an organisation under ORIC. I do not support land return to Aboriginal community organisations.

Aboriginal land managers who look after Aboriginal land, are experienced, and have the deep knowledge and expertise to care for our country and its resources. We should be caring for country in a united and central way to maintain cultural resources and access for all Aboriginal people, not small groups that while they claim to be, have never been a part of the community.

Land management responsibility must not be taken away from the current process through ALCT. Groups of people who have a small membership in a particular region do not qualify to have land returned to them or have the right or expertise to manage land and sacred sites.

All lands across lutruwita are equally important and significant to all Aboriginal people. The Tasmanian Aboriginal community has said they want to see the return of any (preferably all) Crown Lands to Tasmanian Aboriginal people. Not individual.

ALCT is collective and inclusive ownership model and community members are part of its governance, unlike other organisations. In other organisations, rights are only given to members on their list, it is exclusive and any transfer of land to these organisations will exclude Aboriginal people across lutruwita/ Tasmania which defeats the purpose of what the Tasmanian Government says they wish to do.

ALCT is open and transparent to the community, which is its role. Members attend Aboriginal community meetings and events, as well as host community discussions and forums regarding Aboriginal land management and use.

I am disheartened with Minister of Aboriginal Affairs consultation with my community.

It is the role of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to elect our people.

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