

Dear Sir/Madam,

In regard to the land management role for Aboriginal community organisations, I firmly believe that the current Aboriginal land managers who look after Aboriginal land, live locally and know the land better than anyone, are best experienced and have deep knowledge and expertise to care for country and its resources.. Having just returned from a 10 day trip to tarkyna including Preminghana and spoken to elders, I feel strongly about this and wish the rangers had more support to prevent further 4WD damage.

All Aboriginal people currently have access to Aboriginal land so no changes are required.

Revisions to the Aboriginal Land Council Tasmania (ALCT).

The proposal is to change the process of how people can join ALCT by introducing a test with decisions made by the Electoral Commissioner, based on recommendations from an advisory panel. It is proposed that this panel would be appointed by the Minister which leaves it open to political interference - which has only recently been proved to be the case with the Attorney General!!

The Aboriginal community does not want the existing ALCT electoral system to change.

The current Aboriginal Panel, responsible for determining new members' eligibility is the most appropriate process. Please leave the current electoral system in place.

The ALCT would need additional funding to prepare and publish management plans & an annual report as proposed. It already meets the requirements of the Tasmanian Audit Office.

It's a sad reflection that since 2005, no significant return of Crown land has been made to the Aboriginal community, the original custodians of the land.

Best regards

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