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Review of the Aboriginal Lands Act 1995  
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To whom it may concern,

I write on behalf of the Glenorchy Reconciliation Group to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *An improved model for returning land to Tasmania's Aboriginal people, Consultation Paper on proposals for change*. We do appreciate that the document does commit to the handback of more land to Tasmania's Aboriginal People. While we do not have a desire to speak on behalf of others, we note that there are a number of concerns with the proposed changes that have been highlighted by Tasmanian Aboriginal organisations across lutruwitta, Tasmania. These include rules around identity, voting rights, use of language, and access to land, and suggest that further consultation be offered.

We encourage that in the processing of submissions and future revisions of the Act there be an application of the principles of the Uluru Statement of the Heart to ensure that voices from the Tasmanian Aboriginal community are heard and valued. This will require a commitment to provide culturally appropriate and safe spaces for diverse perspectives and truth telling to be shared and heard, with the aim of more land hand backs and treaty(ies).

In the spirit of reconciliation,

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