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1. Clarifying the scope and intent of the Act

I support expanding the meaning of land to include Sea Country.

2. Revisions to ALCT elections

I agree with all aspects of the initial proposal to:

- Remove the process of objecting to a person's enrolment on the electoral role completely.
- That the State Government applies the three-part test regarding eligibility to be on the Electoral roll.
- The CHAC Community would like lands council/s to have and hold seating for each individual cultural area / nation to participate in the development of future and past land hand backs, to help strengthen the state of Tasmania so it can become an inclusive and transparent state regarding Aboriginal affairs for each and all Aboriginal peoples.

3. Simplification of land transfer process

- I support the simplification of the land transfer process. The State Government must ensure that the legislation provides a clear and simple process for the transfer of new parcels of land to the Land Council.

4. A land management role for local or regional Aboriginal community organisations

- I agree that local or regional Aboriginal community organisations, if they have the capacity and skills, play a role in land management of returned parcels of land within their region.
- I wholly support consolidated details of access rights, ensuring that Aboriginal land vested in ALCT would be (as far as practicable) freely available to access by Aboriginal people of Tasmania and organisations.
- Land returns to be looked after / cared for by local Aboriginal communities from that nation/area.

5. Creating a transparent process

- I agree with the proposed aspects of the proposal to provide for clear identification of the values and the significance to Tasmanian Aboriginal people and the development of clear criteria to support future evaluation of land nominated for return.

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- Community requires information to be handed to them within reasonable time frames. Preferably all nations informed at the same time, so all nations are then fully informed together and not separately on any upcoming returns/hand backs etc.

6. Governance Issues

- I agree that management plans are to be prepared and published that are proportionate for the size and complexity of the land parcel involved.
- I agree that ALCT should be more transparent and accountable to local communities.

Signed

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Feedback needs to be submitted by 24th March 2023 to AboriginalLandsAct@dpac.tas.gov.au

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