

Nyungah Circle of Elders

Re: State Sustainability Strategy

You state that your vision for the future is to 'develop a strategy to pursue new forms of development that did not compromise the health of our environment or society'. If you wish to guarantee such a vision then it is necessary that there be proper consultation with the Aboriginal Community and that the Sacredness of the Land and Waterways be respected according to our Law.

There must be proper consultation with the People who have the Knowledge and Ties to their areas and, once agreements have been made in good faith, then developers should not be allowed to find holes in the Aboriginal Heritage Act, such as a Section 18 to override the wisdom of the Aboriginal People.

The only way to guarantee a healthy environment is by respecting the Religion and Culture of the People.

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