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## DATSIP Review of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

One of the most critical omissions from protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage is the lack of a trigger within the local government planning agencies that would require an investigation of cultural heritage values of the development.

Because of self-regulation, most developers do not undertake more than a rudimentary search of the Cultural Heritage database, and if this does not show heritage sites within the development, it is interpreted as a green light to continue without further consultation. Many tangible and intangible sites are lost because of a lack of consultation.

I would recommend strongly that the Planning Act requires an assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values by consultation with the relevant Aboriginal heritage body.

Thank for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dr Kerry Blackman-CEO Gidarjil Cultural Heritage Body  
For the PCCC Region-First Nations Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda