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Dear Government,

As an archaeology student at the University of Queensland, I believe the current Cultural Heritage Act is unfit for purpose. I believe the current Duty of Care guidelines should be scrapped as they favour developers over indigenous owners, and considering Queensland has a rich indigenous heritage, this is wrong. The Act should be reformed so Indigenous stakeholders are the first to be consulted, rather than the last, so their feedback and say can be taken into account in planning processes early on. Furthermore, I believe there should be a greater variety in compliance mechanisms, such as officers who can issue on the spot finds, rather than resorting to the courts if agreements are breached as this favours developers over indigenous owners, as developers are more likely to have enough money to afford court processes. Such compliance offers could be funded by imposing a small fee on developers.

I hope this submission is of help.

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