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I, **Gavin Jackson** in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter this petition which contains ¹³ signatures.

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PETITION IN RELATION TO THE REVIEW OF THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1972

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Australia, our friends and supporters, submit this petition pertaining to the review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (the Act) and the proposals to regulate and amend the Act put forward by the Western Australian Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

We the undersigned residents of Australia oppose the adoption of these proposals as they are not in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Act. The effect of the proposals will be to streamline and expedite land access approvals for the mining industry at the cost of Western Australia's Aboriginal heritage. The proposed amendments, if adopted, will result in the Aboriginal peoples of Western Australia being dispossessed of their rights and interests in their unique heritage and culture and, long after the current mining boom is over, will forever be viewed as yet another indelible disgrace on Australia's human rights record.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to consider reviewing all of the proposals put forward with reference to sections 9 and 10 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Your petitioners also respectfully request the Legislative Council to consider reviewing all of the consultations undertaken, and advice received by Government in the review of the AHA to ascertain whether natural justice and procedural fairness in the review process has been extended to Aboriginal stakeholders prior to the production of the discussion paper.

Your petitioners also respectfully recommend the Legislative Council to consider rejecting the proposed changes to the AHA.

Your petitioners therefore request that you give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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