

Referendum Council: State Wide meeting; Risdon Cove!

Where Do We Want to Be by 2030?

Amendments to “Aboriginal Relics Act: *Aboriginal heritage legislation!*

Now that these changes have progressed further in parliament, I see this as being of a huge benefit to the community, just showing every-one that Aboriginal Cultural Heritage values are of High Value and importance, and should be managed, cared for and placed as high importance when dealing with any project that may impact on those Aboriginal values.

Co-Management/Joint Management:

As this is now being developed further by Government, PWS & Community, I see many benefits will flow from this as we move forward. These benefits could be in the way of social benefits and will offer many options for Aboriginal community to be better informed of the management of their Aboriginal heritage values. This will also allow for greater access onto Country, for many more Aboriginal community/People, being able to see our land managers and also bringing the stories back out onto country, allowing for healing, for both, the land and the People! This will be developed as we have more Aboriginal people out on Country, managing our heritage, allowing for community involvement and access.

Aboriginal Land Manager/Ranger:

I also see the opportunity for these people to also “Multi-Skill” themselves and also perform the role of Tour Guide or Aboriginal Educator, visiting schools and doing educational programs ETC.

Community Engagement:

I see that the co-management will also allow for more access trips out on to Country for the wider Aboriginal community. This would also ensure that correct management of sites/places was being carried out.

Tourism: Aboriginal Tourism:

I see that this is a two [2] part development, as there is a huge push from the state to grow tourism and get more numbers of visitors to our state. So this just opens up the opportunities for the Aboriginal Community/People to become involved in this Industry and look at business enterprise and future employment options.

1st; Stage: *Establish an Aboriginal Tourism Body:*

This should be done with a well-supported group of Aboriginal people (Aboriginal people involved in tourism – good business knowledge) being funded and resourced and placed with-in Tourism Tasmania offices, in Hobart. Later expanding further and moving into other offices, located in the north and north-west.

This group would be able develop “Proto-Cols” around Aboriginal Tourism, as well as linking up Aboriginal people to those Bigger/Larger Tourism operators/Business/companies, generating Employment.

They would also be able to ensure those bigger players in the tourism industry offered more training and employment for Aboriginal people, ensuring that training was provided well before they needed the Aboriginal person to start performing day to day tours, so Aboriginal people would hold those skills required to become a good Tourism Guide ETC!

2Nd; Stage: *Establish Aboriginal Employment & Develop Aboriginal Tourism Business!*

After those talks with the tourism Business/Companies; I see that this would then allow for employment for those Aboriginal people who are interested in becoming Guides, working for a wage and providing an Aboriginal experience for the business/company they are employed by.

Create “**Aboriginal Business**” to start doing tourism ETC! So working closely with those Aboriginal people, who are interested and want to start their own tourism business. Linking them to the support services of Tourism Tasmania, as well as providing advice about developing an authentic Aboriginal experience, who the target groups will be, how/where to advertise, business plans, insurances ETC.

Yours truly;

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