

ATTACHMENT 2 - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

1. Clarification is required regarding the community consultation undertaken.

Based on the EA, it appears that not all of the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) for this project have been consulted. Section 6 (page 70) of the report refers to other individuals as RAPs for this project but it appears that they have not been consulted in relation to this project. The proponent is required to consult with all of the RAPs for the project, not just the one the proponent recognises.

It is unclear from the report what process the proponent undertook in relation to the formation of the Aboriginal Stakeholders Organisation Group. It should be noted that individuals can also be stakeholders not just organisations.

The proponent is also required to provide a response to comments raised by the RAPs. Comments made by Murong Gialinga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Corporation are presented in Appendix 5. It appears that the proponent has not responded to these comments.

Recommendation

1. The proponent needs to demonstrate how all of the RAPs have been consulted in relation to this project (including the individuals who are registered as RAPs for this project).
2. The proponent needs to demonstrate how they have responded to the comments raised by Murong Gialinga Aboriginal and Torres Strait Corporation.