

## **Inquiry: The Environment Legislation Amendment (Protecting Dugongs and Turtles) Bill 2019.**

Submission starts,

Dear Committee,

I am Australian born from European ancestry on both sides of my blood lines. Hunting and gathering is a tradition the world over, just because your skin is dark doesn't mean you are the only people's to ever practice as hunter and gatherers.

Evolution happens the world over and we all have to adapt, I believe that that Indigenous Australians understand that and want to evolve also. I have worked side by side with and have friendships with people from indigenous backgrounds.

It is important to consider the rights of Indigenous Australians regarding land title and to listen and welcome their insight regarding decisions made in cultural areas. I believe that they also share preservation as a priority and that should be considered before passing such a bill as it may cause conflict between indigenous groups.

If the Government wants to show it's commitment to Indigenous Australians they should consider implementing job opportunities such as positions in training as wildlife rangers and other environmental positions such as in marine tourism.

So they can provide for their families and be able to join and participate in the greater community around them, through job security for their families enabling them to move forward with evolution as every other native peoples have done the world over including my ancestors.

Our world's oceans are suffering we need all the help we can get to make them heal through restocking such important species as the marine cow or dugong and turtles as they have a very important role within our ecosystems.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my view on this subject

