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Senator Siewert asked:

Senator SIEWERT: So you have not had any discussions; you have just kept track of what they are proposing?

Mr Routh: I think we may have had some discussions with some of the officials from WA, from Indigenous affairs.

Senator SIEWERT: Have any community members raised concerns with you about what is happening at a West Australian level?

Mr Routh: I am not aware of community members raising them directly.

Mr Oxley: It is always possible that there has been correspondence to the minister, so possibly from that vehicle. But I am otherwise not aware of any.

Senator SIEWERT: Could you take that on notice?

Mr Oxley: Certainly.

Answer:

The proposed changes to the Western Australian Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 are a matter for the Western Australian government. The Department of the Environment has not received correspondence or other expressions of concern from members of the public concerning this process.