

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1787

asked on Tuesday, 25 November 2008

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MRS KIERNAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER IN NORTH QUEENSLAND (MR WALLACE)—

### QUESTION:

How can Queenslanders get involved in the review of Queensland's Indigenous Cultural Heritage Legislation?

### ANSWER:

The Indigenous Cultural Heritage Acts Review (the review) is being undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Water. It incorporates the reviews of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* and the *Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.

This review is being undertaken to ascertain how the Acts have performed over their first five years, specifically, what has worked well and what may be improved.

On 22 September 2008, I released a review paper inviting the community to put forward their views. Since that time, the review has been promoted in relevant and widely circulated media outlets. I understand that many traditional owners, the community, and natural resource management organisations are working towards making collaborative submissions.

My department has already consulted many organisations with an interest in the Acts, and will continue to engage traditional owners and other stakeholders throughout the regions.

All interested Queenslanders are encouraged to make a submission to the review. The submission period is until 28 February 2009.

Submissions may be made by contacting the review team on (07) 3225 2714 or by mail to GPO Box 2454, Brisbane Qld, 4001. Emailed submissions may be sent to [ichar@nrw.qld.gov.au](mailto:ichar@nrw.qld.gov.au). Online submissions may also be made by following the links from the NRW website at [www.nrw.qld.gov.au](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au).

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