You are invited ...

The Pilbara Regional Committee invites you to attend an on Country Meeting about the proposed changes to the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*.

What’s it all about?

The meeting will be a chance to learn more about the proposed changes to the Act, and how they will affect your heritage, your family, your country and your native title rights. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon. Peter Collier, as well as other Members of Parliament have been invited to hear your concerns and answer your questions.

Why is this important?

*These changes do not empower Traditional Owners.*

The changes will give more power to the Minister and the newly-created CEO to make decisions about heritage. One person will be able to decide whether or not a place is considered a heritage site, and whether or not it can be legally destroyed—*and the Act will not require that Traditional Owners be consulted*. Traditional Owners, even if they have had their native title recognised, will not have the right to appeal the Minister’s or CEO’s decision.

*Traditional Owners were not properly consulted before the Amendments were drafted.*

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs now needs to draft the Regulations for the Act that will say how the Minister and CEO will make their decisions. This will include any processes for consultation with Traditional Owners over their heritage.

Spread the word

The meeting is open to all Aboriginal People, Aboriginal Representative Bodies and Members of Parliament. Spread the word to your family and friends to help show the State Government that the Aboriginal community cares about its heritage.
**Directions from Karratha**
The Yule River meeting place is on the North West Coast Highway approximately 200km drive from Karratha Airport. From Karratha Airport head south on Dampier Highway for 5km (5minutes), turn right onto Madigan Road for 6km, turn left onto North West Coast Highway. Follow North West Coast Highway for 55km (45min), through the town of Roebourne, continue on North West Coast Highway for 140km (1hr 30min). The Yule River meeting place will be on the left after the bridge crossing. There will be signage on the day to alert you to the meeting place.
Total estimated drive time: 2hrs 20minutes

**Directions from Tom Price**
The Yule River meeting place is on the North West Coast Highway approximately 395km drive from Tom Price. Head North from Tom Price on Bingarn Road for 25km (25min), then turn right onto Nanutarra-Maunjina Road (Nanutarra-Wittenoom Road) and continue for 130km (1hr 45min). You will pass through the town of Wittenoom. Turn left onto Great Northern Highway and continue for 220 km (2hrs 10min), turn left onto North West Coast Highway and continue for 20km (15min). The Yule River meeting place will be on the right before the Bridge crossing. Total estimated drive time: 4hrs 35minutes

**Directions from Port Hedland**
The Yule River meeting place is on the North West Coast Highway approximately 55km drive from Port Hedland Airport. From Port Hedland Airport take the Great Northern Highway for approx 25 minutes (35km). Continue straight onto North West Coast Highway for another 15minutes (20km). The meeting place will be on the right before the river crossing. There will be signs alerting you to the meeting place on the day.
Total estimated drive time: 40minutes