



JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON NORTHERN AUSTRALIA

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Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP
Minister for Indigenous Australians

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House of Representatives
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Via email: Ken.Wyatt.MP@aph.gov.au

Dear Minister,

I write to you in my capacity as the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Northern Australia.

In the attached letter to the Western Australia Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Hon Stephen Dawson MLA, the Committee expresses its concerns about the WA Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill that is currently under consideration. In particular, the letter conveys the Committee's disappointment with key provisions of the Bill and its failure to take account of recommendations of the Northern Australia Committee's final report into the destruction of the Aboriginal cultural heritage at Juukan Gorge.

I note that the Committee's report was tabled on 18 October 2021. The Committee is currently awaiting the Australian Government's response and anticipates that the Government will take up the report's recommendations.

Sincerely

Warren Entsch
Chair