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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. The Government also indicated greater involvement of Aboriginal Australians in the heritage strategy. In what way does it envisage more participation and a stronger say by Aboriginal communities?
2. What submissions have been received from Aboriginal communities and what do the submissions say about Aboriginal involvement?

Answer:

1. The Department held small group forums which included Aboriginal representation to ensure greater involvement of Aboriginal Australians in developing the Australian Heritage Strategy. Indigenous cultural heritage objectives and actions within the Australian Heritage Strategy will take into account responses from community consultation and Australian Government inter-departmental consultation.
2. The Department received public submissions from the following Aboriginal community bodies:
 - NSW Aboriginal Land Council
 - Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council
 - Budj Bim Sustainable Development Partnership Leadership Group
 - Winda-Mara Aboriginal Corporation
 - Kimberley Land Council
 - Australian Government Minister for the Environment's Indigenous Advisory Committee

These are available at <http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/australian-heritage-strategy>