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Senator Waters asked:

What will the consultation process with industry in relation to the nomination involve?

Answer:

The Australian Government has stated that a Cape York nomination will only be submitted for inclusion on the World Heritage List with the consent of traditional owners, the agreement of the Queensland Government and broad community support.

The Australian and Queensland governments have consulted the Cape York community, which includes Indigenous people and others with a variety of interests in tourism, agriculture, grazing and mining.

Queensland has enacted requirements for consultation under its *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007*. In 2011 the Queensland Government released a paper inviting comment and held meetings with stakeholders on a proposed world heritage listing for Cape York.

The Australian Government has conducted consultations with traditional owners on their willingness to consent to a world heritage nomination, and supported the Queensland Government to undertake consultations with traditional owners under its Country Based Planning programme.

The Queensland Government has the primary responsibility to progress any future world heritage nomination for Cape York, including gauging whether there is broad community support, in cooperation with the Australian Government.