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Senator Urquhart, Anne asked:

For Cape York. Have indigenous groups been consulted? Which ones? Have they been provided funding to consult within and outside their communities?
Would you say the process is traditional owner led or department led?

Answer:

1. The Queensland Government is responsible for progressing the Cape York World Heritage process as set out in the 2009 Intergovernmental Agreement on World Heritage.
2. The Queensland Department of the Environment and Heritage Protection are developing a consultation and communication strategy which will help to determine which groups to consult.
3. The Department of the Environment and Energy has not provided funding to any Indigenous groups for consultation under the current World Heritage process.
4. World Heritage nomination of an area, or areas, of Cape York will only proceed with broad stakeholder support.