

Protecting Aboriginal Heritage Sites (plain English summary)

Aboriginal Heritage Sites are important places for Aboriginal people. The sites give Aboriginal people a link to their present and past culture. The sites are also important because they have rare signs of ancient human activity.

We believe in protecting Aboriginal Heritage sites. Uniting Church people have tried to protect important sites over many years. The current federal and state laws are not working to protect Aboriginal Heritage sites, which means sites are still being destroyed in WA.

The federal and state laws need to change. Aboriginal People need to be much more involved in making the decisions. The current reform of the Aboriginal Heritage Act needs to happen quickly so that more Aboriginal Heritage sites are not destroyed.

Key points of why we are asking for this:

- We want to be fair to Aboriginal People and their Heritage sites
- We don't want Aboriginal people to experience more pain and loss
- We want to protect the places that tell Aboriginal stories and history
- Heritage sites are important for Aboriginal culture and spiritual connection
- People are upset because it has taken a long time for change to happen