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To: Stuart Wright

Subject: Submission regarding the Aboriginal Lands Amendment Bill 2012.

Dear Stuart and Committee Members."For a start i have never been taught to write submissions,but will give this my best shot.". I am an Aboriginal Elder of 14 years,a Genealogist of 24 years,and have worked tirelessly for the Aboriginal People in Circular Head,including setting up the local Aboriginal Corporation when i was an ATSIC Regional Councillor for the last 6 years of ATSIC,and at present we are setting up our own Aboriginal Land Council.I did the Genealogies for the local people when our Aboriginality's were challenged as to enable us to vote in the ATSIC Regional Council Elections in 2002.Our Aboriginality's were heard in the Smithton Court in 2002 by the Federal Administrative Appeals Tribunal headed by Justice Garry Downs and 2 Appeals QCs,Mr Stephen Estcourt Qc,and Mr Don Muller QC and we all won our cases,and satisfied the AAT that we were Tasmanian Aborigines.May i also say that,two thirds of the population of Circular Head's people are Aboriginal because of those Court decisions.I would really love to see some local land handed to the local people,and i know that we can take good care of it.We are even happy to share it with other Aboriginal organisations as well.Our people are not even recognised as Aboriginal by the Tasmanian State Gov't which is a terrible shame.Nor are we recognised by the TAC.(The reasons we could use our the land)."Youth Justice",Somewhere we can take our young people away from town to a place they can call their own,respect it and value it,along with other matters relating."Tourism"We can work in with the C/H Council to set up signed tracks to each sight,Hut Depression's,Shell Middens,and the list goes on.This would create tourism in our area that would employ many of our young people."Culture"Our people will be able to practice,and learn about their Aboriginal culture,and respect it."Respect" .I truly believe that if our young people had land that they could call their own then the local Aboriginal Elders,will teach them all about love and respect,whether it be of the land or the local C/H community.I also know that the non Aboriginal people would be only too happy to be a part of all the above,and would be made extremely welcome to do so,as the local Aboriginal organisation,CHAC open the doors and help anyone that needs it.There is much more i could tell you's but i find it hard to write down in this Submission,and am hoping that if you people happen to come up this way we could meet up somewhere and talk about it there.Thank you all very much for giving us the opportunity to have our say regarding.Kindest Regards.Alan Wolf 15 Marine Esplanade Stanley Tas 7331.Ph.0428394764.