Supplementary Submission No 116a

INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO ELDER ABUSE IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Aboriginal Lore (Law)

- Aboriginal Lore is through your bloodline not where you were born.
- You have to trace your bloodline through your mother and father.
- You can't change your tribal name to some other tribal name.
- You can't do a "Welcome to Country" for a tribal area that you do not belong to.
- Aboriginal heritage and culture should only be handled by traditional custodial people.
- In order to be able to speak about Land you must be able to show your custodial connections to the Land.
- When you go to another tribal area you should go to traditional custodial elder or elders to show respect and ask them of the Lore of the tribal area (Land) to which they are the custodians.
- Historical or contemporary Aboriginal people are welcome to be involved in education, health, housing and infrastructure projects, but are not able to speak about Land, heritage and culture.

As an example; The returning of aboriginal ancestral remains, that were kept at various Universities, is of an intensely Traditional Custodial concern and responsibility.