

Tubba-Gah

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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National Resources Commission

Re: Active and Adaptive Cypress Management in the
Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Area.

Tubba-Gah response to the Draft Report dated June 2014

To Whom It May Concern.

Since European settlement the Tubba-Gah people have had an active role in the Active and Adaptive management of the Goonoo Conservation Area of the Brigalow and Nandewar Conservation Area. This is evident in the high concentration of Tubba-Gah artefacts surveyed within the study area. Today the Tubba-Gah people still utilize the Goonoo for our Spiritual and Cultural lore and training purposes.

After reading the Draft and relying on past experiences with the management of Tubba-Gah spiritual and cultural lands we cannot stress enough the need to involve the First Australians at every level of the management process. All too often we see good intentions passed over for economic drive. We hope that this will not be the case in our beloved Goonoo State Conservation Area.

We as Aboriginal people know that in our heart of hearts that we cannot stop the heavy wheels of industry but we can continue to stress to those decision makers the importance of our country to our mob as we have done in this case.

If the active and adaptive management process is conducted for the wellbeing of the conservation area, then this will be good for our people. If on the other hand this is yet another way of taking more than is put in, then this will definitely be a bad thing for our mob.

We thank the Government for the opportunity to comment on this Draft Report.



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