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1. Cultural heritage division within X department (state government) for last 2 years. Manages Aboriginal heritage places. Non-Aboriginal heritage governed by separate legislation and a different government department. [Discusses the legislation at length].

2. Government

3. Government department over 500 with cultural heritage division 6-20.

4. 2

5. Small

6. State X

7. Same state as Q6.

8. Big resource companies owned by ex-Australian companies and executives come [not answered the question]

9. heritage management.

10. education – understanding the act. heritage management

11. Frequently

12. Not to a large degree. Media services division. Controversial media enquiries go through media services.

13. No

14. Lecturer at university for 2 semesters. And schools through post-grad study

15. No

16. At work everything mediated by media services who prepare briefs and press releases. Yes through PhD on public archaeology at [place X].

17. Yes project at [local community centre at X] and projects with school kids – lot of media interest. Local media very interested.
18. Biggest challenge 2 aspects – simplifying complex issues and stereotyping of archaeology – the idea there is no archaeology in Australia. When people find it is here they get excited.


20. Sites are significant part of Aboriginal heritage under the legislation. Intangible heritage also recognised. How the legislation works is important for communicating with Indigenous communities.

22. Types of sites, nature and extent of archaeology esp. photographs. Different information required by Aboriginal stakeholders.


24. Stakeholders, land users, Aboriginal Traditional Owners

25. Presentations at property development conference

26. Consultant archaeologists


28. Outcome is consistent – comply with legislation and happy to do so. Actions.

29. Not officially – no complaints= effective. Statutory review processes have been undertaken.

30. PowerPoint, email. PDFs. digitizing records, YouSendIt. Put reports etc on CDs for Traditional Owners

31. GIS, MapInfo, moving to use ArcGIS, GIS can use CAD.


33. Efficiency. Can distribute large amounts of information.

34. When technology fails. Increases expectations.

35. Average.

36. IT department. Good.