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HON. ROBIN CHAPPLE MLC

WA Greens MLC Robin Chapple welcomes BHP shareholders push for moratorium on destruction of Indigenous Heritage

WA Greens Member for the Mining and Pastoral Region Robin Chapple has endorsed BHP shareholders demanding a moratorium on the destruction of Indigenous Heritage and calls for the removal of oppressive non-disclosure clauses with Indigenous bodies.

Mr Chapple also spoke generally of the need for BHP and other mining companies in the Pilbara to “open the books” and increase transparency for their operations by allowing shareholders the right to see discriminatory participation agreements used to silence Indigenous corporations.

“I wholeheartedly agree with the sentiment expressed by these concerned shareholders that the way BHP is supressing the Indigenous concerns from being brought to light”

“The participation agreements that companies like BHP pressured Indigenous communities into signing in the early days of Native Title subject them to tremendous constraints on their ability to speak for themselves or Country”

Mr Chapple says he also wishes for similar motions to be brought to all mining companies within the state.

“BHP are not the sole perpetrators of such draconian contracts and until every single agreement from every mining company in the state is made public Indigenous rights will remain oppressed”

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