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RE: SUBMISSION FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM REVIEW CONSULTATION

The Australian Marine Sciences Association is particularly supportive of the recognition that science and mathematics are embedded in this country's deep knowledge systems through Indigenous knowledge systems. This is relevant to our marine systems through the thousands of years of Sea Country knowledge that can inform research on species biology and biogeography, climate change, sustainable fisheries practices, and marine geology and palaeohistory.

As a member organisation of Science and Technology Australia, AMSA supports the related feedback from their submission as well (copied below):

The new content would update the organising ideas in this cross-curriculum priority to include recognition that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have occupied this continent for at least 60,000 years - and are custodians of the world's oldest continuing cultures.

It would also recognise the Native Title Act 1993 - a legislative watershed that followed the landmark Mabo Judgement of the High Court of Australia in 1992. This Act shapes the Australian modern legal framework on traditional ownership of land and a complex array of land ownership and use agreements..

The new content would acknowledge factually that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experienced the process of colonisation as an invasion that denied them occupation of their traditional lands.

Finally, it reflects an evolution in the preferred terminology of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to be referenced increasingly as First Nations Peoples.

[Submitted by R Przeslawski on 29 June 2021 via the ACARA surveymonkey submission survey]