

Strength of Yarn

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How is Culture protected and transferred?

- Yarn - from our elders to the next generation
- Practices and knowledge - Knowledge on families, boundaries, previous experiences that shape that group

Power of the memory of our elders

- Common respect - regardless of who or where from this is recognized
 - Regardless of conflict, this is shared





Where do we differ

- Recognise the journey to date - led by lawyers, anthropologists
 - Dictated by the Courts requirements
- Mix of professional and cultural / corporate knowledge
 - We know the journey and can reflect
 - Trust



Experiences

Mobs need the opportunity to vent in a safe environment

Relief of release

Recognition, representation and support



Where to from here...

The yarn of societal fabric is strong and enduring
The rubber hits the dirt track when mobs are communicating openly
Mediation helps keep the lines of communication open
Work to support the legacy of our Elders