

"Who you gonna call?" Finding Fossils & Indigenous Artefacts in Australia

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If you would like to complete the Optional Section (see below), **please open this survey link in your internet browser on your device** (e.g. Safari, Google) so you will be able to navigate between pages when required. Thanks!

Dear Participant,

Thank you for your interest in our survey!

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the Australian community's perceptions of the discovery of Australian fossils and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander archaeological artefacts. In Australia, the laws protecting fossils and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural artefacts and sites vary between states and can be incredibly difficult to find, read, and understand. The laws are confusing, and **often it is unclear what actions you are supposed to take if you do ever find something**. Unfortunately, we have very little data on this issue.

So, we are hoping that this survey and your responses will help to provide us with information on how we can better protect heritage material into the future. To do this, we are asking what you think you would do if you ever discovered an Australian fossil or Indigenous artefact.

In this survey, you will be asked about:

- Your background
- Fossils finds and Indigenous artefact finds
- Heritage laws
- Science communication and media

Optional section: One section of this survey will also ask if you would like to view a communication format (i.e., a video, social media post, brochure, website, or blog) about guidelines for fossil and artefact finds and answer several questions. This section will be optional, but we would greatly appreciate your participation and feedback!

The information collected from the surveys will be used in the Masters thesis of Macquarie University student Sally Hurst, and may be featured in future publications. This information may also be used to guide the protection of fossil and archaeological material by the public, as well as inform science communication or heritage campaigns in future.

The survey should take about 7–9 minutes of your time.

[If you choose to read/watch an optional communication format, this may take several extra minutes].

There are 52 questions in this survey.

Participant Information & Consent Form

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Information for participants

My name is Sally Hurst and I am a researcher at Macquarie University, Sydney. As part of my university studies, I am conducting this survey to see what **you** think about Australian fossils, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander archaeological material. We are hoping that this information can help us to better understand the people who are finding fossils and artefacts, and what we can do to better protect this heritage material into the future.

If you have any questions about this project or the survey, you are welcome to contact me [sally.hurst@students.mq.edu.au], or my supervisor Professor Glenn Brock [glenn.brock@mq.edu.au] from the Department of Biological Sciences at Macquarie University.

The survey is completely anonymous and should only take about 7-9 minutes of your time.

[If you choose to read/watch an optional communication format, this may take several extra minutes]

We never record your name for this project, so any answers you give cannot be linked back to you. If you would like to know more about this research or the results, you can visit the website created as part of this project: <https://www.foundafossil.com/> (<https://www.foundafossil.com/>). This website will be available for at least 5 years. This anonymous data may be used in future publications or research projects by Sally Hurst or other researchers.

Benefits of Participation

This survey is a chance for your voice on heritage issues to be heard. At this time, there are very few studies that have collected data in this way, and we are excited to include your opinion on this matter. We welcome your contribution to the scientific process and hope that this research will inspire you and your communities to actively engage in research and/or science.

In the wider community, we hope that this research will help to protect the fossils and artefacts of communities from around Australia, inspiring curiosity, and encouraging appreciation for Australia's living, and ancient culture, and its geological and palaeontological history. Your opinion and contribution to this research may also help with decision-making in the future, and your voice will help to add weight and value to this research project.

Risks of participation

Some sections of this survey will ask about the treatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artefacts. This topic may be upsetting or distressing for some people.

, throughout this survey you ever feel upset, uncomfortable, or distressed, please reach out to Sally or Glenn.

Otherwise, if this research has raised any issues that you would like to discuss with a mental health professional, we have provided contact details and relevant resources below:

Lifeline Australia (<https://www.lifeline.org.au>) – Toll free phone: 13 11 14

Headspace (<https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>) – Toll free phone: 1800 650 890

Beyond Blue (<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/who-does-it-affect/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-people/helpful-contacts-and-websites>) – Useful contacts for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Headspace (<https://headspace.org.au/yarn-safe/mental-health-and-wellbeing/>) – Indigenous mental health & wellbeing

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary: you do not have to participate if you do not want to, and you can stop the survey at any time without having to give a reason.

The ethical aspects of this study have been approved by the Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you have any complaints or reservations about any ethical aspect of your participation in this research, you may contact the Committee through the Director, Research Ethics & Integrity (telephone (02) 9850 7854; email ethics@mq.edu.au). Any complaint you make will be treated in confidence and investigated, and you will be informed of the outcome.

Please agree to the following to continue with this survey:

*

🗨 Please select 4 answers

Please choose **all** that apply:

- I understand that this survey will ask me questions about fossils and Indigenous artefacts in an AUSTRALIAN context
- I understand that I must be 10 years of age or older to participate in this research
- I understand that my name will not be recorded for this research, and that my answers cannot be linked back to me
- I consent to the use of my answers in this research, and future research projects

Fossils & Artefacts

This survey will ask you some questions about **FOSSILS** and **INDIGENOUS ARTEFACTS**.

Fossils are any preserved remains, impressions, or traces of things that used to be alive in a past geological time period. Fossils may include dinosaur or other preserved animal bones, or fossils of leaves, trees, footprints, shells, fish, insects, etc.

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander archaeological **artefacts** (also called Indigenous artefacts) are items made by humans or related to human history. This can include stone tools, jewellery, items from everyday life (baskets, pots etc.), weapons etc. In this survey, artefacts DO NOT include human remains.

Examples of **FOSSIL** material



Above: Fossil [dinosaur skeleton](#)
Below: Fossil [leaf](#)



Examples of **ARCHAEOLOGICAL** material



Above: Australian Aboriginal [stone tool](#)
Below: Australian Aboriginal [lilj \(club\)](#)



Demographic Information

This section of the survey will ask several questions about you and your background.

[Q1]

Where do you live? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Australia

Other

[Q2]

What is your postcode? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Australia' at question '3 [Q1]' (Where do you live?)

i Only an integer value may be entered in this field.

Please write your answer here:

[Q3]

What age are you? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- 10-19 years old
- 20-29 years old
- 30-39 years old
- 40-49 years old
- 50-59 years old
- 60-69 years old
- 70+ years old

[Q4]

What is your gender? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

Other

[Q5]

Do you have any Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ancestry? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

[Q6]

What is the main area that you currently work in? *

🗨️ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Arts & Entertainment
- Business & Finance
- Education & Training
- Farmer/Agricultural Industry
- Heritage sector
- Healthcare & Medicine
- Hospitality & Retail
- Industrial & Manufacturing
- Law, law enforcement, armed forces or security
- Government & Public Administration
- Mining & Energy
- Science & Technology
- Stay-at-home parent
- Student
- Retired
- Tourism
- Transport, Distribution & Logistics
- Unemployed
- Other

[Q7]

What is the highest education level you are currently studying or have achieved?

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Did not attend school
- Primary School
- High School
- Technical college (e.g. TAFE) or other certificate/diploma
- Undergraduate degree
- Postgraduate degree/qualification

[Q8]

How did you find out about this survey? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)

In-person event

Email

Found a Fossil website

Other

[Q9]

Would you be more interested in visiting a display on **fossils**, or on Australian Indigenous **artefacts**?

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🗳️ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Fossils

Indigenous artefacts

Both

Neither

[Q9a]

In the next sections, this survey will ask what you think you would do if you ever discovered a fossil or Indigenous artefact. For the purpose of this survey, where do you think you would most likely find a fossil or artefact? *

🗳️ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Your own land (e.g. your own property, garden, farm, etc.)

Public land (e.g. national parks, reserves, beaches, etc.)

Private land (e.g. someone else's property, company land, native title land, wildlife zones, etc.)

Part A - Fossils

In this section, we would like to ask you about **FOSSILS**. Fossils are any preserved remains, impressions, or traces of things that used to be alive in a past geological time period. Fossils may include dinosaur and other preserved animal bones, and fossils of leaves, trees, footprints, shells, fish, insects, etc.

Examples of **FOSSIL** material



Above: Fossil dinosaur skeleton (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qantassaurus#/media/File:Qantassaurus_skel_austr.jpg)

Above:

Fossil leaf (<http://australian.museum/learn/australia-over-time/fossils/sites/talbragar/>)

[Q10]

If you found an object that you knew was a fossil, would you inform anyone (other than family and friends)? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Please answer according to what land type you previously selected (i.e. your own land, private land, or public land).

E.g. If you selected 'Your own land', answer as though you have found the fossil on your own property.

Informing someone could either be an individual, or an institution.

[Q11]

Who is the PRIMARY person/institution you would tell about a fossil find? (Other than friends or family) *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '13 [Q10]' (If you found an object that you knew was a fossil, would you inform anyone (other than family and friends)?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Parks and Wildlife
- A Museum
- A University (including staff/students that you know)
- State Heritage Body
- Local Council
- Local Indigenous Community
- Social media
- I don't know
- Known palaeontologist/scientists
- Zoo
- Other

[Q12]

What is the PRIMARY reason you would choose to contact this person/institution about a fossil find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '13 [Q10]' (If you found an object that you knew was a fossil, would you inform anyone (other than family and friends)?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- They would know what to do with it
- I would want to find out more information
- It might be a significant find
- I don't know who else to contact
- We have a shared interest in fossils
- It does not belong to me
- Other

[Q13]

What is the **PRIMARY** reason that would **stop** you from telling someone about a fossil find? *

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- I do not know who to contact
- I may want to keep the object - finders keepers or I want to keep something special for myself/family
- I do not want to have to stop certain activities (e.g. ploughing, digging, construction, mining)
- Potential of land reclamation/restrictions - I am scared that my land might get taken away
- I do not want to get in trouble
- Potential financial value - I may want to sell it
- Potential of trespassing - I do not want people coming onto my property
- I may want to keep find area secret for possible future discoveries
- It may not be a significant find worth reporting
- Other

Part B - Indigenous Artefacts

We would now like to ask you about Australian Indigenous **ARTEFACTS**. Archaeological artefacts are items made by humans or related to human history. This can include stone tools, jewellery, items from everyday life (baskets, pots etc.) weapons etc. Artefacts **DO NOT** include human remains.



Above: Australian Aboriginal stone tool (<https://dictionaryofsydney.org/media/3968>)

Above:

Australian Aboriginal lil lil (club (<https://www.nma.gov.au/explore/collection/highlights/north-west-nsw-aboriginal-artefacts>))

[Q14]

If you found an object that you knew was an Indigenous artefact, would you inform anyone (other than friends or family)?

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Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Please answer according to what land type you previously selected (i.e. your own land, private land, or public land).

E.g. If you selected 'Your own land', answer as though you have found the artefact on your own property.

Informing someone could either be an individual, or an institution.

[Q15]

Who is the PRIMARY person/institution you would tell about an Indigenous artefact find? (Other than friends or family) *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '17 [Q14]' (If you found an object that you knew was an Indigenous artefact, would you inform anyone (other than friends or family)?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Parks and Wildlife

A Museum

A University (including staff/students that you know)

State Heritage Body

Local Council

Local Indigenous Community

Social Media

I don't know

Known archaeologist/scientist

Zoo

Other

[Q16]

What is the **PRIMARY** reason you would choose to contact this person/institution about an artefact find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '17 [Q14]' (If you found an object that you knew was an Indigenous artefact, would you inform anyone (other than friends or family)?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- They would know what to do with it
- It might be a significant find
- I don't know who else to contact
- We have a shared interest in artefacts/Indigenous history
- It does not belong to me
- Other

[Q17]

What is the **PRIMARY** reason that would **stop** you from telling someone about an Indigenous artefact find? *

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- I do not know who to contact
- I may want to keep the object - finders keepers or I want to keep something special for myself/family
- I do not want to have to stop certain activities (e.g. ploughing, digging, construction, mining)
- Potential of land reclamation/restrictions - I am scared that my land might get taken away
- I do not want to get in trouble
- Potential financial value - I may want to sell it
- Potential of trespassing - I do not want people coming onto my property
- I may want to keep find area secret for possible future discoveries
- It may not be a significant find worth reporting
- Other

Part C - Heritage Laws

This section will ask you about **Australian state laws** relating to fossils and Indigenous artefact finds and their protection.

[Q18a]

Are you aware of any laws in your state relating to finding **fossils/fossil sites** or their protection? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes – I am aware of laws in my state (or assume they exist)
- No – I am NOT aware of any laws in my state

[Q18b]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about heritage laws for **fossils/fossil sites**. *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes – I am aware of laws in my state (or assume they exist)' at question '21 [Q18a]' (Are you aware of any laws in your state relating to finding fossils/fossil sites or their protection?)

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I can provide details of the laws about fossils/fossil sites and their protection for my state.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'I think that the current laws about fossils/fossil sites and their protection are easy to find and understand for my state.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q18c]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about heritage laws for **fossils**. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I feel confident that any existing laws in my state adequately protect fossils and fossil sites.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q19a]

Are you aware of any laws in your state relating to finding **Indigenous artefacts/sites** or their protection? *

🗳️ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes – I am aware of laws in my state (or assume they exist)
- No – I am NOT aware of any laws in my state

[Q19b]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about heritage laws for **Indigenous artefacts/sites**. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I can provide details of the laws about Indigenous artefacts/sites and their protection for my state.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'I think that the current laws about Indigenous artefacts/sites and their protection are easy to find and understand for my state.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q19c]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about heritage laws for **Indigenous artefacts/sites**. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I feel confident that any existing laws in my state adequately protect Indigenous artefacts and sites.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q19d]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about trust in information sources. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I trust information provided by government websites.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'I trust information provided by museums.' (i.e., Australian Museum, Queensland museum, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'I trust information provided by social media platforms.' (i.e., Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Tiktok, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q20]

Select to what extent you agree or disagree with the following statements about community engagement. *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know
'I would attend a community outreach event about fossils if there was one in my local community.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'I would attend a community outreach event about Indigenous artefacts if there was one in my local community.'	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q21]

If you would like to include any additional comments on these statements or your responses, please write them below.

Please write your answer here:

OPTIONAL SECTION - Guidelines for Fossil and Artefact Finds

THIS SECTION IS OPTIONAL

This section will ask you to choose a communication format to read/watch about what to do if you find an Indigenous artefact or a fossil, and then to answer some brief questions about your chosen format. The communication formats you can choose from include:

- A social media style post (~1 minute reading time)
- A video (~2 minutes watching time)
- A brochure (~2-3 minutes reading time)
- A blog post (~5 minutes reading time)
- A webpage (~7-8 minutes reading time)

[Q21.1]

Would you like to complete this optional section? *

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

[Q21.2]

Which of the communication formats would you like to read/watch? (Please only select one).

PLEASE NOTE: When you click on one of the communication formats below, a new window will open in your browser.

Please return to this window to complete the survey after you have finished watching/reading your chosen format.

- A social media post (1 minute reading time) - **Click here**
(<https://foundafossil.com/social-media-post>)
- A video [subtitles available] (2 minutes watching time) - **Click here**
(<https://www.foundafossil.com/video>)
- A brochure (2-3 minutes reading time) - **Click here**
(<https://www.foundafossil.com/brochure>)
- A blog post (5-6 minutes reading time) - **Click here**
(<https://www.foundafossil.com/blog-2>)
- A webpage (5-6 minutes reading time) - **Click here**
(<https://www.foundafossil.com/webpage>)

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

[Q21.3]

Which of the communication formats did you read/watch? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

🗳️ Choose one of the following answers

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Social Media Post

Video

Brochure

Blog

Webpage

[Q21.4]

What was the PRIMARY reason that you chose that communication format? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

🗳️ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

I thought it would be the shortest (in terms of length/word count)

I thought it would have appealing graphics/I'm a visual learner

I thought it would be the most informative

I thought it would have the most reliable information

I thought it would be the most accessible and easiest to understand

I thought it would be the most engaging/interactive

Other

[Q21.5]

How **engaging** did you find your chosen format?

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Not at all engaging

Somewhat engaging

Very engaging

[Q21.6]

Why did/didn't you find this format engaging?

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.7]

How **informative** did you find your chosen format? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Not at all informative
- Somewhat informative
- Very informative

[Q21.8]

Why did/didn't you find this format informative?

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.9]

Do you have any suggestions for improvement of this communication format?

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

- Yes
- No

[Q21.30]

What suggestions do you have? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '38 [Q219]' (Do you have any suggestions for improvement of this communication format?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.31]

You originally said that you would NOT report a FOSSIL find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report a fossil find?

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '13 [Q10]' (If you found an object that you knew was a fossil, would you inform anyone (other than family and friends?)) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

[Q21.32]

Why would you now report a fossil find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '40 [Q2131]' (You originally said that you would NOT report a FOSSIL find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report a fossil find?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.33]

Why would you still **not** report a fossil find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '40 [Q2131]' (You originally said that you would NOT report a FOSSIL find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report a fossil find?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.40]

Would you contact a person/institution mentioned in the format you watched/read? (e.g. a museum)

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '40 [Q2131]' (You originally said that you would NOT report a FOSSIL find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report a fossil find?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

[Q21.41]

You originally said that you would NOT report an Indigenous **ARTEFACT** find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report an Indigenous artefact find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '17 [Q14]' (If you found an object that you knew was an Indigenous artefact, would you inform anyone (other than friends or family)?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

[Q21.42]

Why would you still **not** report an Indigenous artefact find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '44 [Q2132]' (You originally said that you would NOT report an Indigenous ARTEFACT find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report an Indigenous artefact find?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.43]

Why would you now report an Indigenous artefact find? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '44 [Q2132]' (You originally said that you would NOT report an Indigenous ARTEFACT find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report an Indigenous artefact find?)

Please write your answer here:

[Q21.44]

Would you contact a group/organisation mentioned in the format you watched/read? (e.g. State heritage body, local Indigenous community)

*

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'Yes' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?) *and* Answer was 'Yes' at question '44 [Q2132]' (You originally said that you would NOT report an Indigenous ARTEFACT find. Having read/watched your chosen format, would you now report an Indigenous artefact find?)

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Yes

No

Part D - Science Communication

This section will ask you some questions about science communication.

[Q22]

When looking for information about what to do if you find a fossil or Indigenous artefact, how important are the following features to you when choosing something to read or watch? *

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

	Not important	Somewhat unimportant	Somewhat important	Very important
What platform it appeared on (e.g. Instagram, a newspaper, a website)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Who it is published/sponsored by (e.g. a museum, Wikipedia, tourist brochure, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Catchy title	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
How long it takes to read/view	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concise (i.e. gets to the main points quickly)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good aesthetics (i.e., looks up to date and appealing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recent publication date	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reference list (provides supporting evidence)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Engaging voice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meets my specific accessibility needs (e.g. subtitles, audio)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[Q23]

If you would like to include any additional comments on these statements or your responses, please write them below.

Please write your answer here:

[Q24]

If you were to watch/read something about guidelines for fossil and/or artefact finds, which communication format would you prefer? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

Social Media style post

Video

Brochure

Blog post

Web page

Other

[Q25]

Why would you prefer this communication format? *

Only answer this question if the following conditions are met:

Answer was 'No' at question '30 [Q211]' (Would you like to complete this optional section?)

❗ If you choose 'Other:' please also specify your choice in the accompanying text field.

Please choose **only one** of the following:

I thought it would be the shortest (in terms of length/word count)

I thought it would be the most accessible and easiest to understand

I thought it would have appealing graphics/I'm a visual learner

I thought it would be the most informative

I thought it would be the most engaging/interactive

I thought it would have the most reliable information

Other

Conclusion

[Q26]

Thank you for completing this survey! Are there any additional comments you would like to make?

Please write your answer here:

Thank you for completing this survey! We really appreciate you taking the time to contribute to this research project.

If you had any questions about this research or survey, you can reach out to Sally Hurst [sally.hurst@students.mq.edu.au] or visit the Found a Fossil (<https://www.foundafossil.com/>) website - a portal built for this research project. The results of this survey will be published on this website when completed.

This website also has information on:

- What to do if you find an Indigenous artefact (<http://foundafossil.com/for-indigenous-finds>) or a fossil (<http://foundafossil.com/found-something-1>)
- Heritage laws (<http://foundafossil.com/heritage-laws>) in each state and who you can contact for help
- The results of this survey (when they are eventually published).



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