

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Table S1 – Principal heritage legislation in Australia relating to Indigenous and palaeontological heritage and its protection. Information gathered from Percival 2014; Australian Government 2022a; state government legislative registers.

Jurisdiction	Indigenous Heritage	Fossil Heritage
Australia	<i>Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage 1986; Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984; Native Title Act 1993</i>	<i>Protection of Moveable Cultural Heritage 1986; Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>
ACT	<i>Heritage Act 2004</i>	<i>Heritage Act 2004; Natural Conservation Act 2014</i>
NSW	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 / NPW Amendment (Aboriginal Ownership) Act 1996; Heritage Act 1977; Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2018 [did not pass parliament]</i>	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>
NT	<i>Heritage Act 2011; Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989</i>	<i>Heritage Act 2011; Mineral Titles Act 2010</i>
Qld	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003; Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003</i>	<i>Fossicking Act 1993; Forestry Act 1959</i>
SA	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988; Heritage Places Act 1993</i>	<i>Wilderness Protection Act 1992 / Wilderness Protection Regulations 2021; Forestry Act 1950 / Forestry Regulations 2013; Heritage Places Act 1993; National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972/ National Parks and Wildlife Regulations 2016</i>
Tas	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975</i>	<i>Mineral Resources Development Act 1995</i>
Vic	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006; Heritage Act 1994</i>	Not mentioned under any specific legislation
WA	<i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972; Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 [repealed in August 2023 in favour of the 1972 Act]</i>	<i>Conservation and Land Management Regulations 2002</i>

Table S2 – Links to relevant documentation and resources (if hyperlinks unavailable, head to www.foundafossil.com/thesis-supplementary)

Links to additional documentation/resources	Details
[a] Survey Questions	Copy of the survey (including consent forms) that was released to the public for this research
[b] Communication Formats:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Blog ➤ Social media post ➤ Webpage ➤ Video ➤ Brochure 	Individual links to the communication formats designed for the Found a Fossil survey (now publicly available on Found a Fossil website)
[c] Survey Advertising List	List of radio interviews, Facebook groups, presentations, social media posts, etc. where the survey was advertised
[d] Guidelines to Heritage Finds – Found a Fossil website	State-by-state breakdowns of legislation, reporting requirements, contacts, and other resources

Table S3 – Differences between Survey participants (n=1379) and Australian population of level of highest educational achievement (ABS 2022). The survey participants have a considerably higher percentage of people who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher, likely due to the personal networks of the authors.

Level of Highest Educational Achievement	Survey percentage (%)	ABS Proportion of population (%)
Did not attend school/no educational attainment	0.3	0.8
Primary School ¹	0.4	7.2
High School	11.6	29.5
Technical College (e.g., TAFE) or other certificate/diploma	22.3	25.6
Bachelor's degree or higher	65.5	26.3
Inadequately described/not stated	NA	10.6

¹ The ABS 2021 Census data does not have a specific section for only Primary School, with this question only being asked of people 15 years and older; instead, it has 'Year 9 or below' as the equivalent. This category has been used in place of Primary School.

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