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In regards to; Question 5: Does s 223 of the Native Title Act adequately reflect how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people understand 'connection' to land and waters? If not, how is it deficient?

I have attached doc ref to a charter that I use in everyday business to interpret a reflection of how we are connected to land and water –and how it views real property and values associated with cultural and intellectual property right and interest aligned to country

It provide the core essence of how we view title, possession, rules and regulations and spirituality and the importance of how they tie together as one universal property and value.

This is not reflective of any other Native title groups; except the ones aligned to my family – there maybe common property & values found within cultural systems of Australia's First Nation people

I have also drafted a country based management plan designed around our customs and belief; which in future will be used to undertake a cultural audit for country – which is more in-depth.