



Government of South Australia

Department of the Premier
and Cabinet

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)* (Act), the Premier must appoint an Aboriginal Heritage Committee (Committee) to advise him about the protection and preservation of Aboriginal heritage in South Australia. Amongst other things, the Committee also decides the appointment of Recognised Aboriginal Representative Bodies (RARBs). RARBs are bodies authorised to make agreements about the heritage they represent, but only after consulting with and representing the views of Traditional Owners of Aboriginal heritage within their appointment area.

WHAT DOES COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP INVOLVE?

- Up to nine scheduled meetings each year of one or two day's duration, most often in Adelaide
- Shorter, out-of-session meetings about urgent matters from time to time
- Meeting preparation, including a commitment to read detailed meeting papers before each meeting
- Members must exhibit exemplary personal behaviours appropriate to government committees, including by acting honestly and exercising procedural fairness
- The Premier may impose other conditions upon individual appointments.

PAYMENT

Sessional fees are payable to all non-government employees. Travel allowances are payable to all eligible members at approved government rates.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS – ROLE AND CONFLICTS

Committee members are sought for their general experience, knowledge and commitment to Aboriginal heritage. Members are appointed to represent the interests of all Aboriginal people within South Australia, and not specifically to represent the interests of their language groups.

Committee members are subject to strict conflict of interest procedures, including ongoing disclosure of any perceived or actual conflicts of interest while they are members. If you or someone close to you has an interest in a matter for which the Committee is providing advice, you will have the opportunity to share your views, but you must leave the room when the Committee finalises its advice to the Premier. If you or someone close to you has an interest in a RARB appointment, you will have no involvement in that matter or decision at all.

ELIGIBILITY

The Premier will consider nominations from Aboriginal persons over the age of 18 years currently living in South Australia. Successful nominees will be able to demonstrate their interest and experience in working with Aboriginal heritage, an appreciation of the Act and the Committee's functions, as well as their capacity to exercise discretion and sound governance. The Premier is particularly interested to consider nominations from people in areas of the state not currently represented on the Committee.

NOMINATIONS

Eligible Aboriginal people may self-nominate, or be nominated by their local community. If self-nominating, an endorsement from a local representative body, such as a native title body corporate or local heritage association, will be viewed favourably. Nomination forms are available at dpc.sa.gov.au/heritage-committee. **Nominations close on Wednesday 16 June 2021. Late nominations will not be accepted.** Completed nomination forms should be forwarded by post or email to:

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