1. The Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area is managed under the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993* (the Queensland Act) and the Commonwealth *Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act 1994* (the Commonwealth Act). These Acts implement Australia’s international duty for the protection, conservation, presentation, rehabilitation and transmission to future generations of the World Heritage Area.
2. The Queensland Act establishes the Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority) and provides the legal basis for the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 that regulates land use activities in the Area through a zoning and permit system.
3. The Board of Directors (the Board) is established by the Queensland Act with the key function to implement programs to meet Australia’s international obligations for the Area under the World Heritage Convention. The roles of the Board include: being responsible for the way in which the Authority performs its functions and exercises its powers; deciding the objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the Authority; and ensuring that the Authority performs its functions in a proper, effective and efficient way.
4. The Board consists of seven Directors, six of whom serve in a part time capacity. The Chairperson and a designated Aboriginal Director are nominated by the Wet Tropics Ministerial Council (the Council). Two Directors are nominated by the Australian Government and two by the Queensland Government. The Executive Director of the Authority is the seventh and non-voting board director. In accordance with the Commonwealth Act, at least one of the Commonwealth’s two nominees to the Board must be an Aboriginal person.
5. The Council co-ordinates policy and funding for the Wet Tropics of Queensland between the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments at a Ministerial level and, where appropriate, provides a mechanism to liaise with the Authority and the Board of Directors.
6. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Leslie Shirreffs be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority for a term commencing from 26 November 2018 up to and including 23 September 2021.
7. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Phil Rist and Professor Iain Gordon be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment as Directors of the Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority for a term of three years commencing from 26 November 2018 up to and including 25 November 2021.
8. Cabinet endorsed that Dr Leah Talbot, Mr John Courtenay and Ms Anne Clarke be recommended to the Governor in Council for reappointment as Directors of the Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority for a term of 18 months commencing from 26 November 2018 up to and including 25 May 2020.
9. *Attachments*
* Nil.