1. The Department of Environment and Science (DES) represents the Queensland Government in assisting the Commonwealth to meet Australia’s obligations under the World Heritage Convention. Responsibilities are detailed in the Australian World Heritage Intergovernmental Agreement, and include the appointment of property-specific advisory committees comprising the best cultural, scientific, technical and community knowledge available for the K’gari (Fraser Island), Australian Fossil Mammal Sites - Riversleigh Section (Riversleigh) and Gondwana Rainforests of Australia - Queensland Section (Gondwana) World Heritage Areas.
2. The K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Advisory Committee (KWHAC) is funded through the 2018 – 2023 Project Agreement for World Heritage Management with the Commonwealth, and DES provides secretariat support.
3. The role of the proposed KWHAC is to:
* provide advice to the management agencies and State and Australian Government Ministers responsible for World Heritage on matters relating to the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations, of the cultural and natural heritage from the viewpoint of the Traditional Owners and the community;
* ensure First Nations peoples’ rights and aspirations for the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Area are a primary focus in advice provided to management agencies; and
* identify research priorities which will contribute, in particular, to the protection and conservation of the Outstanding Universal Value of the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Area.
1. Membership of the KWHAC includes various First Nations peoples, scientific and community interests and expertise relevant to the management of the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage property. In addition to an independent Chair, the members include 15 representatives: Five representatives of the Butchulla people; Five community members; and Five scientific members.
2. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Sue Sargent be appointed to the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Advisory Committee as Chair for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
3. Cabinet endorsed that Associate Professor Annie Ross, Associate Professor Patrick Moss, Professor Ian McNiven, Professor Jamie Shulmeister, and Associate Professor Melissa Nursey-Bray be appointed to the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Advisory Committee as scientific representatives for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
4. Cabinet endorsed Mr Paul Fishburn, Mr Peter Shooter, Dr Kim Walker, Mr David Hay, and Mr Des Boyland be appointed to the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Advisory Committee as community representatives for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
5. Cabinet endorsed Ms Mellissa Foley, Ms Kate Doolan, Ms Chantel van Wamelen, Ms Jade Gould and Ms Gayle Minniecon be appointed to the K’gari (Fraser Island) World Heritage Advisory Committee as Butchulla First Nations people representatives for a term of three years commencing from the date of Ministerial appointment.
6. *Attachments*:
* Nil.