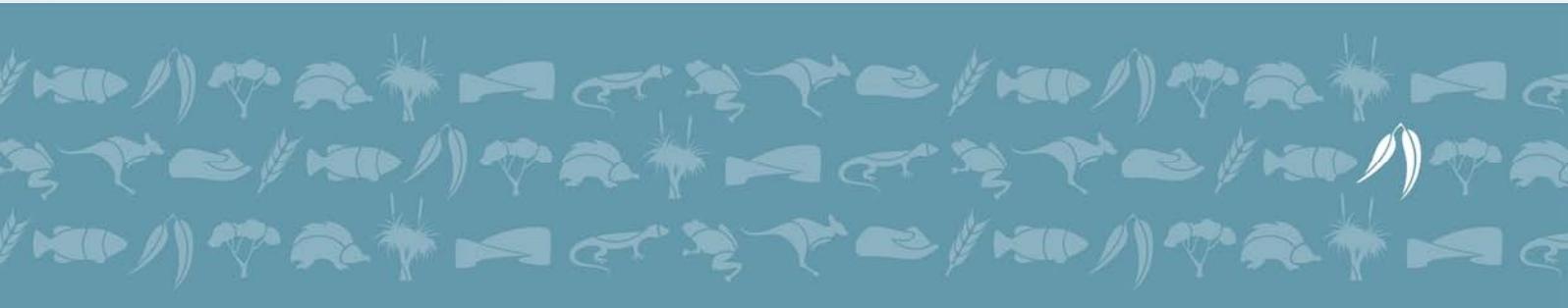




GUIDELINES FOR INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



What is the Indigenous Advisory Committee?

The Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Board (EP NRM) understands that Indigenous people can make valuable contributions to our knowledge and understanding of the land and waters of the region. We appreciate that Indigenous landholders face special challenges in managing the natural resources of their land holdings, and have responded to this need by creating a regional Indigenous NRM small grants scheme to enable on-ground works projects to be funded. The board has also committed funding to enable the employment of two regionally based Indigenous people to fulfil the role of Indigenous NRM Facilitators. These jobs were created to better connect the Indigenous community with the full range of EP NRM staff, resources and activities.

The EP NRM Board also believes in building constructive relationships with Indigenous people from across the EP NRM region to enable inclusive NRM Planning and Investment to take place.

In order to sustain existing relationships with Indigenous people, and build new ones, the Board has committed itself to creating a group made up of Indigenous people to provide specific advice and direction on Indigenous issues to the board during its planning and investment processes. This new, formal structure under the Board will be the Indigenous Advisory Committee and will be a long-term component of the EP NRM structure.

Desirable qualities

The following qualities will be highly regarded, however the Board understands that not all members need have these qualities in order for the committee to effectively carry out its functions.

- A knowledge of cultural sites in part of the EP NRM region.
- Ability to recommend who to seek further information from about cultural aspects of sites or localities.
- Experience with government processes is an advantage.

Benefits for Committee Members

Committee members can expect:

- To be paid \$20/h (chair \$25/h).
- Have all costs for attending meetings covered.
- To make a lasting, constructive contribution to NRM in general and Indigenous aspects of NRM in particular.

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What the Indigenous Advisory Committee will do:

- Be recognised and respected as the peak advisory committee for Indigenous Natural Resources Management (NRM) on Eyre Peninsula.
- Represent the position of the Indigenous Community in matters directly relevant to NRM.
- Co-ordinate Indigenous input into long-term NRM planning and investment.
- Provide advice on Indigenous aspects of individual projects, where identified, using a formal assessment process.
- Work closely with the Indigenous NRM facilitators to get news and information about NRM out to the wider Indigenous community.
- Meet approximately 4 times per year, for a total of 8 days, to conduct formal business.
- Provide advice to the regional representative for the state-wide Aboriginal Committee which meet quarterly in Adelaide.

What sort of membership should make up the Indigenous Advisory Committee?

The Board would like to have a committee that has the following qualities:

- A balanced mix of women and men.
- A balanced mix of people from different nations.
- A mix of people from different parts of the region.
- A mix of different ages (young people are strongly encouraged).
- Preferably composed of people who reside in the region.
- A mix of backgrounds, experiences and skills.
- A wide network of connections across many family groups.
- A membership that appreciates the need to focus on NRM outcomes for the benefit of country and everyone in the region.



Essential requirements for prospective members

All members should have the following qualities:

- An understanding of the range and importance of NRM issues that the region faces.
- A sound understanding of the NRM issues that Indigenous people face.
- Ability to understand and evaluate new information.
- Ability to clearly differentiate between NRM functions and other issues.
- Ability to work as part of a team, even in the face of personal differences.
- Willing to spend a few hours working on Indigenous Advisory Committee activities between meetings to enable meetings to be effective.