

Appendix 4 — A list of issues raised by forum participants in State and Territory groups

What are the key Aboriginal Priorities for water and related Land Resources in the Lake Eyre Basin?

Northern Territory

Discussion

- Access - some places we can go, others we can't; also related to access for tourists and locals
- Pests – flora and fauna; Athel Pine, Mexican Poppy, Buffel Grass
- Mining – cruelty
- Water usage, some orchards, winter and summer consumption, water for cattle from troughs

Priorities

- Celebrate good Aboriginal results locally, our knowledge of our water, controlled watering, using the water properly.
- Erosion

South Australia

Discussion

- Acknowledgement of skills, and values of Aboriginal people
- Resources availability, not just money but capital
- Communication
- LEB Indigenous Advisory group
- Recognition of knowledge, science of Aboriginal knowledge

Priorities

- Housing, health, resources, employment (especially from mining)
- Language barriers, cultural heritage
- Maintenance of roads and infrastructure

Queensland

Discussion

- It's up to traditional owners to uphold values and traditional culture
- Commitment and unity to a common cause is important
- Use of surface water for town water supplies
- Preserve cultural sites from feral animals and mining companies
- Interests of people in the catchment being taken seriously
- Need a website to have a forum to deal with issues (popular idea)

Priorities

- Our reason to exist is to uphold the laws that are handed down through generations. We have the right and responsibility to do this.

Appendix 5 — Call for Aboriginal nominations to the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee, 13th October 2006.



Call for Aboriginal Members of the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee

The Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum, at its 4th meeting on 14 October 2005, approved the creation of an additional four positions on the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee, to be filled by Aboriginal candidates.

There are two existing Aboriginal members of the Community Advisory Committee (the full Committee has 15 members). The four new positions will bring the Aboriginal membership on the Committee to a total of six (two from each participating jurisdiction — South Australia, Queensland and the Northern Territory).

Further information and an application form are attached. Please distribute this information through your networks, as appropriate.

Candidates will be assessed against the criteria attached in the information document under the heading *'What Kind Of Person Are We Looking For?'*

To apply for one of these positions, please complete the attached application form and send to:

Vol Norris
Facilitator
Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory
Committee
PO Box 519
LONGREACH QLD 4730

Or via fax: 07 4658 2702

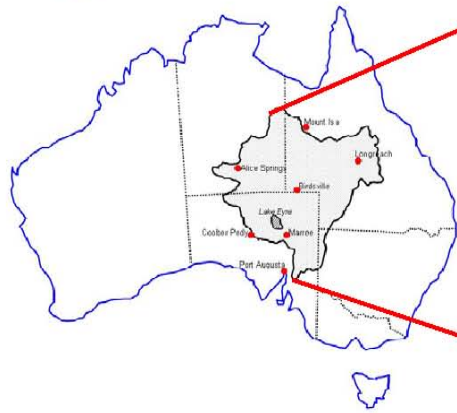
Closing Date for applications:

Monday 27th November 2006

If you have any enquiries, please contact Vol Norris on phone (07) 4658 4435, mobile 0427 440 799, or by email vol.norris@deh.gov.au



The Lake Eyre Basin



- 1.14 million square km (one seventh of Australia)
- Population: 57,000 people
- Among the world's largest internally draining river systems
- Boom and bust ecology — creeks and rivers have long periods with zero flow ('bust'), then high flows or flooding after rain, and intense plant and animal reproduction and growth ('boom')
- One of the world's last unregulated wild river systems; contains areas of national and international ecological and environmental significance
- High value for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal culture and heritage
- High value for pastoralism, tourism, oil and gas extraction, mining



CALL FOR ABORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE LAKE EYRE BASIN COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – APPLICATION FORM

2006

- ⌘ What is the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement?
- ⌘ What is the Community Advisory Committee?
- ⌘ What do Aboriginal Committee Members do?
- ⌘ What kind of person are we looking for?
- ⌘ Conditions of membership
- ⌘ Application form

Positions Vacant:

- ⌘ Northern Territory: 2
- ⌘ Queensland: 1
- ⌘ South Australia: 1

Background – What is the Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement?

The Lake Eyre Basin Agreement is a joint undertaking of the Australian, Queensland, South Australian and Northern Territory Governments, in close communication with the Basin community and with the assistance of world class scientific and technical advice. The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure the sustainability of the Lake Eyre Basin river systems, in particular to avoid or eliminate cross-border impacts.

The Agreement established the Lake Eyre Basin Ministerial Forum, comprising a Minister from each jurisdiction. The Ministerial Forum is the decision making body responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Lake Eyre Basin Agreement.

The Ministerial Forum has established a Community Advisory Committee to provide community advice on implementation of the Agreement, and to ensure continuing community participation in the Agreement. The Ministerial Forum has also established a Scientific Advisory Panel to advise on scientific and technical issues related to the sustainable management of the Basin.

The Lake Eyre Basin Agreement is supported by a Secretariat located in the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage in Canberra, and by a Community Advisory Committee Facilitator (Vol Norris) located in Longreach, Queensland.

What is the Community Advisory Committee?

The Committee provides community advice to Government on water and related natural resource issues in the Lake Eyre Basin.

Many of the members live and work in the Lake Eyre Basin, and represent a wide range of community interests. The Committee provides the main link between the people, communities, industries and interest groups in the Basin and the Ministerial Forum.

A key part of the Committee's role is to maintain close contact with communities and groups in the Basin. This is guided by

principles of inclusiveness, trust, openness and shared benefit.

The Committee meets two to three times per year and inter-session work is often carried out in ad-hoc subcommittees. These may include planning and facilitation of the Lake Eyre Basin Aboriginal Forum and other Indigenous engagement activity.

What do Aboriginal committee members do?

Committee members:

- attend 2 to 3 meetings per year in various locations within the Lake Eyre Basin
- provide Aboriginal perspectives during Committee meetings
- participate in sub-committees or working groups
- comment on various policy, strategy and/or information documents

What Kind Of Person Are We Looking For?

We are looking for somebody who:

- is dedicated and has the greater interests of Aboriginal people at heart
- lives in, or has a strong connection to, the Lake Eyre Basin
- understands land and water issues for Aboriginal people in their region
- is broadly accepted among people in their region
- has good communication skills
- is willing to learn
- is willing and able to participate freely in discussions of water and land issues in the Lake Eyre Basin
- is able to relate local Aboriginal issues to broader land and water issues across the Lake Eyre Basin
- is able to attend committee meetings held in different locations in or near the Lake Eyre Basin (meetings since November 2003 have been held in Longreach (Qld), Adelaide and Innamincka (SA) and Alice Springs (NT))

Conditions of Membership

Members are appointed for a term of three years.

Members of the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee are paid under the *Remuneration Tribunal Act 1973*.

An allowance is paid at the category 2 rate of \$335 per day for formal meetings more than three hours long.

Travel allowance (of \$335 per day) is paid for travel exceeding three hours that is not on a formal meeting day on which the allowance is already paid.

A motor vehicle allowance is also paid if you drive your own car to a meeting.

How to apply

Please send your completed application to:

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*Application continued...***Education and Career Highlights and Milestones**

Please provide a chronological list of positions held and career highlights, including details of any schooling, training and/or academic qualifications and the dates they were obtained – attach further pages if necessary.

Year	Organisation / Institution	Position held / Qualification

Any other information?

Interests, associations, community organisation memberships etc.

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Thank you for your application.
We will notify you of the results by letter.