

# **Board Meeting No 110**

14–15 November 2019

Approved minutes

## In Attendance

#### **Directors**

Ms Leslie Shirreffs Chair
Ms Anne Clarke Director
Prof. Iain Gordon Director
Mr. Phil Rist Director
Dr. Leah Talbot Director
Mr. John Courtenay Director

Mr Scott Buchanan Executive Director

#### **Observers**

Ms. Lyn Wallace Manager, World Heritage (Department Environment and Science)

Ms. Alison Webb Regional Director (Department of Environment and Science)

Dr Sarah Titchen Acting Director, Natural Heritage Section (videoconference)

Guests

Mr. Chris Roach Ranger (QPWS and Partnerships)

# **Authority officers**

Ms. Saskia

Salmeron-Rodriguez Manager, World Heritage Connections
Mr. Tim Wong Manager, Planning and Conservation

Ms. Brenda Foley Community Engagement Officer, Yellow Crazy Ants

Ms. M'Lis Flynn Executive Officer

Ms. Kelly Drobek Community Engagement Officer, World Heritage Connections

Ms. Ellen Weber Principal Project Officer (Special Projects)

Ms. Alicia Haines Principal Project Officer (Aboriginal Partnerships)

## 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1. Chair's introduction and welcome

The Chair Leslie Shirreffs acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Cairns region and paid respect to elder's past, present and emerging.

Leslie welcomed all directors, observers and participants and thanked Jaragun Natural Resource Management for the enlightening, educational field trip held in Babinda the previous day.

The Chair also acknowledged the work of staff in launching the Authority's response to climate change— Accept, Act, Adapt: Climate Adaptation Plan for the Wet Tropics, 2020–2030—on the previous day at the Cairns Botanic Garden Visitors Centre.

## 1.2. Apologies

Observers Angela Siggery of the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and James Newman of Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships (QPWS&P) were unable to attend. Lucy Karger of the Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority) also gave her apologies.

#### 1.3. Conflict of interest

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

#### 2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS ARISING

### 2.1. Endorsement of Board minutes No 109

## Resolution

The board endorsed the minutes for Board meeting No 109.

# 2.2. Actions arising

The Executive Director worked through Actions Arising with updates provided to items. All updates have now been made to the Actions Arising table.

#### Resolution

The board **updated** the actions arising.

#### 3. REPORTS

## 3.1. Chair's report

The Chair, Leslie Shirreffs addressed the board updating them on her activities and outcomes since board #109 in August 2019.

The Chair (with support of the ED) has held a series of meetings and briefings, including with:

- Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, the Hon Leeanne Enoch
- Minister for Fire and Emergency Services and Member for Barron River, the Hon Craig Crawford
- Queensland Shadow Minister for Environment, Science and the Great Barrier Reef and Shadow Minister for Tourism, Mr. David Crisfulli
- Queensland Member for Hill, Mr. Shane Knuth
- Queensland Greens representative, Mr. Michael Berkman
- Daniel Gschwind, CEO of Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC)
- Advance Cairns CEO, Mr. Nick Trompf
- Dawul Wuru Aboriginal Corporation rangers, including Mr. Gavin Singleton

- Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation / Djunbunji Land and Sea Program / Gunggandji Mandingalbay Yidinji Aboriginal Corporation including Mr. Dewayne Mundraby, Mr. Dale Mundraby and Ms. Helen Tait
- The Traditional Owner Leadership Group (TOLG)
- Terrain NRM Chair, Mr. Keith Noble
- Cairns and Far North Environment Centre's CEO, Ms. Lucy Graham

In her meetings, Leslie discussed a variety of issues depending on the recipient's portfolio or interests including the progress of the refresh of the Regional Agreement, tourism and the Wet Tropics Tourism Destination Plan, Wangetti Trail proposal, the circular economy and collective climate action.

#### Resolution

The board **noted** the chair's report.

## 3.2 Executive Director's report

Scott Buchanan addressed the Board and provided an update on a range of HRM and operational issues including:

- there continues to be significant staff movements, particularly in the World Heritage Connections team—Rebecca Lagerroth is on long service leave until the end of January and Saskia Salmeron-Rodriguez will backfill her position. Saskia has great skills and leadership and recently backfilled Tim Wong's role.
- Media officer Phil Brandel has resigned, and Alistair Harris will complete his contract as Strategic Communications Advisor in December.
- Liam Roberts has taken a ranger position with QPWS&P, Sam Carroll and Natalie Harrison are currently filling project officer roles in Aboriginal Partnerships team, and Alicia Haines continues to act in a Principal Project Officer position.
- In the Planning and Conservation team Bill Carrodus has been on sick leave and will return to the office part time in the next few days, Bruce Jennison remains on long term sick leave and Peter Wood is on a short-term GIS contract with QPWS and based in the Authority's offices.
- The Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program farewells Justin O'Mahony and welcomes Campbell Simpson into the vacated monitoring team supervisory role.

Scott briefed directors on the results from the Working for Queensland staff survey in which Authority staff indicated improvements in learning and development, organisational leadership and an openness to innovating and new ways of working. The survey also indicated that a greater focus on work-life balance and access to flexible working arrangements required in order to better support staff in maintaining good mental health and relationships.

Directors noted wellness of staff is being negatively impacted by high workloads and asked managers to continue to promote balance and seek solutions.

Scott outlined other relevant strategic matters of interest to the Board including:

- QPWS&P Partnership Agreement—recent discussions about the agreement have been positive and the draft funding agreement which will allow the transfer of \$1.8M in funding to QPWS&P, is imminent.
- Yellow Crazy Ant Funding Agreement—a letter and the draft agreement are currently with Minister Enoch's office for review and endorsement
- Senate select committees—the Authority lodged submissions with the Senate select committee on the effectiveness of the Australian Government's Northern Australia agenda and the Senate select committee into jobs for the future in regional areas. Scott was called before the select committee into jobs in regional areas in Townsville to answer questions relating to the Authority's submission.
- Australian World Heritage Forum—held in Canberra in late September, the forum was a positive improvement on previous years and had strong focus on Aboriginal engagement and climate change.
   Scott gave a presentation on tourism in the Wet Tropics and Director Iain Gordon presented on the Authority's 10-point plan and climate action in the region. Both sessions generated animated discussions and contributed to a lively forum. The forum was also attended by Ellen Weber and M'Lis Flynn.
- Australian World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN)—the Authority contributed to the
  development of an Australian Heritage Grants submission led by the Tasmanian Wilderness World
  Heritage Area to re-invigorate AWHIN. The submission included funding for a fulltime Executive Officer
  for 2 years and sufficient resources for face-to-face AWHIN meetings. The AWHIN would give a national
  voice to Indigenous world heritage managers and would provide advice directly to the Australian World
  Heritage Advisory Committee (AWHAC).

## Resolution

The board **noted** the Executive Director's report.

## 3.3 Director's issues

## **Anne Clarke**

No issues to report

#### **Phil Rist**

Advised that the 'glamping' idea proposed for Hinchinbrook Island is currently stalled and the focus has been shifted to the walking track to Wallaman Falls (126km long with hiking or biking options). The Wallaman Falls project has had poor engagement with Traditional Owners and the Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (DITID) should consider dedicating a project officer to Aboriginal engagement similar to the Hinchinbrook Island project.

## **Iain Gordon**

Supported Scott Buchanan's comments on the Australian World Heritage Forum and reiterated the value of the forum and AWHAC meeting's focus on climate impacts across Australian World Heritage properties

## John Courtenay

No issues to report

#### **Dr Leah Talbot**

No issues to report

#### Resolution

The board noted Director's issues

## 3.4 Queensland and Commonwealth Department reports

# Alison Webb (QPWS&P)

- QPWS&P and DES are very busy responding to current wildfires in Queensland and resourcing is currently prioritized toward firefighting. Some national parks may also be closed.
- There was a recent double fatality at Kearneys Falls in the Wooroonooran National Park and this section of the park remains closed.
- In planning management of Cape York some key themes being considered including a communication strategy for working with Cape Indigenous groups, compliance, developing targets for rangers with the Indigenous Land and Sea Program, linking Indigenous rangers with mentoring programs and cultural heritage mapping.
- The Gurra project is in progress which is aimed at increasing respect for Indigenous cultures, improving cultural awareness and standards across DES.

## Lyn Wallace (DES)

- There are now two project officers employed to support the initiatives being developed on Quandamooka (North Stradbroke Island)
- Scientific and Community Advisory committees for K'Gari, Gondwana and Riversleigh WHA's expired in November. The proposal to create a combined scientific/community advisory committee for each WHA has been approved in-principle. Committees will demonstrate diversity, gender balance and Traditional Owner representation. Current Chairs will continue to participate in AHWAC.
- K'Gari and Gondwana are submitting a bid for funding to undertake climate adaptation planning.

## Dr Sarah Titchen (DoEE)

- The Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act statutory review was launched on 29 October. The independent review is to be led by Professor Graeme Samuel AC with an intent to ensure the Act remains fit for purpose within the context of a changing environment. The review will involve the Australian Indigenous Advisory Committee (established under the EPBC Act) however directors were keen to ensure that appropriate consultation is undertaken with Indigenous peoples during the review. Information on the review can be found here https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/about/review
- Minister Ley has signed off on the Bulgan Creek proposal and the Authority should expect to receive the paperwork in the following days.

- DoEE staff and management were pleased with the attendance and engagement of participants at Australian World Heritage Forum and AWHAC meeting. Sarah thanked the Authority for its meaningful presentations and contributions and suggested that the refreshed Regional Agreement could feature at the 2020 forum.
- Minister Ley has been briefed on the Authority's Annual Report and State of the Wet Tropics Report.
   Sarah is keen to ensure the Minister is briefed soon on the updated Wet Tropics Plan and can sign off on the yellow crazy ant funding agreement.

## Resolution

The board **noted** the Australian and Queensland Government reports.

## 3.5 SAC and CCC report to the board

lain Gordon, the chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) briefed directors on the proceedings of the last meeting of the SAC members' term (2016–2019) held on 8 October. At the SAC meeting members discussed:

- the process for recruiting new members to the SAC, including the potential for a few current members to remain on the committee to facilitate a smoother transition and support new members into their roles
- the imminent completion of the Authority's climate adaptation plan
- the need for a trial of the research protocols being co-developed by the Authority and QPWS&P in addition to a communication plan to embed awareness across research institutions and the community of

Anne Clarke, the chair of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) provided directors with an update on the final meeting of the current CCC members' term (2016–2019) which was held on 19 September. Committee members discussed:

- seeking support to keep the Gillies Range Road Illegal Litter and Dumping project going in lieu of the Department of Environment and Science continuing support
- opportunities to refresh and reprint the Repairing the Rainforest handbook
- the development of a Youth Education Statement to drive youth engagement and the potential for a youth summit or workshop

# Resolution

The board **noted** the SAC and CCC reports and thanked committee member for their commitment over the last 3 years.

# 3.6 Significant correspondence

Date	In	Out	From / To	Purpose	Action
13 Aug 2019		✓	Stephen Palethorpe, Environment and	Information sharing—further information in	None required
			Communications References Committee	support of the inquiry into the faunal extinction	
				crisis	
23 Aug 2019		✓	Traditional Owner Leadership Group	Advice—given and sought regarding the process	Chair to address letter on 6
				for appointment of Aboriginal board directors	September TOLG meeting
4 Sept 2019		<b>✓</b>	Select committee into jobs for the future in	Submission	None required
			regional areas		
5 Sept 2019		✓	WTMA	Media release—Threats to tropical plants inspire	None required
				artist	
				Promotion of Wet Tropics focused art events	
11 Sep 2019		✓	WTMA	Media release—Yirrganydji and Wangetti	None required
				community beach clean up	
18 Sep 2019		✓	Select committee on the effectiveness of the	Submission	None required
			Northern Australia agenda		
1 Oct 2019		✓	WTMA	Media release—Bob Manning to join the ant	None required
				hunt!	
				Launch of app BonANTza citizen science initiative	
9 Oct 2019		✓	The Hon Mark Bailey,	Congratulations—letter re: the plan to construct a	None required
			QLD Minister for Transport and Main Roads	dedicated land cassowary bridge at Smiths Gap,	
				Tully	
15 Oct 2019		✓	WTMA	Media release—Koster's Curse taskforce	None required
22 Oct 2019		✓	Abriculture	Support letter—for an Australian Heritage Grant	None required
				bid to monitor endemic species	
21 Oct 2019		✓	Jason Jacobi – Parks Tasmania	Support letter—for an Australian Heritage Grant	None required
				bid for the re-establishment of the Australian	
				World Heritage Indigenous Network (AWHIN)	
12 Nov 2019		✓	WTMA	Media alert—Climate change impacts the world's	None required
				oldest rainforests, launch of the Climate	
				Adaptation Plan	
23 Sep 2019	<b>✓</b>		Cape York NRM	Invitation—to attend Cape York NRM AGM on 30	Response required
				November, Cooktown	

# Resolution

The Board **noted** the correspondence report.

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## 4. STRATEGIC ISSUES

#### 4.1. Climate action

Principal Project Officer, Ellen Weber addressed the board and opened by acknowledging the efforts of directors and Authority staff in finalising and launching *Accept Act Adapt: climate adaptation for the Wet Tropics 2020–2030* the previous day. Ellen outlined the next steps including:

- development of a detailed, costed funding proposal in anticipation of the Queensland Land Restoration Fund (LRF) release. The proposal would likely focus on opportunities to facilitate carbon farming across the Wet Tropics through environmental restoration and tree planting and utilizing a partnership approach with community organizations such as Landcare groups.
- development of a high end, high value prospectus to facilitate investment in Wet Tropics climate adaptation programs and activities.

There was considerable discussion amongst board directors about developing a plan of action to implement *Accept, Act Adapt* including how to facilitate buy-in from all community sectors—such as youth, media, Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, tourism and conservation sectors. Directors suggested that the Authority also ensures themes for its grant programs, marketing campaigns, youth education program reflect and seek to facilitate climate action.

Directors agreed that a collaborative workshop with community partners and sectors is required in order to start building collective action for climate adaptation.

## Resolution

The board:

- noted and applauded the launch of Accept, Act, Adapt: climate adaptation plan for the Wet Tropics 2020–2030
- noted next steps to develop a costed proposal for the Land Restoration Fund and to develop a detailed investment prospectus

#### **Actions**

- distribute copies of *Accept, Act, Adapt* strategically amongst key partners, World Heritage properties, political leaders and others
- arrange a ½ day online meeting between board directors to plan a collaborative climate action workshop
- schedule and plan a ½ day collaborative climate action workshop with partners and stakeholders

# 4.2 Regional Agreement / TOLG update

Principal Project Officer Alicia Haines briefed board directors on progress in refreshing the Wet Tropics Regional Agreement.

Terrain continues to host the secretariat for the Traditional Owner Leadership Group (TOLG) and have recently enlisted two project officers to support the TOLG and facilitate development of an

action plan. An implementation plan is currently being drafted outlining next steps and a process for refreshing the regional agreement.

A TOLG community engagement roadshow is planned for early 2020 to gather information and direction from the wider Rainforest Aboriginal community. The Authority will continue to support and provide advice to the work of the TOLG.

Board directors had detailed discussions about the refresh of the Regional Agreement discussing the high importance of ensuring continued support from key partners such as government, land councils and the community. Financial and in-kind support and momentum are required to ensure that the process continues and results in a renewed Agreement, and TOLG could seek to ensure that there is a focus on progress and outcomes.

Directors also discussed the importance of ensuring that key partners are invited to TOLG meetings and the Regional Forums and that they have a clear role. Suggestions were made for the TOLG to write formally to Ministers Enoch, Ley, and Trad to keep them informed and seek formal commitment to supporting the TOLG's work into the future

#### Resolution

The board **noted** the progress of the TOLG, risks to finalizing the Implementation Agreement and the plan for the Authority staff to support the community engagement roadshow planned for early 2020.

## 4.3 Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program – project plan and update on funding agreement

Scott Buchanan updated the board on the current status of the yellow crazy ant eradication program (YCAEP). The 2019-2022 funding agreement and draft workplan are currently with the Queensland Government for signoff. Once approved the agreement and workplan will be forwarded to the Australian Government for final approval.

Scott also outlined that the YCAEP:

- are currently negotiating a new research agreement with JCU as a potential sole supplier for a 2-year period
- have engaged 'Fury', a detection dog who will initially go through a validation process to ensure the dog can locate ants and indicate a response correctly

#### Resolution

The board **noted** the yellow crazy ant eradication program status update

# 4.4 QuestaGame in the Wet Tropics

Community Engagement Officer, Brenda Foley briefed directors on an interesting citizen science app—QuestaGame—focussed on getting community out into nature.

The Authority launched a month-long competition piloting QuestaGame at its 'BonANTza' event in September 2019 to ascertain its efficacy for yellow crazy ant awareness.

QuestaGame is a game app which facilitates the discovery, sighting and identification of species in the environment. It raises money for conservation organisations through citizen sightings and identification and discovered information is shared with the CSIRO Atlas of Living Australia and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility.

Brenda outlined the positive impact that QuestaGame has had in schools which have collectively picked up 3000 identifications and pitched the idea that the Authority could become a QuestaGame leader, particularly in terms of World Heritage.

The presentation generated discussion among board directors who also shared other ideas of how QuestaGame could be utilised. The board were supportive of the idea to investigate QuestaGame further.

#### Resolution

The board **noted** the opportunities that QuestaGame could present to the Authority for engaging with youth and the community using citizen science

**Lunchtime presentation from Board Director Dr Leah Talbot**—Indigenous governance and knowledge in protected areas of Australia and Sweden

Over the lunch break, Board Director Dr Talbot shared her PhD research which focused on the conditions under which Indigenous knowledge is recognized and supported by Indigenous governance in protected areas of Australia and Sweden. Leah outlined her research questions, methodologies, results and analysis. Her research found that the interrelationship between Indigenous governance and Indigenous knowledge is growing in recognition, both globally and national in both countries.

Board directors were very interested in Leah's research and findings and congratulated her on her success.

# 4.5 Presentation strategy update

#### Wet Tropics Tourism Destination Strategy

Ellen Weber updated the board on progressing tender documents for drafting a Wet Tropics Tourism Destination Strategy. In mid-2019 the Authority received \$224,000 in funding under the Australian Heritage Grants Program to develop a strategy.

The draft invitation to tender is now complete and has been distributed to several key tourism experts for comment, prior to distribution to a broader market. The tender aligns with our strategic plan and presentation strategy as well as seeking to reflect the broader vision of the regional tourism industry.

Board directors were keen to understand the tender process and to ensure that the tender clearly reflected the Authority and its partners' long-term visions.

# Wet Tropics Guide School, Ambassador Program and Specialist Guide Program

Senior Project Officer, Terry Carmichael provided an update to the directors which outlined the following:

- a guide school will be held in Paluma 17-18 April 2020 in partnership with Savannah Guides and Hidden Valley Cabins
- the guidebooks used for the training need to be updated
- the Wet Tropics Ambassador program has been identified by visitors' centres as ideal training for their staff
- specialist guide program is being proposed to complement the guide schools and ensure that experienced guides remain connected to the Authority and receive regular up-to-date information

# **Ecotourism Australia conference and certification workshops**

The Ecotourism Australia conference will be held in Cairns from 2-4 December 2019 and some Authority staff will be attending. Ecotourism Australia will be hosting an eco-certification workshop at the Authority on 5 December and have invited our tourism team to participate.

#### Resolution

#### The board:

- notes the status of the Wet Tropics Tourism Destination Strategy
- notes the next tour guide school is to be held at Paluma 17–18 April 2020
- notes the Authority will deliver ambassador programs for Visitor Information Centres by June
   2020 and trial a specialist guide program

## 4.6 Panama disease pig project (QPWS&P)

Chris Roach, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Partnerships (QPWS&P) Ranger shared his experience working in the panama disease pig project. Panama disease is a fungal plant disease resistant to fungicides which affects bananas. It is spread by the dispersal of its spores through so soil and water. In the World Heritage area pigs cause extensive damage through digging, preying on and competing with native species and contributing to the spread of weeds and exotic fungi, such as Panama disease. They also travel regularly between farmlands and natural areas foraging.

Chris outlined that QPWS&P is leading a pilot program around Innisfail to trap and eliminate pigs. The program takes a collaborative partnership approach with industry and funding covers the cost of a coordinator. The pilot program has an 80% success rate with 8 out of 11 pigs trapped and baited. The main challenge is access to sites for baiting and trapping as a result of quarantine and restricted access.

Directors thanked Chris for his informative and energetic presentation.

# 4.7 Cassowary Awards

Executive Officer, M'Lis Flynn provided directors with a series of suggestions for the 2020 Cassowary Awards based on both an internal review of the previous awards and feedback from sponsors via a survey. The proposals outlined were:

- scheduling the ceremony to be held every 15-18 months including a November 2020 date for the next ceremony
- renaming the awards to reflect the number of awards held. E.g.: the 18<sup>th</sup> Cassowary Awards instead of 2020 Cassowary Awards
- retaining Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park as the venue for the next ceremony
- renaming the Community Champion Award to the Peter Hitchcock Community Champion Award (subject to Hitchcock family approval)
- minor changes to category names and sponsorship values

Board directors reiterated their support for the awards and discussed the success of the awards ceremony held in June 2019. An animated discussion ensued regarding renaming and combining particular award categories and directors agreed that a minor increase in cost for sponsorship categories may better ensure sponsorship covers all award costs.

#### Resolution

## The board:

- approves renaming to 'The 18th Cassowary Awards'
- approves scheduling the 18th Cassowary Awards to be held at Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park on Saturday 14th November 2020
- approves renaming
  - > to Peter Hitchcock Community Champion Award (subject to family approval)
  - > to Innovation and Research Award
  - > to Government and Industry Initiatives Award

## Action

Seek permission from Peter Hitchcock's family for including his name in a Cassowary Awards category

# 4.8 Status of the Wet Tropics Management Plan review

Tim Wong, Manager of Planning and Conservation updated board directors on the status of approvals for amendments to the Wet Tropics Management Plan. He outlined that the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) has advised that:

- plan amendments do require Cabinet approval
- Minister Enoch writes to the Premier prior to lodging amendments with the Ministerial Council to provide confidence in the process

Tim also briefed directors on changed timelines as a result of DPC deliberations and the inclusion Minister Enoch's letter to the Premier.

Board directors thanked Tim and his team for the enormous and prolonged progress in reviewing and amending the plan.

#### Resolution

## The board:

- notes progress against Board 109 resolutions
- **notes** the Office for Queensland Parliamentary Council's (OQPC) progress drafting amendments to the Wet Tropics Amendment Management Plan

## 4.9 Wangetti Trail

Tim Wong also briefed board directors on the proposal to develop the Wangetti Trail—a 94km hiking and biking trail (including campsites) in the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area—and funded by the Queensland Government. The Authority has been in several discussions with the Queensland Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development (DITID) and will expect to receive their permit application for assessment under the current Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998. The footprint of the trail and extent of impact will be the key areas being assessed by the Authority.

Board directors and staff had extensive discussions relating to the potential impacts, the kinds of shelters and campsites potentially proposed, and the proposed Wet Tropics plan zones the trail will be sited and the process of the project.

#### Resolution

The board **noted** the role of the Authority in providing assessment and approval of the Wangetti Trail and guidance in how it will assess ecotourism developments in the Area.

## 5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

# Board meeting dates for 2020

Board directors discussed possible dates 2020 meetings and agreed to respond a suite of proposed dates to be sent by email. The chair briefly discussed the broad process for the appointment of three new directors to the board, including one Indigenous Identified (female) role. Dr Leah Talbot, Ms Anne Clarke and Mr John Courtenay will all complete their terms of appointment in May 2020 and expressions of interest will be sought for these roles. Directors are selected and appointed by the Ministerial Council which is currently comprised of the Queensland Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts, the Hon Leeanne Enoch and the Australian Minister for the Environment, the Hon Sussan Ley.

## **Actions**

- seek agreement from board directors via email for final 2020 board meeting dates
- begin preparing documentations for board director appointment process.

# 5.1. Risk register review

Chair, Leslie Shirreffs addressed the Authority's risk register with directors. Discussion centered on ensuring that strategic risks are considered and documented and assessed annually in conjunction with the board's risk appetite statement. The Authority already has a risk register for operational risks and a strategic risk register will complement this document and better reflect the strategic plan.

# Resolution

The board **endorsed** the development of a strategic risk register.

#### **Action**

- Chair to draft a strategic risk register

# 5.2. Approval of board communique 110

## Resolution

The board **approved** the communique for meeting 110.

The meeting closed at 5.38pm

Ms Leslie Shirreff PSM

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Chair

Date 20/04/2020