Wet Tropics Community Consultative Committee
Selection Criteria

Role of the Committee

The Community Consultative Committee (CCC) supports the Wet Tropics Management Authority (WTMA) Board by providing advice on community aspirations and interests in the contemporary management of the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area (the Area). Through cross-sectoral discussion and collaboration the CCC contributes to creative and innovative solutions to complex management challenges while ensuring Australia's World Heritage obligations are met.

Composition

Members should be involved in or have strong knowledge of issues and views relevant to one or more of the following areas of interest/sectors. Members do not represent their sectors but should be willing to liaise across their sector for views, opinions and suggestions. Recruitment will target those with multidisciplinary skills and motivation to make positive contributions to the management of the Area. Key areas include:

- agriculture
- community conservation
- community development
- education and training
- environmental advocacy
- environmental sustainability
- local government
- natural capital markets
- Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples[1]
- recreation
- restoration
- social science, health and wellbeing
- tourism
- World Heritage landholders and neighbours
- youth

WTMA seeks representation from a broad geographic range in and around the Area, an equitable gender composition, various ages, people with a disability and Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples.

The role of the CCC is to provide advice to the Board relating to issues and management of the Area, members will include:

- those who can draw on and articulate views and expertise from their sector and community of interest
- those that contribute to the two-way flow of information between the Board and the community
- those who have a keen knowledge and interest in contemporary World Heritage management issues and practices
- those who have an ability to collaborate and contribute as a team member to innovative thinking and discussions.

Other knowledge and attributes of members

CCC members will need to have knowledge of the following:

- the range of activities in their sector or community of interest that benefit or impact on the Area

[1] At least two committee members shall be Rainforest Aboriginal Peoples, preferably one male and one female.

- how their sector or community benefits or is affected by different types of activities in and around the Area
- the views and expectations of their sector and community about World Heritage issues or mechanisms for seeking these views and expectations and/or knowledge.

More generally, members will need to have the following attributes:

- skills in networking and communicating
- knowledge of and a commitment to management, protection and presentation of the Area
- a considered and professional approach to discussing issues, both technical and emotive
- ability to positively participate in the promotion of WTMA and the Area
- ability to exchange information between their sector or community, the CCC and WTMA's Board
- a commitment to liaise with their sector and attend CCC meetings.