

**Tasmanian Aboriginal
Heritage Council**



Application for appointment to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Aboriginal Heritage Council is a Statutory Council under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975* and consists of not more than 10 members. Members are appointed by the Governor, on the recommendation of the Minister, for terms of up to three years.

The Council provides advice and recommendations to the Minister on a broad range of matters that impact Aboriginal heritage, including permits, consulting with Aboriginal community organisations, and Aboriginal cultural values in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The Council also supports the development of information materials to inform the public and potential proponents about the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*, and best practice in managing Aboriginal heritage.

The Tasmanian Government is seeking nominations from Aboriginal people to be appointed to the Council. Nominations are encouraged from Aboriginal people with skills, qualifications, knowledge, or experience in Aboriginal heritage management, cultural values presentation and interpretation, as well as experience in leadership and governance.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to a target of 50 per cent representation of women across government boards and committees.

Please complete, sign and submit the application form by 5.00 pm, Friday, 9 October 2020.

PART I - Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Gender: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Country of Birth: _____

PART 2 – Selection Criteria

Please attach a statement of no more than two pages addressing the following criteria and outlining your reasons for seeking appointment to Council. Provide your statement together with a resume which should provide details of current board or committee memberships.

1. Knowledge and expertise relating to one or more of the below:
 - a. Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural heritage (particularly Aboriginal cultural heritage management)
 - b. Aboriginal cultural values presentation and interpretation
 - c. Leadership and governance
2. An understanding of the aspirations, key issues and challenges affecting Aboriginal people in Tasmania.
3. Interpersonal and communication skills including the capacity to provide recommendations and advice for complex issues. The ability to liaise effectively with the Minister, specialists, senior staff and stakeholders and negotiate outcomes that meet specified requirements.

PART 3 - Declaration

The Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment (the Department) treats all personal information provided by an individual in support of an appointment application in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. The personal information you provide in this statement is required for application processing and assessment purposes. Should you have any questions about the handling of this information please contact the Department.

When you provide us with information about other individuals, we rely on you to make them aware that such information will or may be provided to us as part of the application process.

Your signature below confirms your consent in relation to how the information you have provided in this application will be used by the Department.

I consent to the Department's use of personal information in this application as part of administering appointments to statutory authorities and advisory committees.

Signature: _____

Date: _____/_____/_____

PART 4 - Eligibility

A Council member must be an Aboriginal person who:

- is eligible under the State Government's *Eligibility for Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services policy*, as set out at https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/oaa/eligibility_policy;
- is resident in Tasmania.
- can demonstrate achievement against the selection criteria.
- possesses the skills and expertise which support strong governance and decision making.

Please answer the questions below to provide information that addresses your eligibility to be a member of Council. If you have already been deemed eligible or are an existing member of the Council, you do not need to provide additional evidence.

Have you completed and attached an [eligibility form](#)? The form includes a statutory declaration and a confirmation statement (communal recognition) from an Aboriginal organisation.

Yes If yes, go to question 2.

No I am an existing member / have previously provided evidence of my eligibility.

Please indicate your preferred term of appointment

Three years

18 months

Do you have the requisite time and resources to participate?

Council is required to meet monthly and while Covid-19 restrictions are in place this occurs remotely, requiring internet access and appropriate software.

a) Do you have adequate time to commit to the duties of Council?

Yes

No

b) Do you have appropriate resources for remote attendance at Council meetings?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing this application to become a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Heritage Council. Please complete, sign and submit the application form by **5.00 pm, Friday, 9 October 2020.**

Applications should be submitted to -

E: aboriginalheritage@dpiwwe.tas.gov.au

T: (03) 6165 3136

W: www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au/council-site/