

**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. There are currently three male-identified positions, and one female-identified position, available.

**Please complete, sign, and submit the application form by 5.00 pm,  
Sunday 4 September 2022.**

### **PART I - Applicant Information**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 the 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 as part of a team. The ability to liaise, as part of the Council, effectively with the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and the Minister, specialists, senior staff, and stakeholders, and negotiate outcomes that meet specified requirements.

## **PART 3 - Declaration**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (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 by the Office of Aboriginal Affairs. For a copy of the current policy, contact (03) 6165 8366 or [OAA@communities.tas.gov.au](mailto:OAA@communities.tas.gov.au);
- is resident in Tasmania;
- can demonstrate achievement against the selection criteria; and
- possesses the skills and expertise which support strong governance and decision-making in a team environment.

**Please answer the questions below to provide information that addresses your eligibility to be a member of the 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?**

The 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 the Council?**

Yes

No

**b) Do you have the 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, Sunday 4 September 2022**.

**Applications should be submitted to - [aboriginalheritagecouncil@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalheritagecouncil@heritage.tas.gov.au)**

For information about the application process, including the application form, please email [aboriginalheritagecouncil@heritage.tas.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalheritagecouncil@heritage.tas.gov.au), or call (03) 6232 7893.

For further information about the Aboriginal Heritage Council, please go to [www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au/council-site](http://www.aboriginalheritage.tas.gov.au/council-site).