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606 ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE (Jay Weatherill) - **NOTED**

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CABINET NOTE

TO: THE PREMIER FOR CABINET

RE: APPOINTMENTS TO THE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 For Cabinet to note the extension of existing members' terms on the Aboriginal Heritage Committee (AHC) to ensure the effective on-going operation of the AHC.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The AHC is established pursuant to section 7 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act) and comprises eleven Aboriginal persons appointed by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

2.2 Of the current members, there are five whose terms of appointment expire on 31 July 2006, five whose terms of appointment expire on 31 December 2006 and one position vacant.

3. DISCUSSION

3.1 Most of the current members of the AHC have served for more than two years. The former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation variously extended their terms of office. This was to facilitate a degree of continuity within the AHC during periods of change, such as the review by the Heritage Taskforce to improve administrative and management procedures relating to the Act, and structural and personnel changes within the Department for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation and its Heritage Branch which provides executive support to the AHC.

3.2 In view of the impending review of the Act and the need to re-establish the schedule for recruiting five or six new members each year, I have decided to grant extensions as follows:

MEMBER:	CURRENT TERM EXPIRY:	PROPOSED EXTENSION TO:	TRADITIONAL LAND:	REGION:
David Brown (Deputy Chair)	31/07/06	31/12/06	Antakarinja	Cooper Pedy
Irene Agius	31/07/06	31/12/06	Narrungga	Point Pearce
Reg Dodd	31/07/06	31/12/06	Arabunna	Maree
Allan Wilson	31/07/06	31/12/06	Wirangu	Port Lincoln
Susie Dodd	31/07/06	31/12/06	Arabunna/ Dieri	Port Augusta
Leonie Casey (Chair)	31/12/06	31/12/07	Tanganekald Meintangk	Kingston S/E
Elliott McNamara	31/12/06	31/12/07	Bamgarla	Whyalla
Patricia Buckskin	31/12/06	31/12/07	Kaurna	Adelaide
Pauline Coulthard	31/12/06	31/12/07	Adnyamathana	Hawker
Murray George	31/12/06	31/12/07	Anangu Pitjantjatjara	Fregon
Vacant (vice Tom Trevorrow)	Resigned 29/5/06	31/12/07	Ngarrindjeri	Meningie

3.3 This approach will provide continuity at this time of change plus an early opportunity for new community members to nominate. Circumstances in the relationship between heritage, native title, ILUA processes and natural resource management have changed since the present members were appointed. Recruiting new committee members, who may bring new ideas and thinking to the AHC, would give an opportunity to address these other directions.

3.4 Such extensions will also coordinate the periods of membership so that approximately half of the positions will be vacated annually and will facilitate administration of the recruitment process. Future positions will be filled following advertisement and an invitation for applications from communities.

4. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommend that:

4.1 Cabinet notes the extension of the terms of membership of current members of the Aboriginal Heritage Committee.


Hon Jay Weatherill MP

MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS AND RECONCILIATION

In Cabin

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