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The Hon Ian Hunter MLC
Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation
GPO Box 1047
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Dear Minister Hunter,

I refer to recent correspondence regarding the Premier's review of Government Boards and Committees. The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board considered this matter at our meeting on 29 July 2014 and resolved that I write to you in support of the Aboriginal Co-Management Boards that have jurisdiction over parks in many areas of the State.

In your capacity as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, you would be aware that some Aboriginal communities may have waited decades for a degree of self-determination in managing their traditional lands that have been added to the State's Reserve system.

The Board considers that the Co-Management Boards are making good progress and that it would not be appropriate to abolish these Boards and compromise the good work they undertake.

Whilst the Northern and Yorke Region does not yet have any Co-Management Boards in place, the Northern and Yorke NRM Board are pleased to support the continuation of Co-Management Boards in other Regions of our State.

Yours Sincerely,



Caroline Schaefer
PRESIDING MEMBER
NORTHERN AND YORKE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

cc: Peter Stockings, Chairperson, Aboriginal Engagement Committee, Northern and Yorke NRM Board

