

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) – JOB PACKAGE
GREAT ARTESIAN BASIN STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water is seeking applications from First Nations individuals who have a strong connection with, or a good understanding of groundwater matters in the Great Artesian Basin (GAB) to join the [Great Artesian Basin Stakeholder Advisory Committee](#).

The Department is looking to fill two vacant First Nations member positions on the Committee as a matter of urgency. As part of the EOI process, a pool of suitable applicants will be established to fill future vacancies.

The GAB Stakeholder Advisory Committee was established in 2022 to enable Basin ministers, responsible for GAB matters, to be fully advised of the views of industry, communities, including First Nations people, and other stakeholders on water matters concerning the GAB. This includes:

- the sustainability of the artesian and sub-artesian water resources
- the environmental, economic, social, and cultural significance of the water
- whole-of-Basin policies and initiatives being applied and developed by Basin governments
- implementation of the Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2019.

Members are appointed by the Australian Minister responsible for the Environment and Water in conjunction with their Basin government counterparts (Qld, NSW, SA and the NT). Committee members are selected to ensure the committee has a range of skills and knowledge including expertise in community engagement, water resources policy, water sciences and First Nations cultural water management concerning the GAB. The full committee comprises of 14 members and is supported by the GAB Secretariat and a Committee Support Officer.

Committee members are expected to be available to travel to two face to face meetings per year, with any additional meetings held via an online platform. All travel expenses are covered by the secretariat and members are paid sitting fees in accordance with the *Remuneration Tribunal (Remuneration and Allowances for Holders of Part-time Public Office) Determination 2023* at a Tier 2 rate.

The department is seeking nominations from individuals with expertise and knowledge of the GAB. The First Nations members will provide crucial expertise and advice to the committee about cultural water management, including a strong understanding of cultural water management principles and traditional knowledge related to water use within communities or cultural groups located within the basin.

Applicants should show a demonstrated ability to foster positive relationships, excellent communication skills and willingness to collaborate with experts, organisations, and institutions.

Members are expected to represent the GAB as a whole and apply their knowledge and expertise to achieve the objectives of the committee workplan and contribute to the implementation of the [Great Artesian Basin Strategic Management Plan 2019](#). Members are not appointed to the committee to represent their employer, cultural group or a particular industry or sector but are expected to actively seek the views of their community of interest on policy matters being considered by the Committee.

Members are appointed for up to a three-year term at the discretion of the Minister and may be subsequently re-appointed for additional terms.

To express your interest in joining the GAB Stakeholder Advisory Committee, please forward in-confidence a brief (2-3 page) expression of interest (including CV) to: gabsecretariat@dcceew.gov.au by 11:59 AEST 15 October 2023.

Further questions or enquiries can be forwarded to gabsecretariat@dcceew.gov.au