

## Indigenous Advisory Committee Bulletin Meeting 36

The Indigenous Advisory Committee (IAC) held its 36<sup>th</sup> meeting on 29 and 30 May 2019 on Wurundjeri country in Melbourne.

### Ministerial Appointments

The Committee welcomed the appointment of The Hon. Sussan Ley as Minister for the Environment and noted the opportunity to engage on a number of priority issues.

### Strategic Planning for 2019-20

The meeting had a planning focus and the Committee agreed its priorities for 2019-20 would include:

- Closing The Gap
- National Environmental Science Program
- EPBC Act review, including interactions with the ATSIHP Act
- Preparations for the next State of the Environment report
- International issues including Convention on Biological Diversity, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), World Heritage, and the Sustainable Development Goals
- Climate and emission reductions, as a cross cutting issue.

### Partnerships

The Committee provided feedback on the draft 'Partnering with Indigenous Organisations' document and discussed resources that could be developed to support respectful and effective partnering with Indigenous organisations and communities.

### Biodiversity Conservation

The IAC received an update on efforts to develop the Convention on Biological Diversity's post-2020 global biodiversity framework, and discussed opportunities for Indigenous engagement.

### Commonwealth Environmental Water Office

The Committee provided feedback on the proposed co-design process for the development of a First Nations Engagement Strategy for the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office.

### National Environmental Science Program

The Committee provided advice to the National Environmental Science Program (NESP) on how to strengthen Indigenous research participation and collaboration under the current NESP and future programs.

### Indigenous Data

The Indigenous Advisory Committee provided initial advice regarding the role of Indigenous data in the Department's forthcoming Information Strategy, with further conversations on this to follow.

## About the Committee

The Indigenous Advisory Committee is a statutory committee established in 2000 under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

All members of the Committee are Indigenous Australians and are ministerially appointed based on expertise in Indigenous land and sea management, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and cultural heritage management. Members are not appointed to represent particular regions or organisations.

### Members:

- Mr Robert (Robbie) Dalton (Chair)
- Ms Teagan Goolmeer (Deputy Chair)
- Dr Leah Talbot
- Mr Ronald (Ricky) Archer
- Mr Duane Fraser
- Ms Chrissy Grant
- Dr Stephen van Leeuwen
- Mr Stan Lui

Further information can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/committees/iac.html>