Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group Summary of Meeting on 10 September 2018

Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment, opened the inaugural meeting of the Stakeholder Reference Group. The Chair, Dr Ron Edwards, and Mr Peter Jeffries (CEO, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation) welcomed members to the meeting.

Stakeholder Reference Group Terms of Reference

The Stakeholder Reference Group received a presentation on the role of the Stakeholder Reference Group, the terms of reference, the membership, and the tenure of members and meeting arrangements.

Submissions on the draft Burrup Rock Art Strategy and finalisation of the strategy

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) provided an overview of the submissions received on the draft Burrup Rock Art Strategy and the proposed response to the submissions. Members were provided with an opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed response.

DWER also outlined the next steps and timeframes for finalising the strategy.

Proposed Environmental Quality Management Framework

The Stakeholder Reference Group received a presentation on the proposed Environmental Management Framework which will provide a risk-based and adaptive framework for monitoring and managing environmental quality to protect the rock art on Murujuga from anthropogenic emissions.

Proposed approach to the design of the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program

DWER provided an overview of the proposed approach to the design of the monitoring program. The procurement process will be undertaken as a partnership between DWER and the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, with both involved in the development of the Request for Tender document and the evaluation of submissions.

Other Business

Dr Black tabled a paper on a current assessment of the impact of pollution on Murujuga rock art.