Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Meeting on 15 November 2019 (MAC Head Office)

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

Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) provided members with an update on the procurement for the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program. DWER also provided an overview of the requirements in the Request for the monitoring program, including:

- the core principles that will underpin the monitoring program;
- Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) training and capacity building;
- the technical scope of the program;
- indicative timeframes and key milestones;
- deliverables, including engagement with the Stakeholder Reference Group;
- the independent peer review process; and
- the qualitative requirements which were considered in the assessment of Offers.

There was discussion about the sharing of monitoring and scientific data with the Contractor awarded the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program. These data are collected by industry to meet the requirements of their environmental approvals. Members noted that the data could be used to inform the monitoring program and assist with understanding changes in the rock art over time.

Industry updates

Members received updates on:

- Woodside Energy's proposal to develop an integrated, regional liquefied natural gas (LNG) centre on the Burrup Peninsula ('Burrup Hub') to process off-shore gas resources to supply domestic and export markets.
- Yara Pilbara's 2019 rock art monitoring which is undertaken by independent experts with the Murujuga Land & Sea Unit Rangers.
- Yara Pilbara's work to further understanding of Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property as it relates to Murujuga.

Member Updates

Members also received updates on the:

- Murujuga World Heritage Tentative List Submission;
- Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972;
- Investigation in a low sulphur fuel region for shipping at Murujuga; and
- Establishment of an ambient air quality monitoring network on Murujuga.