

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Meeting on 18 February 2019

The Chair, Dr Ron Edwards, and Mr Peter Jeffries (CEO, Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation) welcomed members to the meeting.

Air Monitoring on Murujuga

Members received a presentation on air monitoring networks from Dr Peter Taylor, Senior Manager Air Quality Services, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

Key issues discussed included:

- importance of incorporating data and information from previous monitoring and scientific studies on Murujuga and the emergence of any key themes in the existing data in the development of a future air monitoring network; and
- matters that will need to be considered in the design of the air monitoring network, including the incorporation of wet and dry deposition monitoring, identification of elements and source determination, and the location of appropriate background sites.

Update on the Section 46 inquiry into changing Condition 5-1: Air Quality in Ministerial Statement 870 for the Technical Ammonium Nitrate Production Facility to protect rock art

Dr Tom Hatton, Chair of the EPA, briefed members on the work undertaken by the EPA in conducting the section 26 inquiry and providing independent advice to the Minister for Environment. Dr Hatton noted the advice of the EPA would be consistent with and complementary to the approach set out in the *Murujuga Rock Art Strategy*.

Key issues discussed included:

- importance of considering cumulative pressures on the rock art and the application of the precautionary principle in any decision-making; and
- minimum expectation that all contributors to emissions will actively seek to implement leading edge, best practice technologies and continuous improvement and emission reduction measures to reduce emissions that could plausibly impact on the rock art and human health.

Member Updates

Members received updates on the:

- proposed investigation into a low sulfur region for shipping at Murujuga;
- procurement process for the Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program;
- World Heritage listing nomination for Murujuga; and
- Australian Government response to the Senate inquiry into the protection of Aboriginal rock art of the Burrup Peninsula.