



# Noongar Boodja Trustee Selection

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In anticipation of the commencement of the South West Native Title Settlement, the Government of Western Australia and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) are currently working together to select the initial independent Professional Trustee (Trustee) for the Noongar Boodja Trust.

## Appointment of the Noongar Boodja Trustee Selection Panel

The selection and appointment of the Trustee is being undertaken through a formal selection process in accordance with government procurement practice. The Noongar Boodja Trustee Selection Taskforce (Taskforce) is the organisational body driving the Trustee selection process. The Taskforce is pleased to announce the appointment of the Noongar Boodja Trustee Selection Panel (Panel), who will be tasked with ultimately selecting the Trustee.

The composition of the Panel was based on criteria developed by the Taskforce requiring Panel Members to have extensive experience and expertise relevant to the successful running of the Trust.

The Panel has a fixed membership of six people and consists of the following members:

- Independent non-voting Chair: Dr Ken Michael AC, former Governor of Western Australia;
- Independent Financial Expert: Ms Catherine Nance, Partner PricewaterhouseCoopers;
- Independent Legal Expert: Mr Geoff Gishubl, Partner Ashurst Australia;
- Independent Practical Expert: Professor Colleen Hayward AM, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Equity and Indigenous, Edith Cowan University;
- State-nominated Representative: Ms Kylie Towie, Assistant Director General, Department of Health; and
- SWALSC-nominated Representative: Mrs Gningala Yarran-Mark, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Coordinator, Aboriginal Engagement, UGL Limited.

The Panel will conduct a selection process after receiving responses to the Request, which will be advertised on the Tenders WA website (<https://www.tenders.wa.gov.au>). The Panel will assess those responses through the evaluation of a range of criteria. The Panel will then select a Professional Trustee Company to be appointed as the Trustee upon the declaration of the Noongar Boodja Trust. The evaluation process is anticipated to run from February 2016 to April 2016.

Please note that the Panel is undertaking a formal confidential process and should not be contacted for information. Please direct any queries to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet at:

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