

Murujuga Rock Art Stakeholder Reference Group

Summary of meeting held 9 December 2025 (Online MS Teams)

The Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) met for the final meeting of its current term chaired by Professor Stephen van Leeuwen. The meeting focused on World Heritage outcomes, Murujuga Rock Art Monitoring Program (MRAMP) progress, Murujuga Rock Art Strategy review findings, and planning for future SRG arrangements.

Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) provided a presentation on Murujuga Cultural Landscape which has been successfully inscribed by UNESCO as a World Heritage listed property on 1 July 2025. This is a massive achievement for Murujuga ensuring its continued protection of sacred rock art and highlighting Murujuga's universal cultural value.

The MRAMP team provided support to Murujuga's successful World Heritage inscription, with scientists from the program providing advice to UNESCO experts and national representatives. The program was a critical contributing factor to demonstrating commitment to ongoing protection of the rock art.

MAC also updated the SRG on the State Government's commitment to additional new funding for MAC to support delivery of the MRAMP and support World Heritage Listing requirements. \$9.1m of new funding has been secured for MRAMP over the next two years. This funding will go towards supporting ranger expansion and infrastructure and strengthening of ranger monitoring capability and independence.

The MRAMP continues to collect and monitor data to ensure the protection of rock art and work is underway to finalise the Year 3 monitoring studies report

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) provided an update on the Murujuga RockArt Strategy five-year review. The review identified opportunities to strengthen MAC's leadership role, including more formal integration of cultural leadership in decision-making and ongoing capacity-building for MAC. The Department and MAC will now consider the review's recommendations.

As this was the final meeting under the current Terms of Reference, the Department and MAC will consider options for ongoing stakeholder engagement.