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Alinytjara Wilurara  
Natural Resources  
Management Board

**ALINYTJARA WILURARA  
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT  
BOARD**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

9<sup>th</sup> December 2004 to 30 June 2005

Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Presiding Member  
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Dear Mr Mutton

In accordance with the requirements of the *Public Sector Management Act 1995* and section 38 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, I have pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board for the year ended 30 June 2005.



**Charles Jackson**  
**Presiding Member**  
**Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report is for the financial year 2004-05, and is presented to fulfil the requirements of section 38 of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

### OBJECT OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT

The objects of this Act include to assist in the achievement of ecologically sustainable development in the State by establishing an integrated scheme to promote the use and management of natural resources in a manner that—

- (a) recognises and protects the intrinsic values of natural resources; and
- (b) seeks to protect biological diversity and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, to support and encourage the restoration or rehabilitation of ecological systems and processes that have been lost or degraded; and
- (c) provides for the protection and management of catchments and the sustainable use of land and water resources and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, seeks to enhance and restore or rehabilitate land and water resources that have been degraded; and
- (d) seeks to support sustainable primary and other economic production systems with particular reference to the value of agriculture and mining activities to the economy of the State; and
- (e) provides for the prevention or control of impacts caused by pest species of animals and plants that may have an adverse effect on the environment, primary production or the community; and
- (f) promotes educational initiatives and provides support mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to be involved in the management of natural resources.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE ACT

The Act is under the control of the Minister administering the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

### FUNCTION OF THE ALINYTJARA WILURARA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Section 29 of the Natural Resources Management Act describes the functions of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board.

- (1) The functions of a regional NRM board are—

- (a) to undertake an active role with respect to the management of natural resources within its region; and
  - (b) —
    - (i) to prepare a regional NRM plan in accordance with this Act; and
    - (ii) to implement that plan; and
    - (iii) to keep the plan under review to ensure that the objects of this Act are being achieved; and
  - (c) to promote public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its region, to undertake or support educational initiatives with respect to natural resources management, and to provide mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources; and
  - (d) to provide advice with respect to the assessment of various activities or proposals referred to the board under this or any other Act; and
  - (e) to resolve any issues that may arise between any NRM groups that are relevant to the management of natural resources within its region; and
  - (f) at the request of the Minister or the NRM Council, or on its own initiative, to provide advice on any matter relevant to the condition of natural resources within its region, or on the management of those resources, to conduct any inquiry or audit, or to provide any other advice or report that may be appropriate in the circumstances; and
  - (g) such other functions assigned to the board by the Minister or by or under this or any other Act.
- (2) To avoid doubt, a regional NRM board may act with respect to a particular matter despite the fact that the matter may not fall within the scope of its regional NRM plan.
- (3) However, if a regional NRM board acts with respect to a particular matter in the circumstances described in subsection (2), the board must furnish a report on the matter to the Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament (unless the matter is not, in the opinion of the board, significant).
- (4) In performing its functions, a regional NRM board should (as far as is reasonably practicable) seek to work collaboratively with—
- (a) the other regional NRM boards whose regions adjoin the region of the board; and
  - (b) other State agencies, agencies of the Commonwealth, and agencies of the other States and Territories, that have functions that are relevant to those of the board; and
  - (c) NRM groups with areas that fall (wholly or partially) within the region of the board; and

- (d) the constituent councils for the region, and other councils as may be relevant; and
  - (e) relevant industry, environment and community groups and organisations; and
  - (f) persons who own or occupy land within the region of the board (insofar as may be relevant).
- (5) A regional NRM board will, with respect to the performance of its functions, report to the Minister.
- (6) If the Minister assigns a function to a regional NRM board under subsection (1)—
- (a) the Minister must furnish a report on the matter to the Natural Resources Committee of the Parliament; and
  - (b) the regional NRM board must cause a statement of the fact of the assignment to be published in its next annual report.

## MEMBERSHIP

Section 25 of the Natural Resources Management Act provides for the appointment of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board.

The Board comprises 9 members, appointed by the Governor on the recommendation of the Minister. The presiding Member, Charles Jackson was appointed on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2004. The other members of the Board are also listed below. Each of the appointed members of the Board is a person who, in the opinion of the Minister, meets the standards stipulated by section 25 (4) of the Natural Resources Management Act for the appointment of members.

The current membership of the Board and appointment conditions are detailed below.

### Presiding Member

Charles Jackson	Appointed 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2004 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2008
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### Members

<b>Frank Young</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008</b>
<b>Marilyn AhChee</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008</b>
<b>George Cooley</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008</b>
<b>Fabian Peel</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007</b>
<b>Jeffrey Queama</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007</b>
<b>Hugie Windlass</b>	<b>Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007</b>

**Debra Haseldine**

**Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**

**Donald Fraser**

**Appointed 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2005 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007**

No meetings were held to June 30th 2005.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS 2004-05**

Significant achievements by the Board in 2004-05 included:

### **REPORTS FROM THE ALINYTJARA WILURARA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board has not met to 30th June 2005 because the membership was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

During this period the Presiding Member performed the functions of the Board. The highlights of the Presiding Member's responsibilities were:

- Conducting negotiations with all major landholding authorities regarding nominations for the AW Board
- Attending Board Presiding Member meetings and training sessions
- Completed the 2005-2008 Investment Strategy
- Presentation of the 2005-2008 Investment Strategy to State Assessment Panel and Joint Steering Committee
- Presentation to the State Landcare Conference on Indigenous engagement
- Participated in selection panel for the Region's Monitoring and Evaluation Officer
- Attended the Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference in Alice Springs
- Finalised the Regional Options Paper for the AW Region.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTED BY BOARD**

Nil

## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **STATEMENT OF FACT FOR SIGNIFICANT MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVES**

The Board did not receive any significant Ministerial Directives in 2004-05.

## STATEMENT OF FACT FOR SIGNIFICANT FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED BY MINISTER

The Board was not assigned any significant functions by the Minister in 2004-05.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

Section 38 of the Natural Resources Management Act requires that the Minister must cause a report to be prepared annually setting out the following information:

- (1) A regional NRM board must, on or before 31 October in every year, provide to the NRM Council a report on its activities for the financial year ending on the preceding 30 June (and need not provide a report under section 6A of the *Public Sector Management Act 1995*).
- (2) The report must—
  - (a) include an assessment of the extent to which the regional NRM board has succeeded in implementing its regional NRM plan; and
  - (b) include the audited accounts and financial statements of the regional NRM board; and
  - (c) be accompanied by the annual reports of the NRM groups within its region; and
  - (d) include other information required by or under this Act or the regulations.

## SPECIFIC REPORTS

Section 39 of the Natural Resources Management Act states that:

- (1) The Minister or the NRM Council may, by written notice to a regional NRM board, require the board to provide to the Minister or the NRM Council, within a period stated in the notice or at stated intervals, any report or reports relating to the performance, exercise or discharge of its functions, powers or responsibilities, as the Minister or the NRM Council (as the case may be) thinks fit.
- (2) If a requirement is imposed under subsection (1), the regional NRM board must cause a statement of the fact of the imposition of the requirement to be published in its next annual report.

## HUMAN RESOURCE MATTERS

### HUMAN RESOURCES

Members of the Board received the following remuneration:

- Presiding Member: \$190 per four-hour session. The Presiding Member also receives an annual allowance/retainer as part of the remuneration package.

- Member: \$160 per four-hour session.

Employees of the Board:

The Board had no employees to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005

## **ENTITIES OF THE BOARD**

No regional Groups or Committee were in place during the reporting period.

## **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

### **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS**

The gender balance of the Board is always taken into consideration when members are appointed. Within the reporting period, the Board consisted of 7 male and 2 female members.

The members of the Board are aware of and abide by their obligations under the *State Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.

## **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

### **FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE BOARD**

The Department for Water Land and Biodiversity Conservation assumed responsibility for ensuring that the Board's financial report was prepared in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia. The report is free of material misstatements, including omissions. To the best of our knowledge and belief, all relevant representations were made to the Auditor-General during the audit, including all financial records and related data, other information, explanations and assistance necessary for the conduct of the audit, including minutes of any relevant meetings, where applicable.

## **FRAUD**

### **DETECTION OF FRAUD**

It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Board.

## **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND INJURY MANAGEMENT**

### **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE**

There were no incidences reported by the Board in the reporting period.

The Board is aware of and abides by OHS&W policies.

There were no staff employed during the reporting period

## **CONSULTANTS**

### **USE OF CONSULTANTS**

The Board did not engage any consultants in the reporting period.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

### **STAFFING**

The Board did not employ staff during the reporting period.

### **FINANCE**

The costs associated with the administration of the Board are met from within the existing resources of DWLBC. Members are paid sitting fees in accordance with the determination from the Commissioner for Public Employment. Financial details are included in the audited financial statements.

### **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

It is declared that no member of the Board travelled overseas on the business of the Board during the reporting period.

### **CONTRACTURAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Board did not enter any contractual arrangements exceeding \$4 million in value during the reporting period.

### **ACCOUNT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE**

DWLBC provides administrative resources for processing account payments for the Board. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DWLBC Annual Report 2004-05.

### **DISABILITY ACTION PLANS**

The members of the Board are aware of and abide by their obligations under the Commonwealth *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the State *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY ACTION PLAN REPORTS**

The Board did not own or lease buildings or vehicles during the reporting period and therefore there are no energy efficiency issues to report.

### **URBAN DESIGN CHARTER**

The organisation does not own a building.

## **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

The organisation is not housed in a Government owned building.

## **RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

The Board would like to acknowledge the land on which it meets (when the Board meets in Adelaide) is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and that it respects their spiritual relationship with their country. The Board also acknowledges the Kurna people as the custodians of the greater Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today.

In fulfilling its functions, the Board is cognisant of the cultural and natural heritage of traditional owners and strives to achieve positive outcomes wherever these matters are concerned.

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

The Board has not met as of the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005. It has generated minimum documentation. This documentation is available to the public for viewing at 321 Goodwood Road, Kings Park SA. During 2004-05 there were no applications for information under the Freedom of Information Act 1991.

## **REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENT**

No Regional Impact Assessment Statements were undertaken by the Board in 2004-05.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Board appreciates the support and encouragement it has received over the past year from the Minister for Environment and Conservation, Hon John Hill MP, and staff from the Department of Water, Land & Biodiversity Conservation.





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Dear Mr Jackson,

**2004-05 Audit**

The audit of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) for the year ended 30 June 2005 has been completed. The scope of the audit covered major accounting functions associated with the Board including the test verification of financial transactions processed and recorded during the year. The results of the audit were generally satisfactory.

Please find returned herewith the financial statements of the Board for the year ended 30 June 2005, together with my unqualified Independent Audit Report.

Yours sincerely

K I MacPherson  
**AUDITOR-GENERAL**

**AG****Auditor-General's  
Department**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT**

### **TO THE PRESIDING MEMBER ALINYTJARA WILURARA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

#### **SCOPE**

In accordance with the provisions of section 33 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and section 37 (2) of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, I have audited the financial report of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board for the financial year ended 30 June 2005. The financial report comprises:

- Statement of Financial Performance;
- Statement of Financial Position;
- A Statement of Cash Flows;
- Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements;
- Certificate by the Presiding Member of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board and the Chief Finance Officer of the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation.

The Members of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board are responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the Presiding Member.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement.

Audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board's financial position, the results of its operations and its cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### **AUDIT OPINION**

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements in Australia, the financial position of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board as at 30 June 2005, the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended.

**21 December 2005**

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**K I MacPHERSON  
AUDITOR-GENERAL**

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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE  
For the Year ended 30 June 2005**

	<i>Note</i>	2005 \$
<b>Expenses from Ordinary activities</b>		
Service Level Agreement	3	39,442
Board Fees and Expenses	4	11,615
Supplies and Services	5	23,696
<b>Total Expenses from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>74,753</b>
<b>Revenue from Ordinary Activities</b>		
		0
<b>Total Revenues from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Net Cost of Services from Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>(74,753)</b>
<b>Revenue from/ Payments to SA Government</b>		
Grants received		103,018
<b>Net revenue from SA Government</b>		<b>103,018</b>
<b>Net Result from Ordinary Activity</b>		<b>28,265</b>
<b>Total Changes in Equity other than those Resulting from Transactions with SA Government as Owner</b>		<b>28,265</b>

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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
For the Year ended 30 June 2005

	<i>Note</i>	2005 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash		0
Prepaid expenses		28,265
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>28,265</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
		0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Accumulated surplus		28,265
<b>Total Equity</b>	<i>6</i>	<b>28,265</b>
Commitment for expenditure		0
Contingent Assets and Liabilities		0

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NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the Year ended 30 June 2005**

	<i>Note</i>	2005 \$
<b>Funds held at 1 July</b>		0
<b>Cash outflows from Operating Activities</b>		
Service Level Agreement		67,707
Board Fees and Expenses		11,615
Supplies and Services		23,696
<b>Total Outflows from Operating Activities</b>		<u>103,018</u>
<b>Cash inflows from Operating Activities</b>		
		0
<b>Total inflows from Operating Activities</b>		<u>0</u>
<b>Net cash flow from Ordinary Activities</b>	9	<u>(103,018)</u>
<b>Cash flows from SA Government</b>		
Grants received		103,018
<b>Net cash flow from SA Government</b>		<u>103,018</u>
<b>Net cash flow</b>		<u>0</u>
<b>Funds held at 30 June</b>		0

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## NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. Board Objectives

#### (a) Establishment of the Board

The Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) was established pursuant to the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* (the NRM Act) on 9 December 2004. The Board is a body corporate. For details of events occurring after the reporting date please refer to note 10.

#### (b) Board's Objectives

The objectives of the Board are to undertake an active role with respect to the management of natural resources within its region, to prepare and implement a Regional Natural Resources Management Plan and review that Plan to ensure that the objectives of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* are being achieved.

In addition, the Board promotes public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its region, undertakes and supports educational initiatives with respect to natural resources management and provides mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources.

The Board provides advice on any matter relevant to the condition or management of natural resources within its region and can conduct any inquiry or audit with regard to those natural resources.

The principal source of funds for the Board during the 2004-05 year has been monies appropriated by Parliament to the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation for establishment of the Board and transition to the new integrated structure for the management of the State's natural resources.

### 2. Statement of Accounting Policy

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with applicable Australian Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and the Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements issued pursuant to the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. The accounts are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using historical cost accounting, which does not take into account changing money values.

Australia will be adopting Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (AIFRS) for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2005. The Board will adopt these standards for the first time in the published financial report for the year ended 30 June 2006. The introduction of the AIFRS will have no material effect on the financial report.

### 3. Service Level Agreement

The Board paid \$67,707 for the provision of services. These services are administrative in nature and included the provision of an Executive Support Officer. \$28,265 of the amount paid relates to the 2005-06 year.

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**4. Board Fees and Expenses**

	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Board fees	11,159
Other	456
Total	<u>11,615</u>

**5. Supplies and Services**

	<b>2005</b>
	<b>\$</b>
Travel	11,765
Accommodation	4,598
Training	6,124
Printing	1,093
Other	116
Total	<u>23,696</u>

**6. Equity**

Pending the formal wind-up of existing Prescribed Bodies during the 2005-06 year, it is expected that the Board will be the recipient of a transfer of net assets. At balance sheet date, no transfers had taken place.

**7. Auditors' Remuneration**

Audit fees for the Board are initially payable by the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation.

**8. Board Members**

The following are members of the Board who have served during the course of the reporting period:

Charles Jackson  
Frank Young  
Marilyn Ah Chee  
George Cooley  
Fabien Peel  
Jeffrey Queama  
Hughie Windlass  
Debra Haseldine  
Donald Fraser

Aggregate Board Fees and superannuation received or receivable by members of the Board amounted to \$6,825.

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The number of Board members included in the above figures are shown in their relevant Board Fees and superannuation bands:

	Number of Board Members
\$ Nil	8
\$1 to \$9,999	1
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**9. Cash Flow Reconciliation**

Reconciliation of Net Cash used in Operating Activities to Net Cost of Services:

Net cash used in operating activities	<b>(103,018)</b>
Cash flows from Government	(103,018)
Changes in Assets/Liabilities:	
Increase in prepaid expenses	28,265
Net Result from Ordinary Activities	<b>28,265</b>

**10. Events Occurring after Reporting Date**

A number of the prescribed bodies (as defined in Schedule 4, Part 18 of the NRM Act) will be dissolved during 2005-06 and any assets, liabilities and equity of these prescribed bodies will be transferred to the NRM Board in accordance with the NRM Act.

It is expected that the revenue, expenditure and cash flows of the NRM Board will be materially higher during 2005-06 due to the absorption of prescribed bodies (referred to above), the functioning of the Board for a full financial year and the increase in activity as the Board moves towards full operation.

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## Certification of the Financial Report

We certify that:

- (a) the financial statements are in accordance with the accounts and records of the Board and give an accurate indication of the financial transactions of the Board for the year then ended;
- (b) as presenting fairly, in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions promulgated under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of the entity as at the reporting date and the result of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended; and
- (c) that internal controls over financial reporting have been effective throughout the reporting period.



George Knezevic  
Chief Finance Officer  
Department of Water, Land  
and Biodiversity Conservation



Charlie Jackson  
Presiding Member  
Alinytjara Wilurara  
Natural Resources Management  
Board