

Adelaide River water advisory committee: summary of out-of-session meeting 2

Date: 16 July 2025

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Tanami Room, Ground Floor Goyder Centre, 25 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston

Attendance			
Initials	Name	Position and representation	Notes
Chair	Darryl Day	Independent chair	
CL	Cherrian Luxton	Member, Community	
CJ	Christine Jenner	Member, Aboriginal, community, environment	
DC	David Ciaravolo	Member, Community, tourism or recreation	
DG	David Gray	Member, Agriculture	
PG	Phillip Goodman	Member, Aboriginal	
PS	Peter Shappert	Member, Agriculture, tourism or recreation	
TK	Tarizma Kenyon	Member, Aboriginal	
ID	Imogen Dexter	Anthropologist, Northern Land Council	
DLPE staff			
PH	Phillipa Hunter	Director, Water Management	
CP	Chris Parker	Engagement Officer	
TNT	Toni Thomson	Engagement Officer	
Apologies			
Initials	Name	Position and representation	Notes
DGY	David George Yates	Member, Aboriginal	Apology
DY	Denzel Yates	Member, Aboriginal	Non-attendance
JH	Jeffrey Hudlestone	Member, Aboriginal	Non-attendance
JG	Jacqueline Goodman	Member, Aboriginal	Apology
KT	Kathleen Thomsen	Member, Aboriginal	Apology
PhY	Phillip Yates	Member, Aboriginal	Non-attendance
PY	Petrina Yates	Member, Aboriginal	Non-attendance

1. Meeting opening and attendance

Meeting commenced at 1:30pm.

1.1 Welcome, acknowledgement of country, meeting purpose and evaluation nominee

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Chair acknowledged country and traditional custodians.

Chair confirmed the agenda.

2. Matters for noting and discussion

2.1 Northern Land Council Cultural Values report

In 2022, Water Resources Division and the Northern Land Council (NLC) co-designed an Aboriginal cultural water assessment project to support the Adelaide River Water Allocation Plan. The project aimed to identify water-related Aboriginal cultural sites and values to be incorporated into the water plan. In March 2024, Department of Lands, Planning and Environment engaged NLC to deliver an Aboriginal Cultural Water Assessment Project. Further co-design of the project was concluded in August 2024.

At the Adelaide River water advisory committee out-of-session meeting on 18 June 2025, the committee agreed an out-of-session meeting would be suitable to communicate/discuss the NLC Aboriginal Cultural Water Assessment Project report in detail. The confidential DLPE version of the report was finalised on 2 July 2025, outlining Aboriginal cultural water values in the Adelaide River catchment area.

The out-of-session meeting was held on 16 July 2025 in Palmerston. The NLC cultural values report author, Senior Anthropologist Imogen Dexter, presented her study and final report to the committee. The NLC advised that a public facing version of the report, with sensitive and confidential information removed, would be finalised in the coming months. The committee appreciated the opportunity to speak with the NLC about the study and report. The committee appreciated the identification of the tangible places to be protected under the water plan, while also appreciating the intangibles of the catchment's values for Aboriginal people.

2.2 Items for third out-of-session meeting

The committee requested a third out-of-session meeting to:

- Discuss the plan implementation actions after considering the NLC report recommendations
- Finalise the wording of the committee's water plan values statement
- Understand the volume of water Power and Water/Department of Logistics and Infrastructure anticipate will comprise their water licence for the Adelaide River Offstream Water Storage (AROWS)

Closing comments

The chair thanked everyone for their contribution.

Meeting closed at 3:30pm

Update of committee membership

The Adelaide River water advisory committee was appointed in July 2024 for a term of 4 years. After one year of involvement in the plan, the Minister has revised the committee membership, in line with the committee's Terms of Reference.

The Minister thanks the departing members for their contribution and welcomes new member, Selena Perrett. The revised membership will continue for the remainder of the committee's appointment, to 2028, with responsibilities including providing advice on the development and implementation of the Adelaide River water allocation plan.