



# BOARD COMMUNIQUE MEETING NO. 2019-4, 2019-5 and AGM HELD ON 29 NOVEMBER 2019

## Board Matters


1. In accordance with the Nominations and Appointment Policy and specific requirements under the relevant constitutions, the board approved the appointment of directors to the Federation Enterprises board and the First Nations Legal & Research Services board.
  - Graham Atkinson, Alex Burns and Marcus Stewart as Managing Director were appointed to the board of Federation Enterprises.
  - Ken Stewart, Eileen Alberts, Paul Paton, Ron Briggs, Drew Berick, Stewart Taylor and Jesse Williams were appointed to the board of First Nations Legal & Research Services.
2. The Federation Board unanimously appointed Jason Mifsud as the Chair of the Federation for another term of one year.

## Corporate Matters

### 3. CEO Report

The report from the CEO included updates on:

- key work areas including progress and support for Treaty, First Principles Review, NRM strategies (noting the Traditional Owner-led engagement on TO Game Management Strategy, Cultural Fire Strategy, Sea Country Planning, Cultural Landscapes strategy), developing nation building activity and the recent Local Government Bill which includes specific reference to Traditional Owner interests.
- a refresh of the Federation's current Strategic Plan for which is due to be completed by April 2020, and the operational changes to reflect the emerging focus on the four strategic pillars: Advocacy, Nation Building, Accountability, Knowledge Sharing.



An update on the First Principles Review (FPR) in relation to the Traditional Owner Settlement Act highlighted:

- the Terms of Reference enable an inclusive approach, establishing decision-making processes,
- agreement that the review would not be used to hold up any negotiations with groups, and that the Traditional Owner representatives would lead papers to take to a forum with the State.
- Key initial work areas include how to better recognise the Timber Creek case, mining shared benefits, economic development package and procurement.
- An initial FPR meeting of Traditional Owner representatives was held on 5-6 August 2019, with the next meeting scheduled for 19 December 2019. The FPR would be a 12-month review process.

#### 4. Finance Report

- The finance report was noted by the directors. The Federation remains financially sustainable.

### **AGM**

#### 5. The Federation AGM was held on 29 November 2019.

At the Federation's AGM members approved two amendments to the Constitution:

- removing the Deputy Chair position;
- including the automatic ineligibility to be or become a director while a person is subject to serious criminal charges.

The draft annual report was presented to the board for consideration and the board re-appointed PwC as the Federation's auditor.

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