

# Expression of Interest

## Chair

### Gondwana Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee

Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage area



#### About this role

The Gondwana Rainforests Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee (the Committee) will provide advice on matters relating to the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations of the outstanding universal values of the Gondwana Rainforests.

The Gondwana Rainforests Technical and Scientific Advisory Committee will provide advice to the managing agencies, the Gondwana Rainforests Management Committee, the Australian, New South Wales and Queensland Government ministers responsible for world heritage matters and the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee as requested or of its own volition.

Matters for consideration will include:

- the scientific basis for protecting the outstanding universal value of the property
- the scientific basis of management principles and practices
- appropriate monitoring approaches and priorities
- scientific research priorities
- the appropriateness of research funded by agencies in terms of scope, quality and relevance to the management of the property.

The World Heritage Convention is a primary influence on the work of the Committee. This calls on State Parties to ensure the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations, of World Heritage properties. The World Heritage Convention also encourages State Parties to ensure that cultural and natural heritage has a function in the life of the community.

The Chair may also represent Gondwana Rainforests on the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee (AWHAC), which will consider national and cross-cutting issues relevant to all World Heritage properties in Australia.

The Chair will be jointly appointed by the Australian, New South Wales and Queensland ministers responsible for world heritage.

Other members will be jointly appointed by the New South Wales and Queensland ministers responsible for world heritage.

## **Selection criteria**

Candidates for appointment must possess qualifications or extensive experience in the operation of committees:

- familiarity with, and demonstrated interest in, the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area
- demonstrated expertise and experience in the operation of scientific advisory bodies
- familiarity with Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention.

## **Duties of the role include**

- chairing meetings in accordance with formal meeting protocols
- speaking on behalf of the committee
- maintaining adherence to the code of conduct at meetings
- providing advice to the management agencies and State and Australian Government ministers responsible for world heritage, on matters relating to the identification, protection, conservation, presentation and transmission to future generations, of the cultural and natural heritage from the viewpoint of the community.
- identifying research priorities that will contribute, in particular, to the protection and conservation of the outstanding universal value of the Gondwana Rainforests World Heritage Area
- have regard for the tradition of Aboriginal people's rights and aspirations for the Gondwana Rainforests World Heritage Area
- represent the advisory committee on the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee (AWHAC).

Please refer to the specific Terms of Reference and Operational Guidelines for the Committee for further information.

## **How to apply**

Please complete the cover sheet and provide a brief application of a maximum of one page addressing the selection criteria and a current resume including two referees and

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## **Further information**

Find out more by reading through the Terms of Reference at [www.ehp.qld.gov.au](http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au)

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Closing date for expressions of interest is by **5pm on 2 November 2015**.