

Public Notice

AUSTRALIAN FOSSIL MAMMAL SITES (RIVERSLEIGH SECTION) WORLD HERITAGE AREA



Community and Scientific Advisory Committee

Expression of Interest for Members and a Chairperson

The Queensland Government is appointing the Riversleigh Community and Scientific Advisory Committee (RCSAC) for the Riversleigh section of the Australian Fossil Mammal Sites World Heritage Area (AFMS WHA) for a three-year period. Riversleigh is managed by the Department of Environment and Resource Management's Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS).

Situated 285 kilometres north-west of Mount Isa, Riversleigh is one of the richest fossil mammal sites in the world with fossil records dating back to the oligo-miocene period (15–20 million years).

The role of the Community and Scientific Advisory Committee will be to advise QPWS and federal and state ministers, on matters relating to the protection, conservation, presentation and management of the Riversleigh AFMS WHA and on issues referred for expert consideration and/or scientific research.

The Riversleigh Community and Scientific Advisory Committee will have up to 12 members including an independent chairperson. Selection will be based on a candidate's:

- a) familiarity with, and demonstrated interest in, the Riversleigh AFMS WHA
- b) qualifications, experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas: traditional owners, local government, palaeontology or other research relevant to Riversleigh, outback tourism, tour operators, natural resource management, and local community including neighbours
- c) familiarity with Australia's obligations under the World Heritage Convention.

Expressions of interest for members and the chairperson, based on the above selection criteria, are invited from suitably qualified individuals. For an application form and the terms of reference, please contact the Riversleigh WHA Executive Officer by writing to PO Box 5597, Townsville Qld 4810, emailing world.heritage@derm.qld.gov.au or phoning (07) 4796 7782 or (07) 3330 5395.

Completed forms must be received by 28 February 2011.

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