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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975 amendments

Note: these amendments will come into effect upon proclamation by the Governor-General.

1. On 5 March 2018 the Governor-General gave Royal Assent to a Bill which makes amendments to the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* to implement a new governance model. Under the new governance model, the Authority will consist of up to seven members including:
 - a. an independent part-time Chairperson of integrity, national credibility and standing who would not be perceived as representing a Reef interest group;
 - b. a full-time CEO; and
 - c. five other part-time members including continuation of at least one member who must be an Indigenous person with significant knowledge or experience in Indigenous matters relating to the Marine Park and at least one member who must have significant knowledge or tourism expertise associated with the Marine Park. One member will also continue to be nominated by the Queensland Government.
2. The amendments introduce new provisions that seek to reduce the potential for conflicts of interest. The amendments provide that a person is not eligible for appointment to the Authority if they are a member of a governing body of a relevant interest group.
 - a. A relevant interest group is one that represents one or more groups of people who:
 - i. are directly involved in advocating views in relation to the management of the Marine Park; or
 - ii. use the Marine Park for commercial purposes.
 - b. The Authority manages the Marine Park, including through issuing permits and developing zoning plans and plans of management which affect what particular individuals or organisations are permitted to do within the Marine Park.
3. It would be inappropriate for a person to be a member of the Authority if that person's work or public occupation involves lobbying or advocating policy or actions to governments that are clearly intended for specific benefits for themselves, or their organisation. However an individual is eligible for appointment if they are merely a member of a relevant interest group and not involved in the management of that entity.
4. The amendments also prevent appointees from undertaking paid work that is in conflict with their duties as a member of the Authority. For example, if a person receives income for undertaking activities which are regulated by the Authority, it would not be appropriate for them to make decisions relating to the regulation of such activities.

GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY

Current Board Members

Name	Appointment	Category
Dr Russell Reichelt Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer	1 November 2007 to 31 October 2018* <i>*to cease upon appointment of new Chairperson</i>	General - qualifications or extensive experience in a field related to the functions of the Authority <i>Marine science / fisheries research and management / oceans policy / public sector governance</i>
Margie McKenzie Board member	22 June 2018 to 21 June 2023 <i>16 May 2013 to 15 May 2018</i>	Knowledge of or experience in the tourism industry associated with the Marine Park
Dave Stewart Board member	23 July 2015 to 22 July 2023	Appointed on nomination of the Queensland Government
Melissa George Board member	29 August 2008 to 21 November 2018	Indigenous person with knowledge of, or experience concerning, indigenous issues relating to the Marine Park
Prof Emma Johnston Board member	5 May 2016 to 4 May 2021	General - qualifications or extensive experience in a field related to the functions of the Authority <i>Science / Marine ecology and ecotoxicology</i>

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

PDR: MS18-900386

To: Minister for the Environment (For Decision)

GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY – PROCLAMATION OF LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Timing: 17 October 2018 to allow Federal Executive Council consideration on 25 October 2018

Recommendations:

1. That you sign and initial the package for the Federal Executive Council (**Attachments A, B and C**), which seeks to fix the commencement date for Schedule 1 to the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018*.
 - a. Sign (but not date) **Attachment A** in the bottom right corner above your name,
 - b. Sign (but not date) **Attachment B** in the bottom left corner above your name,
 - c. Initial **Attachment C** in the bottom right corner.

Signed / Not signed

2. That you sign and initial the package for the Federal Executive Council (**Attachments D, E and F**), which recommends appointment of Dr Ian Poiner as Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
 - a. Sign (but not date) **Attachment D** in the bottom right corner above your name,
 - b. Sign (but not date) **Attachment E** in the bottom left corner above your name,
 - c. Sign (but not date) **Attachment F** in the certification box and initial all four pages in the bottom right corner.

Signed / Not signed

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Minister:

Date:

Comments:

Clearing Officer: Sent 12/10/2018	Deb Callister	Assistant Secretary, Reef Branch	Ph: 02 6275 9424 Mob: s22
Contact Officer:	s22	Acting Director, Reef 2050 Section	Ph: 02 6274 s22 Mob: s22

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Key Points:

1. The *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018* introduced a new governance model for the Authority. This includes separating the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer roles currently held by Dr Russell Reichelt into two positions, creating an additional part-time Board member position and introducing new provisions to reduce the potential for conflicts of interest.
2. The final step for this Act to become operational is proclamation of the commencement of Schedule 1 (the Board governance components) by the Governor-General. Appointment of a Chairperson and an acting Chief Executive Officer is then required to fill the resulting leadership positions. The proposed commencement date for Schedule 1 and these appointments is 29 October 2018. This date has been agreed by Dr Reichelt and Dr Poiner.

3. s34(1)(c)

4. The Federal Executive Council minute at **Attachment A** proposes proclamation of the commencement of Schedule 1 of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018*, to take effect on 29 October 2018. The proclamation instrument is at **Attachment B** and the explanatory memorandum for this item is at **Attachment C**.
5. The Federal Executive Council minute at **Attachment D** proposes the appointment of Dr Poiner as Chairperson of the Authority for a period of four years and six months, commencing on 29 October 2018. The appointment instrument is at **Attachment E** and the explanatory memorandum for this item is at **Attachment F**.
 - a. By signing these documents you are certifying to the Governor-General that Dr Poiner has significant knowledge and experience in marine science and that he is not a member of a governing body of a relevant interest group, as defined by s10(9) of the amended *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* which will take effect on 29 October 2018.
 - i. The Department has been unable to find anything that clearly establishes that Dr Poiner would be ineligible for appointment as a part-time member once the amended Act commences. Refer also paragraph 9 of this brief.
6. The Federal Executive Council will consider these items on 25 October 2018. Final papers for this meeting must be submitted by 18 October 2018.

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Sensitivities and Handling

8. New provisions to reduce the potential for conflict of interest in the Authority will come into force with commencement of Schedule 1 of the Act. A person will not be eligible to be appointed to the Authority's board if he or she is involved in managing a 'relevant interest group' for the Reef (s10(9)) which is also an ongoing requirement (s15B). In addition, the Chairperson and other part-time members must not undertake any other paid work that, in your opinion, conflicts or could conflict with the proper performance of their duties (s15A).

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9. Any perceived conflicts associated with Dr Poiner's prior roles will be actively managed. Dr Poiner has indicated that he will publicly announce his intention to resign from his current role as Chair of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre if he is appointed as Chairperson of the Authority. This is anticipated to take effect in early November 2018, after the Centre's next Annual General Meeting.

a. The Centre receives funding from the Authority for the crown-of-thorns starfish control program and from the Department for advice on Reef 2050 Plan matters. This presents a potential for criticism of Dr Poiner on perceived conflicts – which he will need to actively manage.

Paragraph 9.b. is subject to legal professional privilege. Its contents should not be disclosed to or discussed with third parties.

b. s42

10. s22 - material irrelevant to scope

11. Upon appointment of Dr Poiner as the new Chairperson, Dr Reichelt's appointment as Chairperson will cease. The Department will provide a draft media release to announce the changes.

a. Letters to the new Chairperson, acting Chief Executive Officer and Dr Reichelt will be provided for your signature following the Federal Executive Council meeting on 25 October 2018 (MS18-900431).

Consultation: YES

12. The Department's General Counsel Branch was consulted, and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and Corporate Strategies Division provided advice, in the preparation of this brief. The Federal Executive Council Secretariat was also consulted.

ATTACHMENTS

- A:** Minute Paper for the Federal Executive Council – Proclamation
- B:** Instrument for the Federal Executive Council – Proclamation
- C:** Explanatory Memorandum for the Federal Executive Council – Proclamation
- D:** Minute Paper for the Federal Executive Council – Dr Ian Poiner
- E:** Instrument for the Federal Executive Council – Dr Ian Poiner
- F:** Explanatory Memorandum for the Federal Executive Council – Dr Ian Poiner
- G:** s22 - material irrelevant to scope



MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Departmental No.

Minute Paper for the Executive Council

Executive Council
Meeting No.

Subject

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority –
Part-time Chairperson – Appointment 2018

Approved in Council

Recommended for the approval of His Excellency the Governor-General in Council that, by instrument in the attached form and under subsection 10(2) of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*, he appoint Dr Ian Poiner to be the part-time Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for a period of four years and six months, beginning on 29 October 2018.

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Peter Cosgrove
Governor-General

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of the Council

Melissa Price
Minister for the Environment

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Secretary to the Executive Council



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – Part-time Chairperson - Appointment 2018

I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and under subsection 10(2) of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*, appoint Dr Ian Poiner as the part-time Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for a period of four years and six months beginning on 29 October 2018.

Dated 2018

Peter Cosgrove
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Melissa Price
Minister for the Environment

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Minute No. _____ of 2018 - Minister for the Environment

Subject - *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*

*Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – Part-time Chairperson –
Appointment 2018*

The *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* (the Act) establishes the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (the Authority), which is responsible for the management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (the Marine Park). Its key functions are to advise and make recommendations to the Minister in relation to care and development of the Marine Park; develop zoning plans and plans of management; manage the Marine Park collaboratively with the Queensland Government; conduct research; and provide education, advisory and information services.

Schedule 1 to the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018* (the amendment Act) amends the Act to replace the existing full-time Chairperson position with a part-time Chairperson and full-time Chief Executive Officer, and creates one additional part-time Board member position. A separate minute to the Executive Council recommends a proclamation be made fixing 29 October 2018 as the date on which this Schedule commences.

Subsection 10(2) of the Act, as amended, provides that the Chairperson and members, other than the Chief Executive Officer, shall be appointed as part-time members by the Governor-General.

Subsection 10(6) of the Act, as amended, provides that a member shall be a person with significant knowledge of, or significant expertise concerning, one or more of 10 fields related to the functions of the Authority. New section 10(9) of the Act provides that a person is not eligible for appointment as a part-time member of the Authority if, at the time of appointment, the person is a member of the governing body of a relevant interest group.

Subsection 11(1) of the Act, as amended, provides that a part-time member shall hold office for the period specified in the instrument of appointment, which must not exceed 5 years.

The Minute recommends the appointment of Dr Ian Poiner as Chairperson of the Authority for a period of four years and six months from 29 October 2018¹. The appointment would be made in accordance with section 4 of the *Acts Interpretation Act 1901* which enables the amended appointment power to be exercised in the period between the amendment Act receiving the Royal Assent (on 5 March 2018) and the commencement of Schedule 1. The proposed duration would stagger the expiration of Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer terms by approximately 12 months, which would support smooth transitions in future. The current full-time Chairperson is filled by an acting appointment of Dr Russell Reichelt, which will cease when a new Chairperson is appointed.

Dr Poiner is a highly respected marine scientist with international science credentials and experience with managing global programs. He has board leadership experience involving change management and complex stakeholder relationships. He has a long history of involvement in Great Barrier Reef science and conservation and a demonstrated ability to engage with local community and present credibly on the ecology of the Reef.

Dr Poiner's curriculum vitae is attached.

The Minute recommends that the appointment be made in the form proposed.

1) I certify for the purposes of:

- Subsection 10(6) of the Act that Dr Ian Poiner is suitably qualified for this appointment due to significant knowledge and experience in marine science; and
- Subsection 10(9) of the Act that Dr Ian Poiner is not a member of the governing body of a relevant interest group.

Minister for the Environment

Authority: Subsection 10(2) of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: Dr Ian Poiner FTSE

Address: s47F

Date of birth: 47F

Present position: Chair, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, Ltd

Educational and professional qualifications:

2003: International Executive Program, INSEAD, France

1991: Research Leadership, Institute of Management,
University of New South Wales

1975-80: BSc Hons 1A Zoology, PhD Zoology, University of
Queensland

Relevant experience: 2004-2011: CEO, Australian Institute of Marine Science

2001-2004: Deputy Chief Research, CSIRO Marine Research

1997-2001: Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO
Marine Research

1995-1997: Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO
Division of Fisheries

1989-95: Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Division of
Fisheries

1988-89, 1985-86: Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Division
of Fisheries

1987: Research Fellow, Botany Department, University of
British Columbia

1983-85: Research Scientist, CSIRO Division of Fisheries

1983: Environmental Consultant to the Australian
Government, Department of Transport and Construction

Current Board Memberships:

2016-2019: Chair, Australian and New Zealand International Ocean Discovery Program Consortium

2015-2019: Chair, CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Advisory Committee

2013-2019: Chair, Marine National Facility Steering Committee

2011-2018: Chair, Australia's Integrated Marine Observing System

Former Board Memberships:

2010-2011: Member, National Environmental Research Program, Tropical Ecosystem Hub Steering Committee, Australian Government

2010: Chair, Shen Neng 1 Grounding Scientific Advisory Panel, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

2007-2011: Member, National Environmental Research Program – Marine Biodiversity Hub Steering Committee, Australian Government

2005-2011: Member, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre Ltd.

2004-2011: Member, Great Barrier Reef Foundation – International Scientific Advisory Committee

2004-2011: Member, ARC Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies Advisory Board, James Cook University

Pre-2004: Member, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority Marine Protected Areas Scientific Advisory Committee

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

PDR: MS18-900431

To: Minister for the Environment (For Decision)

**GREAT BARRIER REEF MARINE PARK AUTHORITY – CHAIRPERSON AND ACTING
CEO LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT**

Timing: 26 October 2018 subject to a decision by the Federal Executive Council on 25 October 2018, to provide timely notification to appointees.

Recommendations:

- 1. That you sign the letters to Dr Ian Poiner (new Chairperson) and s22 - material irrelevant to scope [redacted], advising them of their appointments (**Attachments A** and **B**).

Signed / Not signed

- 2. s22 - material irrelevant to scope [redacted]

Signed / Not signed

Minister:

Date:

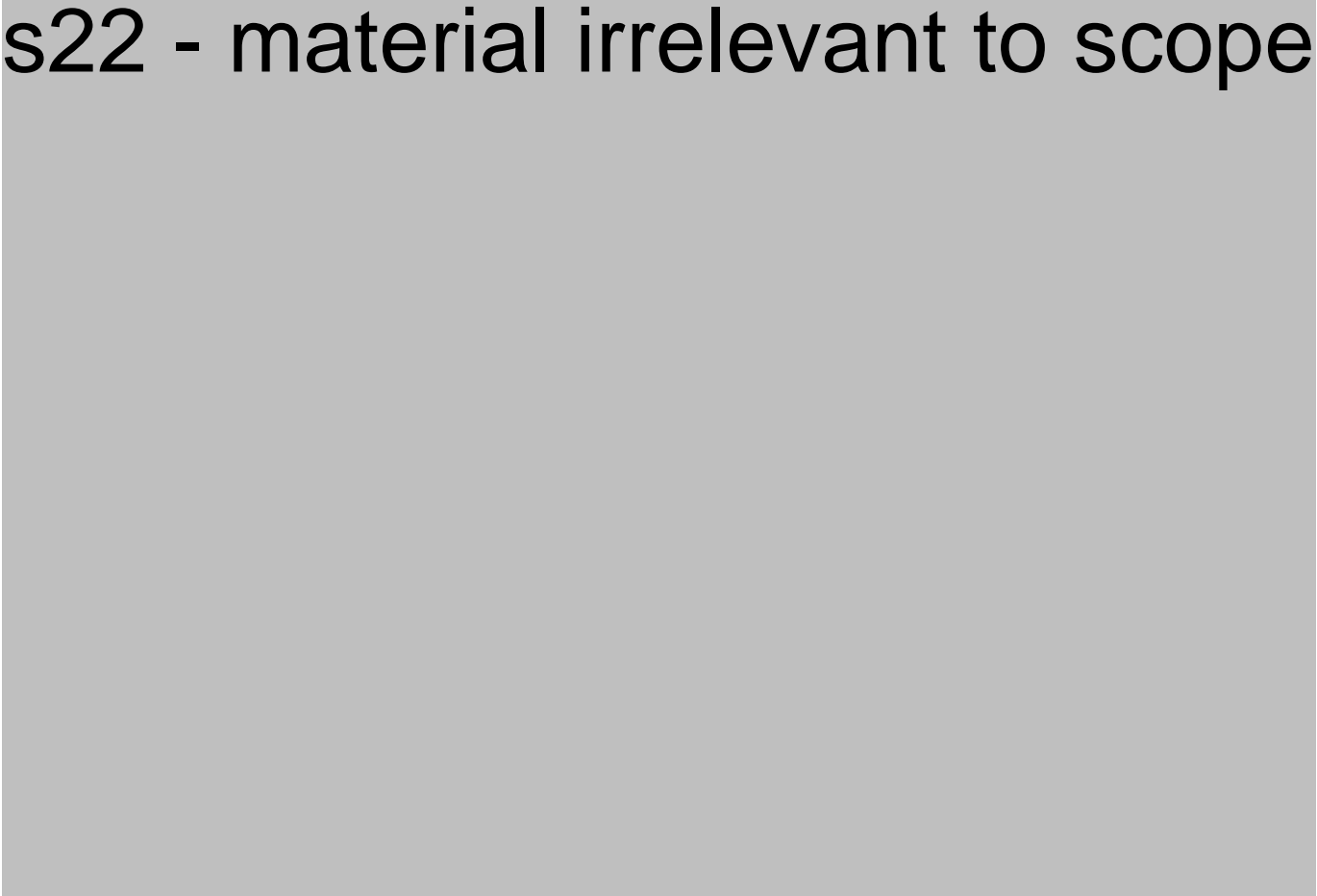
Comments:

Clearing Officer: Sent 18/10/2018	Deb Callister	Assistant Secretary, Reef Branch	Ph: 6275 9424 Mob: s22 [redacted]
Contact Officer:	s22 [redacted]	A/g Director, Reef 2050 Plan Section	Ph: 02 6274 s22 [redacted] Mob: s22 [redacted]

Key Points:

- 1. You have recommended that the Federal Executive Council endorse the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer appointments for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority at its meeting on 25 October 2018 (MS18-900386 refers).
- 2. This brief provides letters for your signature, subject to the Federal Executive Council agreeing to your recommendations, to the appointees Dr Ian Poiner (new Chairperson; **Attachment A**), s22 - material irrelevant to scope [redacted]
- 3. s22 - material irrelevant to scope [redacted]

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Consultation: YES

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority has been consulted in the preparation of this brief.

ATTACHMENTS

- A:** Letter to Dr Ian Poiner, Chairperson (for signature)
- B:** s22 - material irrelevant to scope
- C:** s22 - material irrelevant to scope
- D:** s22 - material irrelevant to scope
- E:** s22 - material irrelevant to scope



**THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

MS18-900431

Dr Ian Poiner
s47F

Dear Dr Poiner

I am pleased to advise that the Governor-General has appointed you as Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for a term of four years and six months, commencing on 29 October 2018. The instrument recording this decision is enclosed.

Your appointment coincides with the commencement of a new governance model for the Authority established by the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018*. This is a central part of the Australian Government's response to the 2017 Review of Governance of the Authority.

I will write to you separately outlining my expectations of the role of Chairperson, as well as functions and priorities during your tenure at a later date.

Your terms and conditions of appointment will be governed by the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* and the Remuneration Tribunal's determination for part-time office holders. Your official travel arrangements will be covered by the Tribunal's travel determination.

Congratulations on your appointment, and I look forward to working with you on the protection of the Great Barrier Reef.

Yours sincerely

MELISSA PRICE

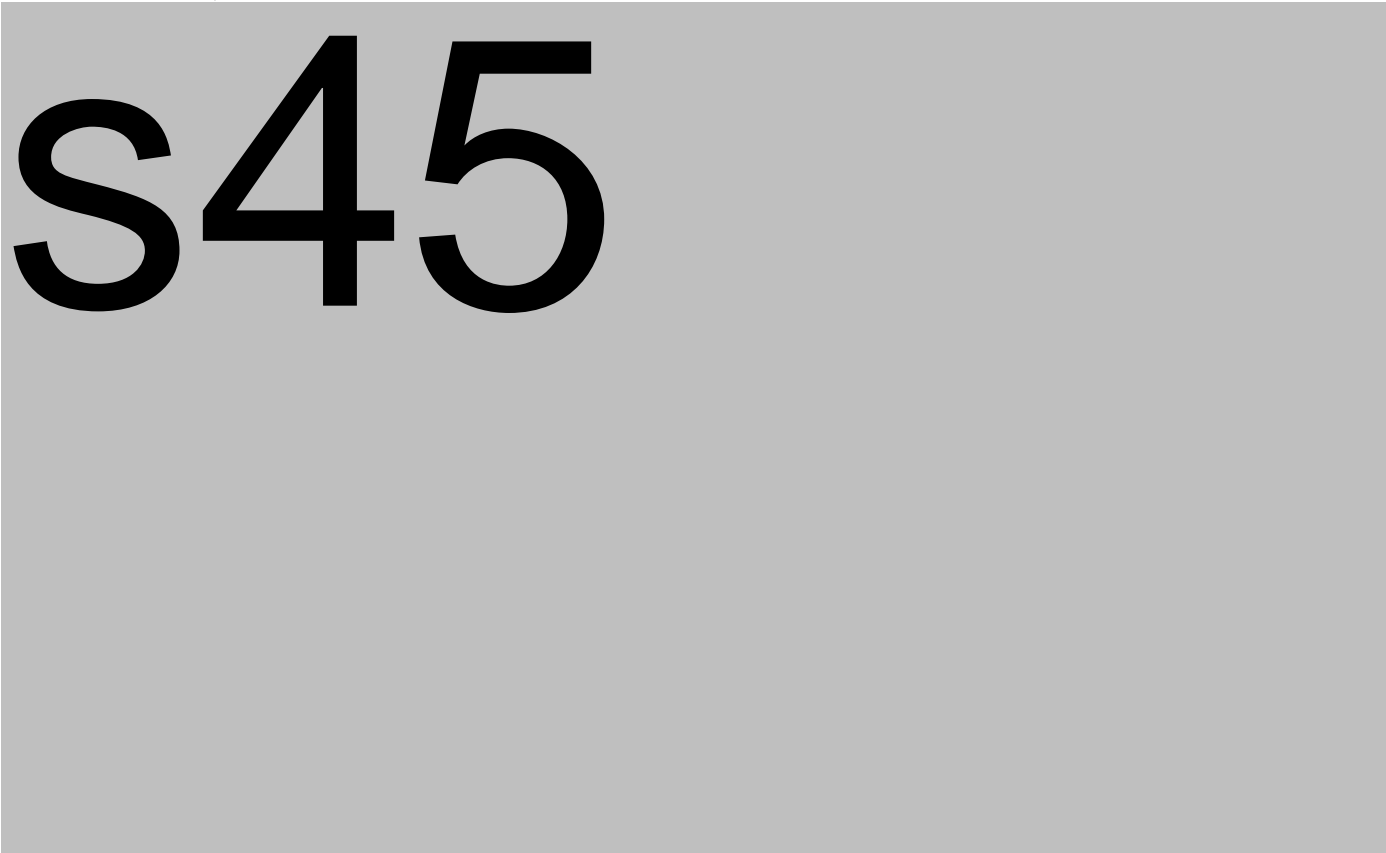
CC: Mr Bruce Elliot, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Enc: Instrument of Appointment

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Date: Thursday, 21 June 2018 10:37:00 AM
Attachments: [GBRMPA Chairperson Candidate Assessment Summary - Derwent Executive 20 J....pdf](#)
[GBRMPA Chairperson Candidate particulars - Derwent Executive 20 June 201....pdf](#)
[GBRMPA Chairperson Candidates - cover letters and CVs.pdf](#)

Dear Departmental Colleagues

We have received Derwent Executive's shortlist report for candidates for the GBRMPA Chairperson. Please find attached to this email:



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Next steps:

- We are drafting a brief for the Minister to select his preferred candidate and will provide to Deb Callister on Friday 22 June for review
- We have allowed just over a week for your consideration of the attached documents and draft brief for the Minister (please advise if you would like a meeting arranged to discuss)
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 - Dean or others to liaise with Minister's Office as appropriate
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- **Brief to Minister to be cleared by Finn by 29 June** (allows 11 days for MO turnaround)
- **Minister to select preferred candidate by 16 July**
- And looking ahead...
 - Minister to write to PM seeking approval of preferred candidate by 23 July
 - **s34(3)**
 - Minister to sign ExCo documentation by 22 August
 - Governor-General to sign instrument of appointment at ExCo on 30 August
 - Commencement legislative amendments, Chairperson and acting CEO: early September (date TBC)

Please let me know if you would like anything further

regards,

s22

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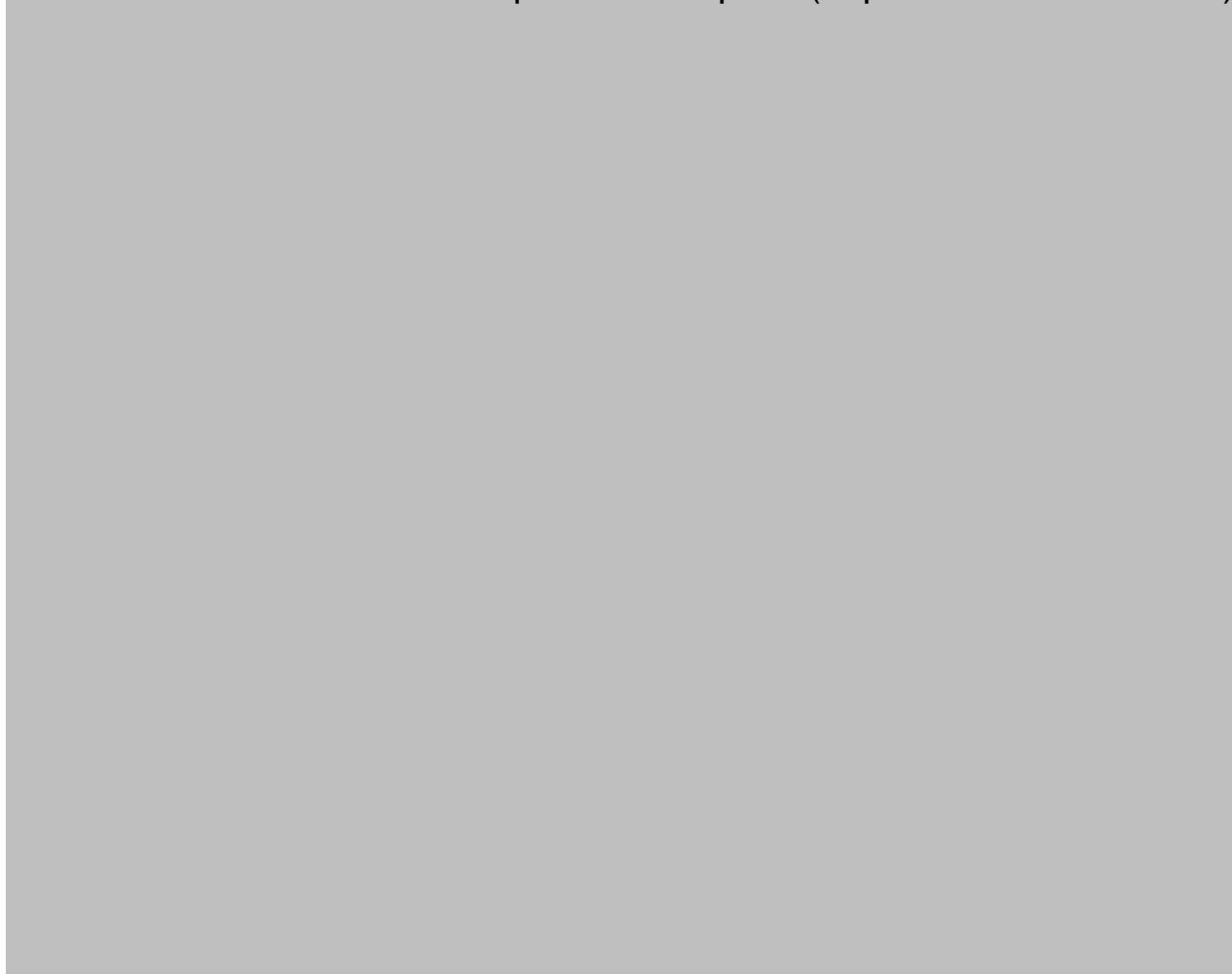
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Importance: Low

Hi All

Attached is an updated candidate particulars summary which now includes a biography of each candidate, providing a simple overview of their experience and prior positions.

regards,
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Subject: RE: GBRMPA Chairperson shortlist report [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive:Personal]

Hi everyone

We will set up some time next week to discuss. Key issues are finalising the short-list and preferred candidates for the Chair, and process and timeline for identifying an acting CEO.

And thanks again to **s22** for the excellent work at keeping this all moving along.

Cheers, Deb

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[Attachment A - List of Candidates.docx](#)
[Attachment B - Appointments process with timeline.docx](#)
[Attachment C - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975 amendments.docx](#)
[Attachment D - Current Board Members.docx](#)

Dear Dean, Kylie, Deb, Russell and s22

Tomorrow we have a meeting at 1:30pm to discuss the appointment of a Chairperson to the GBRMPA Board. To inform discussions, please find attached a draft brief and attachments – **Attachment A** is the list of highly suitable and suitable candidates.

Daniel Caruso will also be in the meeting tomorrow. I will shortly provide Daniel a copy of **Attachment A** (candidates) and **Attachment B** (process and timing) **only**.

Please don't hesitate to call if you would like to discuss

regards,

s22

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[Attachment B - Appointments process with timeline.docx](#)

Hi Daniel

Tomorrow we have a meeting at 1:30pm to discuss the appointment of a Chairperson to the GBRMPA Board. For this meeting, please find attached:

- the current working draft list of candidates, and
- the process and anticipated timing for appointment of both the Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer.

Kind regards,

s22

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[Attachment C - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975 amendments.docx](#)
[Attachment D - Current Board Members.docx](#)
[MS18-900295 Chairperson candidates.docx](#)

Hi Dean

Please find attached for your review the draft GBRMPA Chairperson Brief, with a few edits following this afternoon's discussion between the Department and Daniel Caruso.

We would appreciate any comments you may have on the brief early on **Monday 2 July** if possible. Daniel Caruso indicated if the brief is in the MO by Tuesday there may be an opportunity for the Minister to consider the brief on Wednesday before he goes overseas.

Thank you and please let us know if you would like to discuss.

regards,

s22

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Hi Russell and Marg

Just to advise, the Minister signed the letter to the PM this morning, recommending the appointments of Ian Poiner as Chairperson, s22 - material irrelevant to scope

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We will keep you up to date as this unfolds.

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Subject: s34(3)

Hi s22 ,

Thanks for getting this through so promptly. The Minister has signed the letter and the brief will be returned shortly.

Thanks again.

Cheers,
s22

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Subject: s34(3)

Importance: High

Hi s22

Please find attached **MS18-900316** containing the letter to the PM recommending appointment of a GBRMPA Chairperson, s22

This has been cleared by Deb Callister, Assistant Secretary Reef Branch, and Secretary Finn Pratt.

PDMS item will follow in due course.

regards,

s22

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Subject: s34(3)
Date: Tuesday, 11 September 2018 3:11:58 PM

Hi All

Just a quick email to confirm the commencement date for the new GBRMPA governance arrangements (and appointment of Chairperson and acting CEO) will be **Monday 15 October 2018**. This has been agreed with both Russell Reichelt and Ian Poiner.

s22

regards,

s22

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Subject: s34(3)

Good afternoon s22 and s22

In s22 (back Monday 22 October) and s22 (back Tuesday 23 October) absence please see below a draft timeline on what we propose to happen following the Federal Executive Council (ExCo) decision on the morning of Thursday 25 October.

The proposed timing allows Russell Reichelt an opportunity to advise GBRMPA staff, s22 before the media release is issued.

Appointment and announcement of new GBRMPA Chairperson and Acting CEO

- Thurs 25 October: ExCo meets in the morning
 - Department s22 to call ExCo Secretariat at 11am on 25 Oct to hear outcome
 - Department (**Dean Knudson**) to advise Ian Poiner of confirmation of appointment, commencing role 29 Oct.
 - Department (**Stephen Oxley**) to advise Russell and Bruce of confirmation of appointment and proclamation.
- Thurs: 25 October: Announcements/communication:
 - **Russell Reichelt** to advise GBRMPA staff (**before** Minister media release) s22
 - **Minister** to issue a media release – late Thursday 25th, or Friday 26 Oct

- s22 and s22 will liaise with you regarding timing of the media release (we suggest this be in consultation with Russell about timing for advice to GBRMPA staff)
- By Fri 26 October: **Minister to sign MS18-900431 – Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – Chairperson s22 letters of appointment**
 - o (Expected to be with MO early next week)

s22 - material irrelevant to scope

- Mon 29 October: Commencement of appointments s22

s22

Please let me know if there are any issues with the proposed timing.

Happy to discuss further if required.

Kind Regards

s22

Assistant Director, Reef 2050 Plan

Reef Branch, Department of the Environment and Energy

P: 02 6274 s22 E: s22 [@protected.environment.gov.au](mailto:s22@protected.environment.gov.au)

From: s22 (Protected)
To: s22 (Protected)
Cc: s22 (Protected); Johnson, Margaret (Protected); s22 (Protected); Carlton, Adam (Protected); s22 (Protected)
Subject: FW: for review by 16 Oct: GBRMPA Chair media release [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 18 October 2018 5:03:19 PM
Attachments: [GRMPA Chair Appointment - Minister Price Media Release \(002\) DC.DOCX](#)

Hi s22

As requested by Reef branch, here is the cleared media release. I suggest that the heading be 'New Chairperson appointed to Reef Authority' rather than using GBRMPA (Reef branch is fine with this).

Timing is proposed as follows:

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s22

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- Mon 29 October: Commencement of appointments s22

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Thanks, s22

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From: s22 (Protected)
To: [Callister, Deb \(Protected\)](#)
Cc: [Johnson, Margaret \(Protected\)](#); s22 (Protected)
Subject: draft talking points for Minister - GBRMPA announcement [SEC=PROTECTED]
Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 5:59:24 PM
Attachments: [Talking points - GBRMPA announcement 25 October.docx](#)
[Att B GBRMPA announcement - biographies.docx](#)
[Att A TALKING-POINTS-Conflict-of-interest.docx](#)

Hi Deb

Please see attached material proposed to be provided to the office to support the GBRMPA announcement tomorrow. Attachment A is as provided to me by GBRMPA.

Happy to discuss

regards,

s22

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Cc: [s22 \[Protected\]](#)
Subject: FW: GBRMPA Chairperson appointment + [s22](#) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 12:21:42 PM

As discussed with Margaret and Russell – see email trail below.

Also, I've spoken to [s22](#) and she will work with your team on developing media supporting material – TPs, etc.

She also indicated that Ian returns from his travels on Saturday.

Cheers, Deb

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Please also advise if you'd like us to prepare some additional talking points / background for the announcement – could draw largely on the s34(3) (Ian is highly respected, strong track record managing Col, selected following executive search process, is resigning from RRRC early Nov etc)

Happy to discuss

regards,

s22

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From: Ian Poiner [<mailto:ian.poiner@me.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, 24 October 2018 4:19 AM

To: s22 (Protected) <s22@protected.environment.gov.au>

Subject: Re: for review COB Wed 25 Oct - biography for GBRMPA announcement
[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear s22,

Thank you for the update on progress. The biography is fine and the 4.5 year term is not a concern. The only issue not covered is that I will be stepping down from some of these roles once I am appointed e.g. my RRRC role at the AGM scheduled for 9th November.

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Ian Poiner, PhD FTSE HonDSc
Marine Scientist

s47F

On 23 Oct 2018, at 4:05 pm, s22 (Protected)
<s22 @protected.environment.gov.au> wrote:

Hi Ian

Everything is currently on track for the Governor-General to consider your appointment as the new GBRMPA Chairperson this Thursday 25 Oct. We expect to be in touch with you around lunchtime on Thursday to confirm, and anticipate the Minister making an announcement either late Thursday or on Friday 26 October.

Ahead of the announcement, could you please review the biography below and let us know if you are happy with this as presented or would like any changes. The biography may be provided to the media and placed on the Authority's and/or Department's websites. Could you please also ensure your LinkedIn profile is up to date, as we understand journalists may look for this.

Also, I'm not sure whether anyone has advised you that the term is initially for 4.5 years, not the standard 5yrs – this is to allow for staggering of Chair/CEO appointments in future. However, you would be eligible for reappointment as an individual can serve as Chairperson for up to 10 consecutive years.

Grateful if you could get back to me by **COB Wednesday 24 October**.

Thanks very much

regards,

s22

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Dr Ian Poiner, Chairperson, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

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Dr Poiner has been appointed as Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for a term of four years and six months.

Dr Poiner is a highly respected marine scientist with a long history of involvement in Great Barrier Reef science and conservation. His recent roles include Chair of the Australian and New Zealand International Ocean Discovery Program Consortium; Australia's Integrated Marine Observing System; Marine National Facility Steering Committee; CSIRO Oceans and Atmosphere Advisory Committee; and the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre.

Following a successful research career at CSIRO (1985-2004), Dr Poiner served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Institute of Marine Science from 2004 to 2011. He was a member of the International Scientific Steering Committee of the Census of Marine Life from 2002 and its Chair from 2007 to 2013. From 2012 to 2016 he was Chair of the Gladstone Healthy Harbour Partnership Science Panel.

In 2008, Dr Poiner was appointed a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering in recognition of his leadership of research and development based enterprises for the benefit of marine science, the conservation of some of the most iconic marine life and marine habitats on earth including the Great Barrier Reef, and the development of marine industry. In 2013, James Cook University awarded Dr Poiner an Honorary Doctor of Science in recognition of his outstanding service and distinguished public contribution to the northern Queensland community and exceptional service rendered to the University, comprising of academic excellence and the exercise of outstanding leadership. Dr Poiner holds a BSc Hons 1A Zoology and PhD Zoology from the University of Queensland.

From: [Deb Callister](#)
To: s22; s22; [DLO Price](#)
Cc: [Stephen Oxley](#); [Dean Knudson](#); [Finn Pratt](#); s22; [Media](#); s22; [Margaret Johnson \(gbrmpa\)](#); [Elliott Bruce](#)
Subject: GBRMPA Chair & A/g CEO draft media docs [DLM=Sensitive:Personal]
Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018 2:27:13 PM
Attachments: [Talking points - GBRMPA announcement.docx](#); s22; [Att B GBRMPA announcement - biographies.docx](#); s22
Importance: High

Hi s22

Attached are current drafts of a media release, bios and talking points prepared by the Dept and GBRMPA, to support the pending GBRMPA Chair and A/g CEO announcement.

Happy to discuss or include additional material that you think would assist the Minister.

Cheers, Deb

New Chairperson appointed for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority

Talking Points

- Dr Ian Poiner has been appointed as Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority.
 - Dr Poiner is a highly respected marine scientist with international science credentials and board leadership experience. He has a long history of involvement in Great Barrier Reef science and conservation, and is a former CEO of the Australian Institute of Marine Science.
- Dr Poiner replaces the dual Chairperson and CEO Dr Russell Reichelt, whose term is concluding.

s22

- These appointments and the new Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority board arrangements introduced in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018* come into effect on 29 October 2018.
 - This is a key part of the Government's response to the independent Review of Governance of the Authority conducted in 2017.

Dr Poiner's role with the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre

- Dr Poiner has resigned from his role as the Independent Chair of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre to take up this important position with the Authority.

Background

- Dr Poiner was selected following a nationally advertised expression of interest and executive search process. The Chairperson position was advertised in the national press on 25 and 26 May 2018.
- The Department undertook a thorough assessment and no issues have been identified regarding Dr Poiner's eligibility for this role. Dr Poiner is not deemed to be a member of the governing body of a relevant interest group, as defined by the new provisions in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975* that come into effect from 29 October 2018.

Attachments:

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B: Biographies of Dr Poiner s22

Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority appointments, commencing 29 October 2018

Dr Ian Poiner, Chairperson, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority



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Cc: s22 (Protected); s22 (Protected); s22 (Protected); s22 (Protected)
Subject: RE: GBRMPA leg'n amendments & Chair/CEO appointment update [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]
Date: Friday, 26 October 2018 3:55:49 PM

Small correction, possibly to state the obvious - date in first dot point should be Sunday 28 October (ie, this Sunday).

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Sent: Friday, 26 October 2018 3:29 PM
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Subject: GBRMPA leg'n amendments & Chair/CEO appointment update [SEC=PROTECTED, DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Hi everyone

A quick status update on the above.

- We have organised for the legislative amendment to be registered on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments at 5 pm on Sunday 28 November

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- Dr Poiner arrives back in Australia Saturday pm. s22
- Latest is that the Minister's media announcement is likely for some time on Monday

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Thanks, Deb

From: s22
To: [Oxley, Stephen](#); [Knudson, Dean](#); [Pratt, Finn](#); [Reichelt, Russell](#); s22
Cc: s22; [Callister, Deb](#); [Goodwin, Paula](#); s22
Subject: GBRMPA Chairperson: Weekly Progress Report [DLM=Sensitive:Personal]
Date: Friday, 1 June 2018 6:06:20 PM
Attachments: [Derwent Executive, Chairperson, GBRMPA progress update, 1 June .pdf](#)

Hi all

Please treat this information with appropriate confidentiality.

Attached is the weekly progress report from Derwent Executive, engaged to undertake an executive search for the role of Chairperson, GBRMPA. s45

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From: s22
To: [Knudson, Dean](#); [Oxley, Stephen](#); [Callister, Deb](#); [Reichelt, Russell \(GBRMPA\)](#); s22
Cc: [Pratt, Finn](#); s22; [Goodwin, Paula](#); s22
Subject: GBRMPA Chairperson: weekly progress report 7 June [DLM=Sensitive:Personal]
Date: Friday, 8 June 2018 9:34:24 AM
Attachments: [Derwent Executive, Chairperson, GBRMPA progress update, 7 June.pdf](#)

Hi All

Attached is this week's progress report from Derwent Executive regarding the executive search for the new GBRMPA Chairperson role.

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From: s22 [redacted]
To: [Knudson, Dean](#); [Oxley, Stephen](#); [Callister, Deb](#); "Russell Reichelt"; s22 [redacted]
Cc: [Pratt, Finn](#); s22 [redacted]; [Goodwin, Paula](#); s22 [redacted]; [EA.DeanKnudson](#)
Subject: GBRMPA Chairperson: Progress Report 14 June [DLM=Sensitive:Personal]
Date: Thursday, 14 June 2018 4:52:02 PM
Attachments: [Derwent Executive, Chairperson, GBRMPA progress update, 15 June.pdf](#)

Please treat this information with appropriate confidentiality.

Hi All

Ahead of the phone call 8:30am Friday morning, please find attached the latest progress report from Derwent Executive regarding the executive search for the new GBRMPA Chairperson role.

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From: [Media](#)
To: [Deb Callister](#); s22
Cc: s22; "media@gbrpm.gov.au"; [Media](#)
Subject: RE: MEDIA RELEASE: NEW APPOINTMENT FOR GBRMPA [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 29 October 2018 12:51:16 PM
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
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[image004.jpg](#)
[image005.jpg](#)
[image006.jpg](#)

Hi all,

For info, GBRMPA Chair announcement is now live -

<http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/price/media-releases/mr20181029a.html>.

Kind regards,

s22

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Sent: Monday, 29 October 2018 12:24 PM

To: s22

Subject: MEDIA RELEASE: NEW APPOINTMENT FOR GBRMPA [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]



THE HON MELISSA PRICE MP
Minister for the Environment

MEDIA RELEASE

29 October 2018

NEW CHAIRPERSON APPOINTED FOR GBRMPA

It is my pleasure to announce Dr Ian Poiner has been appointed as Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).

Dr Poiner has been appointed under the new Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority board arrangements introduced in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment (Authority Governance and Other Matters) Act 2018*, which come into effect today.

Dr Poiner is a highly respected marine scientist with international science credentials and board leadership experience. He has a long history of involvement in Great Barrier Reef science and conservation, and is a former CEO of the Australian Institute of Marine Science. I have no doubt he will make a significant contribution to the continued health and resilience of the reef.

Dr Poiner has resigned from his role as the Independent Chair of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre to take up this important position and replaces the dual Chairperson and CEO Dr Russell Reichelt, whose term is concluding.

I am grateful to Dr Russell Reichelt for his contribution to the Authority as Chairperson and CEO for the last 11 years.

Dr Reichelt is an outstanding scientist and marine park manager. He has successfully managed the world-renowned Great Barrier Reef Marine Park over a time of significant environmental challenges and has implemented many substantial measures to improve the management of this world famous icon.

Significant reforms for the Authority were announced in November 2017, in response to the independent governance review by Dr Wendy Craik AM.

The Government accepted all 24 recommendations to further strengthen the Authority and position it to best meet the significant challenges facing the Great Barrier Reef.

The legislative amendments that take effect today also strengthen the conflict of interest provisions in the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*.

Ends

s22

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To: s22
Cc: [Media](#); s22; [Elliott Bruce](#); [Margaret Johnson \(gbrmpa\)](#); "[media@gbrmpa.gov.au](#)"
Subject: RE: The Australian request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Tuesday, 30 October 2018 3:49:42 PM
Importance: High

Hi s22 – Some suggested tweaks s22

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Cheers, Deb

From: s22
Sent: Tuesday, 30 October 2018 2:41 PM
To: Media <Media@environment.gov.au>; Deb Callister <Deb.Callister@environment.gov.au>
Cc: s22 <s22@environment.gov.au>
Subject: RE: The Australian request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Importance: High

Hi Deb and s22

Can you pls run your eye over our proposed response to these questions below – unless you think I should ask the authority.

Thanks

s22

From: s22
Sent: Tuesday, 30 October 2018 1:25 PM
To: s22 <s22@environment.gov.au>
Subject: FW: The Australian request [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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GBRMPA's new chair Ian Poiner was an independent chair of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre, which was embroiled in a conflict of interest controversy over millions of dollars in funding from GBRMPA for crown of thorns starfish programs. Has the Minister scrutinised any potential conflicts of interest?

A: Yes. The Department undertook a thorough assessment and no issues have been identified regarding Dr Poiner's eligibility for this role.

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From: s47F [mailto:s47F@theaustralian.com.au]

Sent: Tuesday, 30 October 2018 12:47 PM

To: s22 @environment.gov.au>

Subject: The Australian request

Hi s22 ,

Could I please get a response to the following by COB today? Give me a call if any problems?
Thank you, s47F

The federal government commissioned an independent review of the GBRMPA's governance in 2017, which found "potential for conflicts of interest among board members should be reduced by legislated provisions requiring appointees not be a member of the governing body of a relevant interest group".

A corresponding bill passed parliament in February, and is due to take effect by March.

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/Bills_Search_Results/Result?bld=s1110

QUESTIONS:

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Sent: Sunday, 28 October 2018 6:04 PM
To: s22
Cc: GBRMPA Media; Media; s22 (gbmpa)
Subject: FW: RRRC MR announcing chair.... [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22

Apologies, I sent this to s22

RRRC has issued a media release under embargo about the Authority's new chair. See below.

Will give you a call.

Cheers
s22

From: GBRMPA Media
Sent: Sunday, 28 October 2018 4:42 PM
To: s22 @environment.gov.au'; 'Media DSEWPaC (Media@environment.gov.au)'
Cc: Bruce Elliot ; Margaret Johnson ; s22
Subject: RRC MR announcing chair.... [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s22

I will call to follow up. I just had a call from Michel Selzak at ABC ask if the Authority would be putting out a MR re the appointment of the new Chair.

I explained on the phone that the Minister issues a media release re the announcement.

RRC has issued a MR under embargo....

Cheers
s22
s22

(I'm the on call media officer this weekend)

From: Michael Slezak [<mailto:Slezak.Michael@abc.net.au>]
Sent: Sunday, 28 October 2018 4:34 PM
To: GBRMPA Media <media@gbmpa.gov.au>
Subject: GBRMPA embargoed comment on Poiner?

Here's the RRRC release:

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Ian Poiner departs a

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MEDIA RELEASE

Reef and Rainforest Research Centre - Cairns, Australia

EMBARGOED UNTIL 7:00am MONDAY



**Reef &
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RRRC congratulates

Dr Ian Poiner will be leaving his role as Chair of the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre to take on the challenging role of Chair of the Great Barrier Reef Research Foundation.

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From: GBRMPA Media
To: s22 [redacted] [Media](#)
Cc: s22 [redacted]
Subject: For info: SMH enquiry - states RRRC has pulled MR [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]
Date: Monday, 29 October 2018 9:32:12 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi s22 [redacted], Environment Media

For info, we have received the below enquiry from SMH. As part of it, it states that RRRC has pulled their MR...

Cheers

s22 [redacted]
s22 [redacted]

Assistant Director – Strategic Communications and Marketing
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From: s47F [redacted] [<mailto:s47F@fairfaxmedia.com.au>]
Sent: Monday, 29 October 2018 7:02 AM
To: GBRMPA Media
Subject: Poiner check

Hi folks,

As you will have seen, the RRRC has issued (and retracted) a media release saying that its chair Ian Poiner has been appointed the chair of the MPA.

Can you confirm that?

Why is Mr Poiner a suitable candidate...what credentials does he bring?

And given the controversy over the RRRC's doctoring of COTS, how will that cloud not now extend to the MPA?

Thanks for any help,

Chrs s47F [redacted]

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From: s22 (Protected)
To: "Appointments"
Cc: s22 (Protected)
Subject: Fs34(3)
Date: Friday, 24 August 2018 11:04:20 AM
Attachments: [Ian Poiner Private Interests Declaration.pdf](#)
[Appointment form Chairperson.docx](#)
[Ian Poiner - CV.DOCX](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Hi s22

Updated appointment form and CV attached, as well as Ian's signed Private Interests Declaration.

s22 - material irrelevant to the scope of the request.

regards,

s22

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Cc: s22 (Protected) s22@protected.environment.gov.au

Subject: s34(3)

Hi s22

Thanks for that. Are you please able to resend the updated CV and Appointment Proforma for Ian with his date of birth? I am unable to make edits on these documents.

Many thanks,

s22

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Cc: s22 (Protected) <s22@protected.environment.gov.au>
Subject: s34(3)

Thanks s22

We now have a date of birth for Ian Poiner – s47F Will get the other information to you as soon as we can.

regards,

s22

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Cc: s22 (Protected) <s22@protected.environment.gov.au>
Subject: s34(3)

s22

Hi s22 ,

This has just come to us via the DLO's, if you could please chase up the DOB's that would be great, as we will need them for processing and our briefing.

Thanks,

s22

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From: s22 (Protected)
To: Oxley, Stephen (Protected)
Cc: Callister, Deb (Protected); s22 (Protected)
Subject: s34(3)
Date: Monday, 27 August 2018 12:03:25 PM

Hi Stephen

Paula Goodwin received advice from PM&C this morning that the letter to the PM recommending GBRMPA appointments needs to be sent through again on new templates – i.e. from Minister Price to PM Morrison. I am checking with PM&C on timing but doesn't sound super urgent (i.e. not today/tomorrow).

s22 - material irrelevant to the scope of the request

My sense is that the brief should present the Chairperson s22 recommendation as administrative implementation of a decision of the former Minister (rather than Minister Price selecting a candidate from the shortlist), s22 - material irrelevant to the scope of the request

Happy to take any guidance on handling

regards,

s22

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Subject: s34(3)
Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018 12:35:08 PM
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[pmc6583_25-10-2018_11-04-48.pdf](#)

s34(3)

Hi s22

Please see attached, two copies that were signed off at this morning's Exco meeting.

Kind Regards,

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To: Exco <Exco@pmc.gov.au>
Cc: Parliamentary Services (Protected) <ParliamentaryServices@protected.environment.gov.au>
Subject: RE: s34(3)

Hi s22

Just a quick email to confirm we will be submitting paperwork for the proclamation and GBRMPA Chairperson appointments for the 25 October ExCo meeting. I understand signed papers are due to you by COB Thurs 18 October (Parliamentary – this is MS18-900386)

We cannot afford to miss this meeting so please let me know if you foresee any problems getting onto the agenda / having this signed off on this day.

Thanks

regards,

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From: s22 (Protected)
Sent: Thursday, 20 September 2018 4:20 PM
To: 'Exco' <Exco@pmc.gov.au>
Subject: s34(3)

Hi Phillip

Just a quick email to advise we will not be seeking consideration of the GBRMPA appointments at the 27 September ExCo meeting.

s34(3), s34(2)

Thanks for your advice earlier this week, much appreciated

regards,

s22

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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority – Part-time Chairperson - Appointment 2018

I, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council and under subsection 10(2) of the *Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act 1975*, appoint Dr Ian Poiner as the part-time Chairperson of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority for a period of four years and six months beginning on 29 October 2018.

Dated *25th October* 2018

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Cosgrove', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Peter Cosgrove
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Melissa Price
Minister for the Environment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melissa Price', written in a cursive style.

From: s22
To: s22
Cc: [Margaret Johnson \(gbrmpa\)](#)
Subject: Signed GBRMPA proclamation and appointment instruments [DLM=Sensitive]
Date: Thursday, 25 October 2018 3:38:16 PM
Attachments: s22
[Signed instrument Chairperson.pdf](#)
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Hi s22

As discussed, please find attached for your records and forwarding to relevant people:

- s22
- Signed instrument of appointment of part-time Chairperson
- s22

regards

s22

A/g Assistant Director

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