



Australian Government
Director of National Parks

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Franks Mills
Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
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Dear Frank,

I am writing to seek your endorsement of the attached Terms of Reference (TOR) for a joint committee, to provide advice and recommendations to Parks Australia for the management of Pulu Keeling National Park (PKNP) and Cocos (Keeling) Islands Marine Park (CKIMP).

I am aware that Parks Australia staff have discussed the idea of establishing a joint PKNP and CKIMP advisory committee with the Shire and understand that you have indicated support for this approach.

On this basis, the attached TOR has been prepared with the aim of addressing requirements under the PKNP lease and management plan, including to establish a committee of 10 members with 6 being Shire nominees, as well as relevant content under the draft CKIMP management plan.

The TOR also incorporates Shire comments provided on a draft TOR and was prepared in consultation with Cocos Marine Care and the CKIMP marine park management plan committee, which was established to advise on the preparation of the CKIMP management plan.

It would be appreciated if you could review the attached TOR and respond to this letter with either your endorsement of, or, any final comments on, the TOR. Following the Shire's endorsement, Parks Australia will work with the Shire to seek membership to the committee, with the intention of having the committee established and holding its first meeting by early 2025.

I look forward to your response and please contact Mike Misso (michael.misso@dcceew.gov.au) if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Barclay'.

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