



## BRIEFING NOTE

To: PHCC Executive Committee

Topic: PHCC HRRT Auspice Agreement

### Recommendation

1. PHCC and HRRT enter into the Auspicing Agreement to formalise the long-term and ongoing administrative support provided to HRRT by PHCC.
2. Auspice Agreement is to be reviewed annually as per the HRRT's Rules at the conclusion of the Financial Year.
3. The period for the Agreement is:
  - a. **1 May 2019 to 30 June 2020**, or the alternative commencement date of
  - b. 10 June 2019 to 30 June 2020.

### Background

The Harvey River Restoration Taskforce (HRRT) is a small, incorporated, community group which has been delivering community engagement and on-ground river restoration outcomes in the Harvey Basin for the past two decades in alignment with the HRRT's Strategic Plans.

Since 2009 at HRRT's request, the PHCC has offered to auspice the administration of HRRT's financial affairs and when required to sponsor funding applications. PHCC also provides supervision and mentoring support of HRRT Rivercare officers. PHCC's in-kind support for HRRT is estimated at approximately \$15,000 p.a.

As part of HRRT's recent review of the group's Rules of Association (Constitution) it was identified that the auspicing arrangements around the support provided by PHCC should be formalised through an Auspice Agreement.

HRRT's Rules of Association at Part 7-Financial Matters, 6.2 Control of Funds states:

- (1) Association funds are managed under the auspices of the PHCC as per the Auspice Agreement, reviewed and amended on an annual basis, until such time as the group becomes independent; the group ceases operation; or both parties determine the agreement is no longer viable.

HRRT, in association with PHCC officer Kim Wilson who is also Deputy Chair of HRRT, have been drafting the Auspice Agreement since March this year.

The draft is now available for PHCC's consideration. Please refer to Attachment 1: Auspice Agreement - PHCC Administrative Support for HRRT

### Timeframe

The HRRT's new Rules of Association were approved by the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

As the auspicing arrangements between HRRT and PHCC have been in place for a decade, PHCC is respectfully requested to consider approving the commencement date for the formal Agreement as 1 May 2019 to 30 June 2020. The Agreement will then be reviewed annually in line with the conclusion of the Financial Year.

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