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Memorandum of Understanding/Partnering Agreement

Between

Peel-Harvey Catchment Council Inc.

and

The Wiilman community

Project ID: RLP-MU35_P4_PWO
Project Number: RLP-MU35_P4_PWO
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Project period: August 2018
to 30th June 2023



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MADE: on this day _____ of _____ 2019

Between

PARTIES:

The Wiilman community

And the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council

Introduction/Background

For 45,000 years the Wiilman community has tended the Boodja and been sustained by its natural resources. The community has strong spiritual, cultural and intellectual connections to the land and a long history of caring for country and places of cultural values and significance.

The Wiilman communities and the PHCC have a well established relationship consolidated through consultation, planning and delivery of projects linked to working on country within the Wiilman Boodja

A significant goal within the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council's (PHCC) *Wiilman Boodja Landscapes 2025 – A Strategy for Natural Resource Management (NRM)* in the Peel-Harvey Region; is to ensure that cultural heritage sites and values are embedded and protected across natural resource management (NRM) activities.

Both parties agree to work together to ensure:

- planning and delivery of projects are undertaken with cultural competency
- Noongar cultural diversity, knowledge and obligation to country is appreciated, acknowledged, respected and incorporated into decision making
- Noongar sites of significance and cultural values are protected at all times
- sharing of information and knowledge regarding natural resource management is undertaken in a culturally appropriate way
- the partnership is based on fairness, equity and mutual respect
- the partnership involves a long term-commitment by both parties to identify opportunities for Noongar participation in the delivery of projects
- projects work toward Noongar peoples land and sea management aspirations
- adequate time will be allowed for genuine and meaningful participation

Purpose of MOU

The purpose of the MOU is to formalise the partnership between the Wiilman Traditional Owners, Elders and Representatives who speak for country and PHCC, as directed by the Noongar community and the PHCC Noongar Participation and Wiilman Boodja Strategic Plans.

The local Noongar Elders and Representatives support delivery of the Regional Landcare Program proposed projects, as discussed with PHCC staff, with an agreed process for consultation and engagement to ensure sites of significance, cultural values and communities are protected and opportunities for employment are identified.

Status of this MOU

This MOU does not create legal enforceable obligations between the parties but records the common intent of the Willman community and the PHCC in working together on country.

Signatories:

This Memorandum of Understanding/Partnering Agreement identifies the first formal partnership project between PHCC and the Willman community. It recognises the commitment to work together on country and to protect sites of cultural significance and value.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE BINJAREB COMMUNITY

Name (print)

Signature

Position

Date

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE PHCC

Name (print)

Signature

Position

Date