

## 3 Organisational structure



Figure 3: Parks Australia organisation chart as at 30 June 2007

The executive team

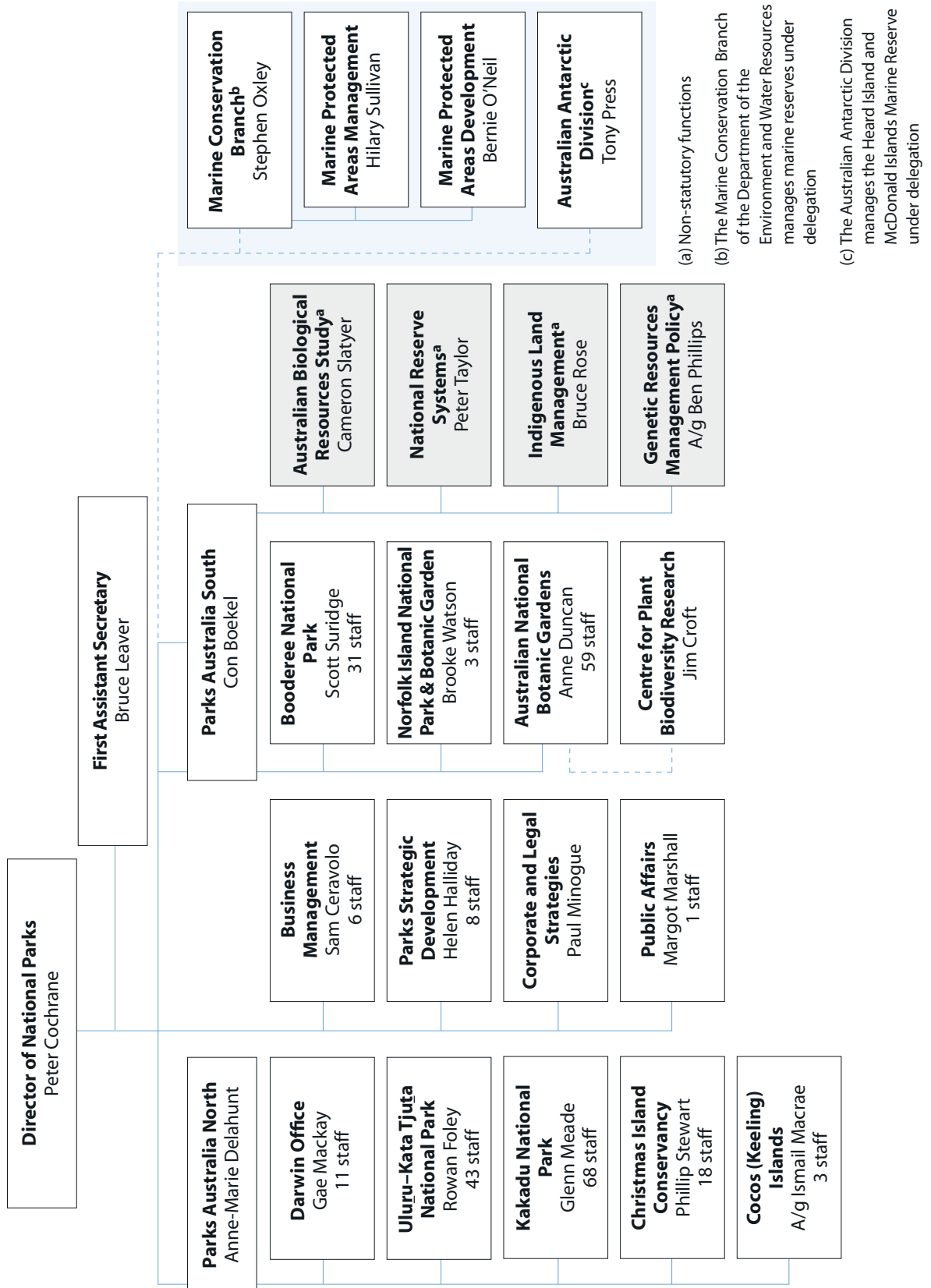
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**Peter Cochrane**

*Director of National Parks*

Peter was appointed Director of National Parks in October 1999 and reappointed in October 2002 and again in November 2005. Priorities have been building relationships with traditional owners of jointly managed parks and other stakeholders, and improving agency performance, corporate governance, accountability, transparency and risk management.

Peter has worked for the oil and gas industry on national environment and competition policy issues and as an adviser to two federal Ministers on environment and natural resources issues.

Peter has a Masters degree in Public Policy and a Bachelor of Science. He has a background in field ecology and eco-physiology of native plants.



**Bruce Leaver**

*First Assistant Secretary*

Bruce has worked in conservation management agencies in New South Wales, Tasmania and South Australia. He is a former Executive Director of the Australian Heritage Commission and has professional qualifications in forestry.

Bruce serves on the Conservation, Heritage and Indigenous Partnerships Reef Advisory Committee and the Tourism and Recreation Reef Advisory Committee for the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority and on the Australian Capital Territory Bushfire Council. He is the convener of the Australian Alps Liaison Committee which oversees the cooperative management programme for the alpine national parks in Victoria, New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.



**Anne-Marie Delahunt**

*Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia North*

Anne-Marie has over 16 years experience in the Department of the Environment and Water Resources, working primarily on forest conservation and wildlife issues.

Anne-Marie previously worked for non-government organisations. Over the past few years she has employed her communication and negotiating skills on a range of issues: working with Indigenous communities on turtles and dugong, with non-government organisations and the research community on whale protection, and with the Threatened Species Scientific Committee.



**Con Boekel**

*Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia South*

Con has worked in both the public and private sectors, mainly in conservation, education, training, and information technology. Career highlights include training Indigenous teachers and rangers in the Northern Territory, biodiversity information management, threatened species conservation and protected area management.

Con contributed to delivery of the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust and to organisational change with respect to information management and information technology. He has worked in national parks in Victoria and the Northern Territory.

Con has a Master of Environmental Science, Bachelor of Arts, Graduate Diploma of Education, and Graduate Diploma of Intercultural Studies.



**Stephen Oxley**

*Assistant Secretary, Marine Conservation Branch*

Stephen joined the Department of the Environment and Water Resources in April 2004 after three years as an Australian Public Service adviser on Indigenous affairs.

Prior to joining the public service Stephen worked for nine years in a government policy advisory role, working on primary industry issues, sustainable natural resource management, rural industry structural adjustment, quarantine, regional development and transport.

He is also a trained print journalist with extensive experience in country newspapers and worked in the National Press Gallery.

Stephen holds tertiary qualifications in agriculture.

### Senior management team

Weekly meetings between the executive team and senior staff address strategic directions and current issues. The Assistant Secretary, Parks Australia North, and her staff take part via video link. Marine Conservation Branch staff also participate in meetings, advising the Director on marine issues.

## Boards of management membership

Boards of management have been established under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* for Uluru–Kata Tjuta, Kakadu and Booderee National Parks. Tables 5, 6 and 7 show members of each board for 2006–07.

In conjunction with the Director, each board prepares management plans for the reserve, makes decisions relating to the management of the reserve in accordance with the management plan, monitors management and advises the Minister on future development.



### **Craig Ardler**

*Chair, Booderee National Park Board of Management*

Craig was raised in the Wreck Bay Aboriginal community where he has lived most of his life. Craig has been chair of the Booderee National Park Board of Management since 2005. He previously occupied executive positions on the board of the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council and Dharawal Aboriginal Corporation Community Association and was chief executive officer of South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation.

During Craig's term as chair of the Booderee board, capital works following the 2003 Windermere fire have been completed and a Junior Ranger programme has been established in local schools. Service agreements are in place with Wreck Bay Enterprises Ltd, the business arm of the Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council, for many park functions. Business opportunities and entry and camping fees have been reviewed.

**Table 5: Booderee National Park Board of Management**

Craig Ardler (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Ted Brown	Traditional owner nominee
Lorraine Ardler	Traditional owner nominee
Julie Freeman	Traditional owner nominee
Phillip McLeod	Traditional owner nominee
Leon Brown	Traditional owner nominee
Gavin McLeod	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Assoc Prof Robyn Bushell	Tourism expertise
Prof John Morrison	Science expertise
Capt Mark Sander	Department of Defence
Wayne Jeffs	Department of Transport and Regional Services



**Jacob Nayinggul**

*Chair, Kakadu National Park Board of Management*

Jacob Nayinggul has been chair of the Kakadu National Park Board of Management since 2005. Jacob is a senior traditional owner of the Manilikarr Clan, located in the north-east of Kakadu National Park. Jacob has been on the board since its inception and is actively involved in the Gunbalanya community and town council.

Jacob is highly respected and especially well regarded throughout the region for his customary knowledge. He has a long history with both the establishment and management of Kakadu National Park.

Since his appointment as chair Jacob has provided leadership during development of the fifth management plan for Kakadu, advised on the development of Twin Falls, helped develop a shared vision for tourism and provided guidance to park management.

**Table 6: Kakadu National Park Board of Management**

Jacob Nayinggul (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Jessie Alderson	Traditional owner nominee
Jane Christophersen	Traditional owner nominee
Victor Cooper	Traditional owner nominee
Yvonne Margarula	Traditional owner nominee
Mick Markham	Traditional owner nominee
Michael Banggalang	Traditional owner nominee
Jeffrey Lee	Traditional owner nominee
Denise Williams	Traditional owner nominee
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Anne-Marie Delahunt	Parks Australia
Rick Murray	Tourism industry expertise
Marilynne Paspaley	Northern Territory Government nominee
Vacant	Traditional owner nominee
Vacant	Nature conservation expertise



**Donald Fraser**

*Chair, Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management*

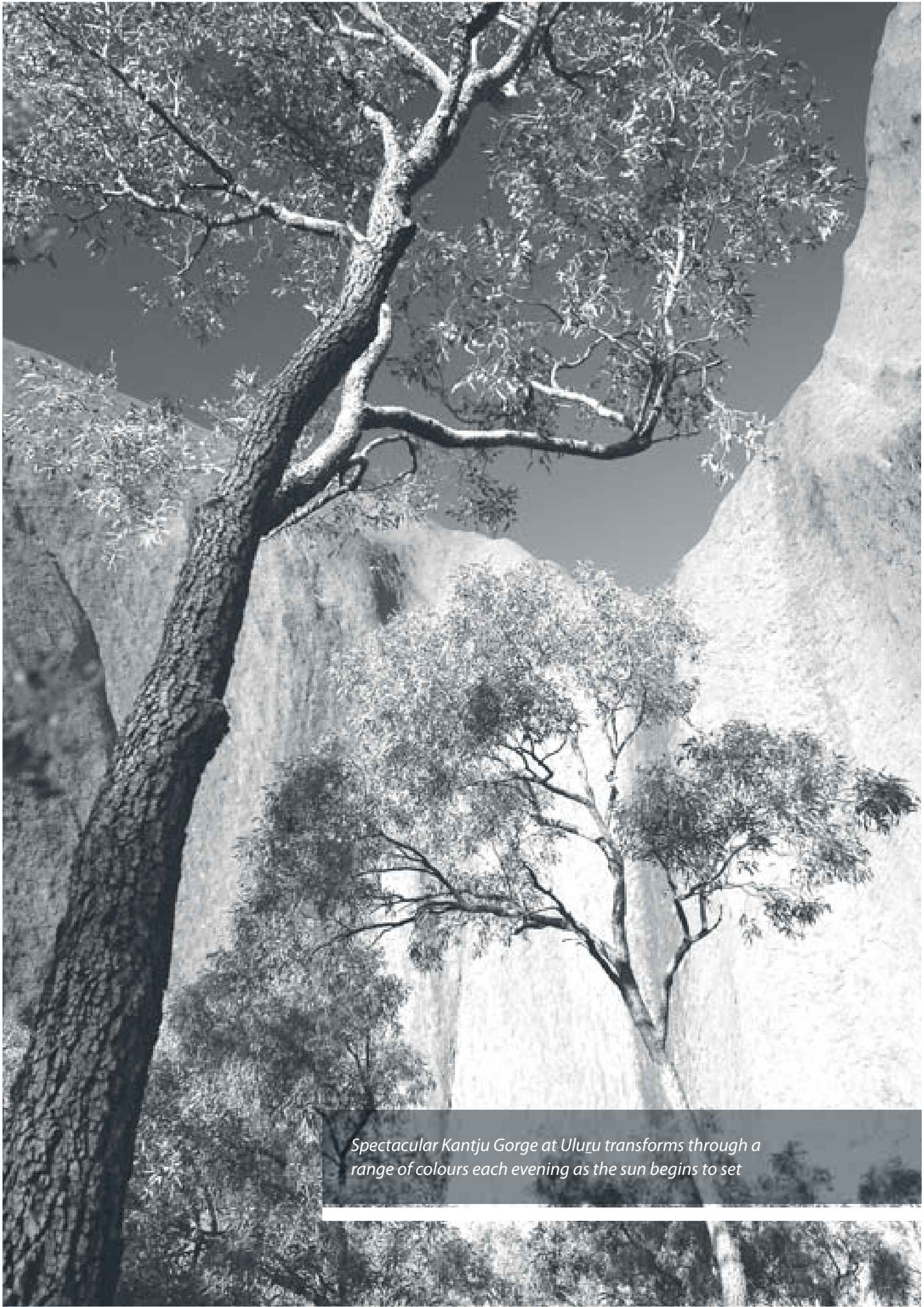
Donald Fraser has been a member of the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management since 1 January 2002 and chair since 2003. Donald is a senior law man dedicated to maintaining and teaching *Tjukurpa* (traditional Aboriginal law in the western desert region) and leading *Anangu* (western desert Aboriginal people) and other staff and visitors. Donald provides strong leadership and direction on *Anangu* issues and ensures that *Tjukurpa* values are preserved and continued.

Since his appointment as chair Donald has ensured that the board is focused on the major strategic issues in the park. He is leading the development of a new 10-year management plan for the park and is overseeing the effective implementation of the new joint management partnership arrangements in the park. He has placed a very high priority on training and employment for young *Anangu* and is championing the active engagement of senior men and women in looking after the park and its natural and cultural values.

**Table 7: Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board of Management**

Donald Fraser (Chair)	Traditional owner nominee
Alison Carroll	Traditional owner nominee
Margaret Smith	Traditional owner nominee
Rene Kulitja	Traditional owner nominee
Barbara Tjikatu	Traditional owner nominee
Windlass	Traditional owner nominee
Johnny Tjingo	Traditional owner nominee
Graeme Calma	Traditional owner nominee (until March 2007)
Peter Cochrane	Director of National Parks
Vicki Gillick	Northern Territory Government nominee
Robert Kennedy	Minister for Tourism nominee
Vacant	Minister for Environment and Water Resources nominee





*Spectacular Kantju Gorge at Uluru transforms through a range of colours each evening as the sun begins to set*