1. The Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area is managed under the *Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993* (the Queensland Act) and the *Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area Conservation Act 1994*. These Acts implement Australia’s international duty for the protection, conservation, presentation, rehabilitation and transmission to future generations of the World Heritage Area.
2. The Queensland Act establishes the Wet Tropics Management Authority (the Authority) and provides the legal basis for the Wet Tropics Management Plan 1998 that regulates land use activities in the Area through a zoning and permit system.
3. The Board is established by the Queensland Act with the key function to implement programs to meet Australia’s international obligations for the Area under the World Heritage Convention. The roles of the Board include: being responsible for the way in which the Authority performs its functions and exercises its powers; deciding the objectives, strategies and policies to be followed by the Authority; and ensuring that the Authority performs its functions in a proper, effective and efficient way.
4. The Board consists of seven directors, six of whom serve in a part time capacity. The Chair and a designated Aboriginal director are nominated by the Ministerial Forum. Two directors are nominated by the Australian Government and two by the Queensland Government. The Executive Director of the Authority is the seventh and non-voting board director. In accordance with the Commonwealth Act, at least one of the Commonwealth’s two nominees to the Board must be an Aboriginal person.
5. A Wet Tropics Ministerial Forum co-ordinates policy and funding for the Wet Tropics of Queensland between the Commonwealth and Queensland Governments at a Ministerial level and, where appropriate, provides a mechanism to liaise with the Authority and the Board of Directors.
6. Cabinet endorsed that Ms Leslie Shirreffs be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Wet Tropics Management Authority for a term commencing from the date of Governor in Council approval and ending on 31 December 2016.
7. *Attachments*
   * Nil.