1. Section 204 of the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (the Act) establishes the Aboriginal Land Tribunal (the Tribunal).
2. The Tribunal is independent and receives and hears claims made by groups of Aboriginal people to areas of claimable land and reports to the Minister for Natural Resources and Mines in relation to each claim.
3. Section 204(2) of the Act provides for the appointment of a Chairperson and such number of Deputy Chairpersons and other members as are appointed under the Act.
4. As a result of amendments to the Act in 2006, no new claims could be lodged after 22 December 2006. Further amendments to the Act in 2007 and in 2013 had the effect to end all land proceedings, with the exception of four land claims to Boodjamulla National Park (formerly Lawn Hill).
5. The Boodjamulla National Park claims must be heard jointly in accordance with section 63 of the Act. In order for the claims to be heard and determined, it is necessary to correctly constitute the Tribunal by appointing two non-presiding members.
6. Section 216(1) of the Act provides that the Tribunal is to be constituted for the purposes of the hearing and determination of a proceeding by a presiding member (i.e. the Chairperson or a Deputy Chairperson) sitting alone; or a presiding member sitting with two non-presiding members (i.e. a member who is not the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson).
7. Section 216(2) of the Act provides that if the Tribunal is to be constituted by a presiding member and two non-presiding members, one of the non-presiding members must be a person who, in the opinion of the chairperson of the tribunal, has suitable knowledge of Aboriginal people or Aboriginal tradition; and the other non-presiding member must have had experience, for not less than five years, at a high level in industry, commerce, public administration, industrial relations, the practice of a profession or the service of a government or an authority of a government.
8. Cabinet endorsed that Mr Nathan Jarro and Mr John Stewart AM be recommended to the Governor in Council for appointment as part-time non-presiding Members to the Aboriginal Land Tribunal for a term of one year commencing 29 June 2015 up to and including 28 June 2016.
9. *Attachments*
* Nil.