



**South West Native Title Settlement  
Interim Pre-Qualification Committee  
Call for Nominations - Committee Members**



The Government of Western Australia (**State**) and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC) are calling for nominations for Noongar community members and independent persons to join the Interim Pre-Qualification Committee (**Committee**). The nomination process will be conducted by an independent organisation - the Forum for Directors of Indigenous Organisations (**FDIO**).

**Background:**

The South West Native Title Settlement (**Settlement**) comprises the full and final resolution of all native title claims in the South West of Western Australia, in exchange for a package of benefits, which will eventually be held and managed within the Noongar Boodja Trust (**Trust**). The Settlement involves around 30,000 Noongar people who will be represented by six Noongar Regional Corporations (**RCs**) and the Central Services Corporation (**CSC**).

**Committee Purpose:**

The Interim Pre-Qualification Committee is being established to prequalify candidates for appointment as directors on the boards of the Nominee RCs and Nominee CSC before the Trust is established.

**Committee Composition:**

The Committee will initially comprise six members:

- one person nominated by SWALSC;
- one person nominated by the State;
- two representatives of the Noongar Community (Noongar Members); and
- two independent persons (Independent Members) of which one Independent Member shall be appointed Chair.

Once the Trustee of the Trust has been selected, it will nominate one person to join the Committee as its representative.

Please note membership of the Committee is an unpaid, volunteer position.

**Committee Functions:**

- Assist SWALSC or the Nominee RCs or CSC calling for nominations for the appointment of directors, specifying the form in which applications should be made and considering the eligibility of candidates.
- Review and comment on selection processes of any pre-selected candidates
- Make inquiries and investigations to confirm eligibility of candidates
- Provide short list of pre-qualified eligible candidates
- Create a transparent and fair process for applicants to apply and be pre-qualified for positions

**Required Qualifications:**

The State and SWALSC are seeking nominations from experienced and committed individuals with demonstrated experience in directorships and boards, specifically with the recruitment and selection of traditional owner directors and independent directors for corporations or associations. Ideally, candidates will have experience and qualifications in the area of finance, leadership, law, business development, corporate governance or similar areas.

In your written nomination, please demonstrate that you meet the qualifications listed below:

- experience with directorships and boards
- financial literacy;
- leadership experience, ability to meet deadlines and ability to work with others;

- absence of conflicting commitments;
- reputation and Integrity;
- not a director, officer or employee of SWALSC or the State; and where required
- Independent as defined in the Noongar Boodja Trust Deed (found at page 8 of Annexure G of each of the ILUAs on the Department of Premier and Cabinet's website) <https://www.dpc.wa.gov.au/lantu/south-west-native-title-settlement/Indigenous-Land-Use-Agreement/Pages/default.aspx>

**Term:**

The Committee will be convened in April 2016 and continue until the Trust is established and formally appoints a Nominations Committee. It is anticipated that the Trust will be established by late 2016.

**Nominations:**

Please submit a current CV with at least two referees and a cover letter no longer than two pages addressing the Qualifications outlined above to Tahnee Davies, Executive Officer at FDIO via email: [tahnee.davies@fdio.com.au](mailto:tahnee.davies@fdio.com.au).

For more information please contact FDIO Executive Officer, Tahnee Davies at (08) 9426 6689 (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

**Nominations Close: Friday, 8 April 2016 at 5pm WST**