



AUSTRALIAN ALPS NATIONAL PARKS

AAnp Co-operative Management Program Reference Groups

Terms of Reference

(As at September 2015)

Context: For the three year strategic plan period of 2016-2018 the Australian Alps Program will have 3 Reference Groups. These three groups are the:

- I. Cultural Heritage RG
- II. Environment RG
- III. Connecting People RG

Each of the groups will tailor their support to projects that align with the **Core Values** and **Immediate Priorities** identified in the 2016-2018 Strategic Plan.

Reference Groups (or other special task groups facilitating projects) have the following responsibilities:

- 1 To consider the *Core Values* and *Immediate Priorities* as specified in the 2016-2018 AAnp Program Strategic Plan;
- 2 To consider the purposes of the of the Memorandum of Understanding (AAnp Program) in achieving the outcome of the Reference Groups aligned *Immediate Priorities*;
- 3 To provide the AALC with advice on new and emerging issues related to the Reference Groups activities;
- 4 To advise on work plans for activities and projects in the triennium in light of the *Immediate Priority* issues listed in this plan, and the resources realistically available;
- 5 To consider linkages with the groups advising on other actions in this plan;
- 6 To consider the perspectives of Aboriginal people in contributing to the outcomes of the Reference Group's projects;
- 7 To encourage the involvement of agency personnel with an interest or role in the Reference Group's projects;
- 8 To be cognisant of the knowledge needs of the AAnp agencies and their staff, as well as those of the community;
- 9 To advise on knowledge transfer but not necessarily undertake this process directly;
- 10 To advise the AALC on evaluation of the Reference Group's activities, its related projects, and progress towards achieving the strategic plan's outcomes;
- 11 To be involved where relevant in project management and delivery related to the Reference Group's approved projects;
- 12 Contribute to the enhancement of staff skills and management: Encourage staff to share and develop expertise and specialist skills in management of the Australian Alps national parks;
- 13 The Reference Groups will consider and recommend to the AALC appropriate additional strategies to achieve the objectives of the *Core Values* and *Immediate Priorities*.

The Australian Alps national parks Co-operative Management Program is a partnership program of:

