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Dear Custodian

I write to advise you, as a valued custodian, that applications are being sought from Aboriginal people for appointment to the eight National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Regional Advisory Committees for terms of up to four years commencing 1 July 2022.

The eight regional advisory committees to be constituted across NSW are:

1. Blue Mountains
2. Greater Sydney
3. Hunter Central Coast
4. North Coast
5. Northern Inland
6. South Coast
7. Southern Ranges
8. West.

Clause 1 (2)(f) of Schedule 8 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* requires that each regional advisory committee includes at least two Aboriginal people. It is expected that applicants will have strong connections to the national parks and reserves in the administrative region for which they apply.

Statutory functions include providing advice on plans of management to the Minister and advice on policies, plans and activities to the Department Secretary and the National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council. Committee members provide valuable insight into the management of the national parks and other reserves within their administrative regions and are an important conduit between the community and NPWS.

Applications for committee membership are also encouraged from people with scientific qualifications in conservation biology, wildlife management or related disciplines; and people with expertise and experience in the following areas: local government; community involvement in conservation; Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage; rural or regional issues; ecotourism or ecologically sustainable visitor use; enjoyment and appreciation of reserves; and environmental education.

Committees meet at least four times a year (either in person or online). Additional meetings plus site inspections to national parks and reserves may be required. These are voluntary positions. Travel and approved committee-associated expenses will be reimbursed.

Applicants are required to upload their CV and complete the online application form at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/regional-advisory-committees> by **11:59pm on Wednesday 4 May 2022**.

I take this opportunity to thank the current Aboriginal regional advisory committee representatives for their dedication, commitment and contribution to the management of national parks and other reserves across NSW. This work is greatly appreciated by NPWS and we look forward to continuing to work together to help conserve and manage the State's valuable natural and cultural resources.

If you require more information, Ann Holland, Community Engagement Team, NPWS can be contacted at rac@environment.nsw.gov.au or on 9585 6022.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Vader', written in a cursive style.

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