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Question:

What was the process for identifying potential board members? Were the positions advertised publicly, or were individuals approached directly? What factors were considered in that process?

Answer:

The appointment of the Indigenous Land Council Board is governed by s191X of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005*. The Act requires that the Chairperson and at least four other Directors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders. The Act also requires individual Board members to have at least one of three prescribed skill sets:

- Land or environmental management; or
- Business or financial management (at least 2 directors); or
- Aboriginal community life or Torres Strait Islander community life.

The individuals were appointed taking account of the legislative requirements and the balance of skills among the Board. Following departmental assessment and advice, and government consideration, individuals were approached directly.