

Proposed Niiwalarra Islands (Sir Graham Moore Islands) and Lesueur Islands draft joint management plan 2019

Outcome of public submission period

On 5 April 2019, the *Proposed Niiwalarra Islands (Sir Graham Moore Islands) and Lesueur Islands draft joint management plan 2019* (the draft plan) was released by the Minister for Environment for a two-month statutory public submission period. The submission period closed on 5 June 2019.

The public was notified that the draft plan was open for comment and how they could make a submission as required under section 57 of the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* (CALM Act). Specifically, a notice was placed in the *Government Gazette* on 5 April 2019, *The West Australian* on 17 April 2019 and 8 May 2019, and the *Kimberley Echo* on 18 April 2019 and 9 May 2019.

Notification of the draft plan being open for public comment was also sent to various stakeholders including government agencies, environmental groups, research institutions, commercial interest groups (e.g. tour operators), and individuals who have subscribed to newsletters because of interest in visiting and or the management of national parks and similar reserves.

Further, the plan was sent to the relevant Local Government Authority as per section 59 of the CALM Act.

Seven submissions were received, from government agencies and research institutions. All these submissions supported the proposals in the draft management plan and provided some general comments and information, which resulted in minor editorial updates. Consequently, the plan has been slightly changed as a result of the public submission process, and the final plan was sent to the Minister for Environment for approval. The final management plan became operational on placement of notice in the *Government Gazette* on 17 December 2019.