

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA
KEEP RIVER NATIONAL PARK LOCAL
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

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NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Regulations 1992, No. 42*

Regulations under the *Territory Parks and
Wildlife Conservation Act*

I, JAMES HENRY MUIRHEAD, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*.

Dated 30 July 1992.

J.H. MUIRHEAD
Administrator

KEEP RIVER NATIONAL PARK LOCAL MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE REGULATIONS

1. CITATION

These Regulations may be cited as the Keep River National Park Local Management Committee Regulations.

2. INTERPRETATION

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears -

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Committee;

"Committee" means the Keep River National Park Local Management Committee established by regulation 3;

"member" means a member of the Committee;

"Park" means the area declared to be a park under section 12 of the Act by notice dated 15 April 1981 and published in *Gazette* No. G17 of 1 May 1981.

* Notified in the *Northern Territory Government Gazette* on 12 August 1992.

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3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE

There is established by these Regulations a committee to be known as the Keep River National Park Local Management Committee.

4. COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), the Committee shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Minister, of whom -

- (a) one shall be a person nominated by the Victoria River District Conservation Association;
- (b) 2 shall be employees of the Commission;
- (c) one shall be a person nominated by the East Kimberley Shire Council;
- (d) one shall be an Aboriginal nominated by Murranwong-Gadgerong families with an interest in living areas in the Park;
- (e) one shall be an Aboriginal appointed from Aboriginal groups with an interest in the Park but not proposing to live in the Park; and
- (f) one shall be a person nominated by the Katherine Region Tourist Association.

(2) A person who is a member of the Legislative Assembly or of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth is not eligible to be appointed or to hold office as a member.

(3) As soon as practicable after an appointment under subregulation (1) has been made, the Minister shall cause notice of the appointment to be published in the *Gazette*.

(4) Subject to regulations 5 and 6, a member holds office for 3 years but -

- (a) is eligible for reappointment; and
- (b) shall continue in office until reappointed or a successor is appointed.

(5) The performance of a function or the exercise of a power of the Committee is not affected by reason only of there being a vacancy in the office of a member.

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5. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

A member appointed under regulation 4(1) may resign office by writing signed by or with the authority of the member, delivered to the Minister.

6. TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

(1) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after -

- (a) receiving the resignation of a member;
- (b) becoming aware of a member's inability to continue as a member because of illness or for any other reason; or
- (c) being satisfied that a member has contravened by-law 10,

terminate the appointment of the person as a member.

(2) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after -

- (a) becoming aware of the death of a member; or
- (b) terminating the appointment of a person as a member under subregulation (1),

appoint another person, with the same qualification for membership as the person in whose place the person is appointed, to be a member.

7. CHAIRMAN

(1) The Minister shall, as soon as practicable after the establishment of the Committee, or at any time when the office of Chairman is vacant, convene a meeting of the Committee for the purpose of electing a member as the Chairman.

(2) The Minister shall appoint a member to preside at the meeting referred to in subregulation (1).

(3) Where the Minister convenes a meeting under subregulation (1), the Committee shall elect a member to be Chairman.

(4) Where a member is elected as Chairman at a meeting referred to in subregulation (1), the member shall preside at the meeting in place of the member appointed under subregulation (2).

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(5) Subject to subregulation (6), the Chairman holds office, provided he or she remains a member, for 3 years and is eligible for re-election.

(6) The Committee may at any time, by resolution, remove the Chairman from office and elect another member as Chairman.

8. CALLING OF MEETINGS, PROCEDURE, &c.

(1) The Chairman shall call such meetings of the Committee as are necessary for the exercise of its powers and the performance of its functions, but the number of meetings shall be not less than one in each calendar year.

(2) At any time -

(a) the Minister may direct; or

(b) not less than 3 members may request,

the Chairman to call a meeting of the Committee and the Chairman shall call a meeting accordingly.

(3) At a meeting of the Committee -

(a) the Chairman, if present, shall preside or, if the Chairman is not present, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside;

(b) subject to subregulation (4), 3 members, of whom one only may be a member appointed under regulation 4(1)(b), constitute a quorum;

(c) questions arising shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and, in the event of an equality of votes, the person presiding shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative vote; and

(d) subject to these Regulations, the Committee shall determine the procedures to be followed at or in connection with the meeting.

(4) A member may, in writing under the member's hand or with the member's authority, give to another member a general authority to vote for the first-mentioned member at a meeting of the Committee and the member given the authority may vote for the first-mentioned member at the meeting and shall, for the purposes of subregulation (3)(b), be counted towards a quorum as though he or she were also the first-mentioned member, but the authorised member shall not vote on behalf of more than one member and may be counted in place of one member only with the same qualification.

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(5) The Committee shall cause records of the Committee's meetings to be kept and, as soon as practicable after each meeting, shall cause a copy of the minutes of the meeting to be given to each member and to the Minister.

(6) A member may require the Committee to admit to a meeting of the Committee such persons as the member considers necessary to advise the member on matters being considered at the meeting and may require the Committee to allow such persons, or any of them, to address the meeting on the member's behalf, and the Committee shall admit those persons and allow them to address the meeting accordingly.

(7) A person admitted under subregulation (6) to a meeting of the Committee shall not vote on a matter at the meeting.

9. FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF COMMITTEE

(1) The Committee is, in the performance of its functions and the exercise of its powers, subject to the Act and to the plan of management for the Park.

(2) The functions of the Committee are to advise the Commission on issues relevant to the management of the Park, including but not limited to -

- (a) the planning and development of works and facilities in the Park;
- (b) the formulation of commercial and tourist programs and development in the Park;
- (c) the protection of the Park against damage, including safety measures and fire control in the Park;
- (d) the development of staff training programs for persons employed in the Park;
- (e) the development of programs for the protection, conservation and management of native flora and fauna, and the environment generally, in the Park and for the elimination of feral animals and weeds from the Park;
- (f) the promotion of a knowledge and understanding of and respect for Aboriginal traditional languages, culture, customs and skills, and the protection and recording of sites and areas of spiritual or other significance to Aboriginals in the Park;

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- (g) the determination of entry fees and other charges, if any, and the application of those fees or charges in the Park; and
- (h) the determination of guidelines for sporting activities, camping and the establishment of camping sites, if any, and for the control of vehicular traffic and the use of boats in the Park.

(3) The Committee has power to do all things that are necessary or convenient to be done for or in connection with, or incidental to the performance of, its functions.

10. MEMBERS SHALL NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION

A member shall not disclose information obtained in the course of the member's duties as a member unless the disclosure is made in the course of those duties.
