

PZJA Advisory Committee Traditional Inhabitant Member Nomination Form

How to Apply:

If you require assistance to complete this form or further information about the advisory committee roles, responsibilities or selection process, please see your TSRA Board Member.

Please complete all steps by ticking relevant boxes and importantly, provide information about you, your fisheries knowledge, skills and experience including:

- Tick the box next to the Advisory Group(s) which you would like to participate in
- Tick the box next to the fisheries areas in which you are engaged
- Briefly list your Experience and Skills in the Industry
- Once completed please give to your TSRA Board Member

Name: _____

TS Community: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

Email: _____

Please tick the box beside each group that you wish to nominate for. Please note, you can tick more than one box.

<input type="checkbox"/> TRL Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Finfish Working Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Collectable Working Group
<input type="checkbox"/> TRL Resource Assessment Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Finfish Resource Assessment Group	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Collectables Resource Assessment Group
<input type="checkbox"/> TS Scientific Advisory Committee		<input type="checkbox"/> TS Prawn Management Advisory Committee

*Please tick the boxes beside each group that best describes your participation in the industry
Please note, you can tick more than one box.*

<input type="checkbox"/> fisher	<input type="checkbox"/> primary vessel operator	<input type="checkbox"/> single dory operator
<input type="checkbox"/> processor/buyer/	<input type="checkbox"/> driver	<input type="checkbox"/> fish receiver
<input type="checkbox"/> diver	<input type="checkbox"/> fisher association	<input type="checkbox"/> other.....

Experience, Expertise and Skills

Please give details below of your relevant fishery knowledge, skills and experience. and indicate why you wish to be a member (attach additional page if required)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Steps to selecting Traditional Inhabitant advisory committee members

- Once nominations close on 9 June 2025, your TSRA Board Member will work with other cluster TSRA Board members to prepare a list of applications received. This list will confirm publicly who has applied.
- 8 applicants will be selected by the TSRA Board members (from the cluster) to become the nominees for each of the 8 advisory committee positions. Selection is based on relevant fisheries knowledge, skills and experience.
- The TSRA cluster Board members will notify their communities of their selection before forwarding the names of the nominees to TSRA Fisheries: fisheries@tsra.gov.au
- Nominations will be collated and forwarded to AFMA for consideration.
- AFMA will inform TSRA of the approved nominees.

Any disputes about the selection process must be raised with your TSRA Board member in the first instance. If unresolved you may lodge a dispute with TSRA Fisheries at: fisheries@tsra.gov.au within 7 days of the close of nominations (9 June).

Important information about Traditional Inhabitant members:

- ☐ Any Traditional Inhabitant can nominate to be on an Advisory Committee (Traditional Inhabitant is Torres Strait Treaty reference used in the Torres Strait Fisheries Act 1984) and includes a Traditional Inhabitant from any of the 20 Communities represented by the TSRA along with the NPA communities of Injinoo, New Mapoon and Umagico.
- ☐ You have experience in Torres Strait fisheries either as a fisher, fish receiver or a person within a community that is recognised as having a current understanding of issues impacting the fishing industry.
- ☐ New applicants are encouraged to apply - you can apply even if you have not held a PZJA Advisory position in the past.
- ☐ A person does not have to be a member of Zenadth Kes Fisheries to be considered.
- ☐ A TSRA Board member may nominate for any position. However, the Board member must declare a Conflict of Interest and remove themselves from any vote (if held) or decision to nominate persons from that cluster.
- ☐ A person that previously submitted an Expression of Interest in becoming an Advisory Committee member (before the previous closing date of 1 May 2025) will be automatically considered by the cluster TSRA Board members and does not need to reapply.
- ☐ Each cluster community will be advised of the names of all applicants before making a decision on which applicants should be nominated for appointment.
- ☐ TSRA Board members from each cluster will meet to consider all applicants/nominations and reach agreement on a preferred/suitable nominee for each of the 8 cluster positions (There are a total of 40 positions to be filled – 8 positions per cluster).

Responsibilities

- ☐ It is important that you attend the 'full' meeting and engage on matters for the benefit of Torres Strait fisheries and be prepared to negotiate to achieve acceptable outcomes and compromises where necessary
- ☐ Act impartially and in the best interests of Torres Strait fisheries and their communities rather than as an advocate for an individual organisation or interest group and avoid pursuing personal agendas or self-interest
- ☐ Be prepared to observe confidentiality where required and exercise tact and discretion when dealing with sensitive issues
- ☐ be prepared to make the necessary commitment of time to ensure you are fully across matters which are the subject of consideration by the committee
- ☐ You will be required to communicate with fishers and interested persons from your community and/or cluster before and after each advisory committee meeting

- ☐ It is important you fully participate in the meetings as well as attend pre-meeting briefs (TSRA will provide pre-briefings and also a summary of the meeting to assist you when you return to community)
- ☐ It is important you regularly communicate and liaise with other traditional inhabitants in the community on PZJA activities and bring community perspectives to the attention of the committee.