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Dear Mr Stone *Shane*

I am pleased to appoint you as a member of the Senior Advisory Group on Joint Management Arrangements for Commonwealth National Parks. Your appointment will initially be until 3 August 2021, to conduct an independent review and provide advice to me within five months of the group's first meeting.

I am delighted to have someone with your extensive experience across politics, industry and regional development, particularly your leadership experience in northern Australia, as a member of the group. You will be joined by the Hon Amanda Vanstone AO and Mr David Ross AM as co-chairs, along with Ms Helen Williams AC, Mr Joe Martin-Jard and Mr Nolan Hunter.

I ask that, together, you closely engage with traditional owners, including the councils and boards of management for each of the jointly managed parks, to ensure their views directly inform your advice to me. I anticipate that there will be differences of views across the three jointly managed parks – one size may not fit all – and expect any differences to be reflected in your advice.

Your advice should also complement and build on relevant recommendations from Professor Graeme Samuel AC's *Independent Review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*.

A secretariat has been established within Parks Australia to support the group and will contact you shortly to finalise the administrative arrangements in relation to your appointment. If you have any queries about this matter, please contact the secretariat on 0429 406 618 or at SeniorAdvisoryGroup.Secretariat@environment.gov.au.

Thank you for your commitment to this important work. I look forward to receiving your advice.

Yours sincerely

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*great to have you
on board!*