

cultural heritage

Management Target: Establish an Indigenous Natural Resource and Cultural Reference Group, within 2 years of Catchment Plan approval to formally coordinate the input of Aboriginal communities into natural resource management planning activities in the Western Catchment.

■ Work Undertaken

The Western Catchment Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group was formed in September 2006.

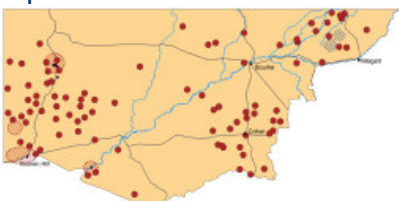
■ The Group:

- Consists of 19 members representing the majority of Aboriginal language groups and communities with large Aboriginal populations
- Was formed as the Western CMA is committed to ensuring that decisions affecting the long-term sustainability of the environment are compatible with Aboriginal culture and values
- Will provide valuable advice to the Board of the Western CMA
- Will formally coordinate the input of Aboriginal communities into natural resource management planning activities in the Western Catchment
- Will assist in developing and implementing a process for documentation, evaluation and ownership of indigenous knowledge of sustainable land management and cultural values by 2009

■ **Formation:** September 2006

■ **Funding Year:** 2006

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