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Important information: 'Expression of Interest' process - Winton Wetlands

As you will know, the Winton Wetlands restoration project is an environmental project of national significance - the largest wetland restoration project of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere.

Significant progress has been made by the Winton Wetlands Committee of Management over the past decade or so to restore the wetlands. This has included construction of critical infrastructure, the Mokoan Hub and Café, a network of paths, trails and roads, camping areas and playgrounds, a cultural education centre and the planting of more than 300,000 native trees and shrubs.

We have also built strong relationships with local communities, environmental and educational-based organisations, volunteers, and the Traditional Owners of the land, the Yorta Yorta people.

To support the continued restoration and operation of the site, Winton Wetlands Committee of Management, and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) are seeking to transition to a new land management model in 2024.

To achieve this, an Expression of Interest process has been initiated to seek interest from organisations capable of managing the site into the future. Through this process, interested organisations will be required to demonstrate a proposed vision and business model for the future of Winton Wetlands.

Additional details about the Expression of Interest process can be found [here](#). (You will be required to register with the Tenders Victoria website to obtain this information.)

The Committee of Management will continue to engage its staff, partners and stakeholders about the change, and will support the transition to the new land manager once appointed.

The process is anticipated to be completed by end of June 2024.

In the meantime, it's business as usual. If you have any further questions about the Expression of Interest process, please contact Ms Clara Reed at the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action – clara.reed@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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