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## Media Release: APY Board reappoints Richard King as General Manager

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The APY Executive Board has today resolved the position of General Manager of APY and reappointed Richard King on a 12-month contract extension.

The reappointment of Mr King, the longest serving and first Indigenous general manager of the APY Lands, will enable outstanding business to be completed whilst the recruitment process for a new general manager is undertaken in accordance with good governance.

The Board resolved to immediately commence a recruitment process for the position of general manager of APY to allow ample time for a proper handover in March 2024.

A Notice of Motion put forward by Chairperson Bernard Singer was seconded by Anton Baker and supported by six Board members. Three Board members abstained.

This came after a directive from South Australian Attorney-General Kyam Maher for the Board to hold a valid meeting by 17 March 2023 to resolve the position of General Manager of APY.

Mr King commended Mr Maher, who also is Aboriginal Affairs Minister, for listening to calls from APY for urgent intervention to address Board dysfunction and ensure business could be conducted in the interests of all Anangu across the APY Lands.

APY has maintained since October 2022 that an attempt by a faction of the Board to replace Mr King with Greg Jobson was not valid.

Before today's meeting, the Board had been unable to meet for four months, with attempts to mediate issues at a scheduled meeting in Alice Springs on 21 February 2023 torpedoed by some Board members.

The Board meeting will continue on 16 March 2023 in Adelaide.

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