



**THE HON SUSSAN LEY MP**  
**MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE SYDNEY HARBOUR FEDERATION TRUST**

The Morrison Government has announced two new Board members for the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust reflecting the importance of the Indigenous heritage of the sites, as well as the wider significance of the Harbour Trust to greater Sydney.

Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley said following the Morrison Government's steps to ensure the ongoing future of the Harbour Trust in administering former Commonwealth defence sites such as Cockatoo Island, Headland Park and Sub Base Platypus, it was important to also ensure the Board brought together the right diversity of skillsets to plan for the future.

"I am pleased to announce that Tanya Denning-Orman, Director of Indigenous Content at SBS will join the Board along with City of Parramatta Lord Mayor Steven Issa," Minister Ley said.

"Tanya brings a wealth of communications and broadcast experience to the Board and a strong understanding of Indigenous story telling.

"Steven's appointment reflects the importance of local government perspectives in Heritage planning and place making.

"This is a unique time of opportunity for the Harbour Trust as it undertakes long-term master planning for Cockatoo Island and North Head Sanctuary, and it is important the right mix of Board and Management experience is in place to deliver the best possible outcomes."

**Biographies:**

**Tanya Denning-Orman**

Tanya Denning-Orman, a proud Birri and Guugu Yimidhirr woman from central and north Queensland, has led National Indigenous Television since it joined SBS in 2012, and more recently became SBS's first Director of Indigenous Content.

As a champion for strong Indigenous media, she also holds several industry board positions including with Media Diversity Australia, First Nations Media Australia, and the World Indigenous Television Broadcast Network.

**Steven Issa**

Steven is the Lord Mayor of the City of Parramatta and has served as a councillor since 2012. Steven moved and supported protections in the Parramatta Local Environmental Plan for all State Heritage Listed items including The Roxy Theatre and has supported the retention of Willow Grove and St Georges Terrace, as well as recognising the significance of Parramatta's Female Factory. Steven also served on the board of Western Sydney Region of Councils (WSROC) from 2012 to 2016, including time as Vice President. Steven is the Chief Digital Officer at Australian Digital Health Agency, is a former Director of Service NSW, University of Sydney lecturer and management consultant.

*Both appointments are for two years. Mrs Denning-Orman and Mr Issa are employed on a full-time basis by public statutory corporations and the Board positions are not remunerated.*

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