



Media Release

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Investigation of the Noongar Charitable Trust

In July 2023, the Commission received a referral from the then Attorney General, along with several complaints from concerned members of the Noongar community, regarding the decision-making of the trustee of the Noongar Charitable Trust.

A central concern of these complaints related to the purchase of the El Caballo properties by the trustee in March 2020.

After undertaking an extensive investigation, the Commission has formed the view that the trustees did not undertake sufficient due diligence prior to the purchase of the El Caballo properties, and this resulted in significant loss to the Noongar Charitable Trust.

The Commission has asked for submissions from the parties by 15 September to quantify the amount required to restore the Noongar Charitable Trust.

The parties have been advised that an Investigation Report has been provided to the Attorney General.

A further report will be provided in response to any submissions received on the amount required to restore the Trust.

More information about the Charitable Trusts Commission can be found [here](#)

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