

## **Appendix 2 - Community Consultation undertaken in the Development of the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan for the NT**

### **2.1 Introduction**

The Landcare Council of the Northern Territory (LCNT) is the Regional Body responsible for the development and implementation of the Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan for the Northern Territory. The NT Natural Resource Management Facilitator network is the vehicle for community consultation and Land Councils and industry bodies play a pivotal role in ensuring community and industry issues are represented. The Plan was developed under principles of fairness, equity of opportunity for involvement, inclusiveness, cultural sensitivity, relevance and early and ongoing involvement in the whole planning and implementation cycle. The Plan is inclusive of Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and local knowledge as well as sound scientific knowledge and is mindful of the socio-economic factors particular to the Territory. The development of this Plan is supported by the Northern Territory and Australian Governments through the Natural Heritage Trust.

The framework for developing and accrediting the Plan is outlined in the Northern Territory-Commonwealth Government Bilateral Agreement (June 2003). The Plan was developed through a community consultation process and includes a Regional Investment Strategy, which outline priority actions and budgets, and a Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy.

The LCNT signed off on the Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy for the INRM Plan at LCNT61 Wednesday 28 April 2004, acknowledging that it would be added to and amended on a needs basis.

The objectives for the Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy are to:

- give everyone in the broad Natural Resource Management community in the NT the opportunity to be equally actively involved in the development of this INRM Plan;
- determine what the key natural resource management issues and priorities are for the Northern Territory, including any major gaps in information and knowledge;
- set aspirational, resource conditions and management action targets for these priorities;
- identify regional socio-economic issues that may inhibit the involvement of the community in improved NRM management and to identify solutions to these issues;
- help develop an Investment Strategy and Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy for the INRM Plan; and
- engage the community through a process of capacity building/public consultation to become more involved in achieving sustainable natural resource management.

To ensure that these objectives were met as a minimum, opportunities were provided for the following stakeholders to be actively engaged in developing and implementing the Plan, including in the process of defining and allocating responsibility for specific actions to deliver the Plan:

- Local government;
- State and Commonwealth agencies;
- Indigenous communities;
- Key industry, environmental and community development groups;
- Relevant natural resource management community groups; and
- The relevant academic/scientific community.

Community engagement efforts were both 'passive' (that is, provision of information) and 'active' (that is, involving direct interaction, discussion and debate). Advertising, promotion and information provision throughout the process of developing and refining the draft Plan and the subsequent Investment Strategy supported understanding by the general community and all key stakeholders and created avenues for comment.

The effective utilisation of the NT's facilitator network was an important element in effectively meeting the Community Consultation and Engagement Strategies objectives. The extensive facilitator network, undertook most of the consultation and engagement.

This network included:

- Australian Government (AG) staff based in Darwin, who were responsible for capacity building in the facilitator network and in facilitating active involvement of NT-wide NRM government and industry stakeholders in the INRM process;
- Manager Community Programs, DIPE, who was responsible for Regional Facilitators and overall co-ordination of the NT Facilitator network;
- NT Regional Facilitators (RF), based in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs, who were responsible for consultation within their sub-region, including co-ordination of their Local Facilitators and for sub-region-wide stakeholders;
- Indigenous Land Management Facilitators (ILMF) based in Darwin and Alice Springs, who were responsible for ensuring Indigenous involvement and representation in the process; and
- Local Facilitators (LF) based in a wide variety of NGO and government organisations (this grouping includes other Facilitators who were involved in the INRM Planning process but who are not directly acknowledged by the NHT process), who were responsible for ensuring active involvement by their local stakeholders.

## 2.2 Timeframe

The initial public consultation ran between April 2004 and July 2004. A draft Plan went on public exhibition, to seek written feedback, from mid December 2004 to the end of January 2005. The final Plan was endorsed by LCNT at the beginning of March 2005 and will be presented to Ministers through the NT/Commonwealth Joint Steering Committee (JSC).

### **Phase 1: Project launch – March - May 2004**

*Organisational arrangements and planning.*

- Identified essential outputs and key stakeholders.
- Planned approach.
- Collated and reviewed NT and Australian NRM plans, strategies and information.
- Developed the Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy.

### **Phase 2: Informing stakeholders – April - May 2004**

- Informed Stakeholders (various techniques).
- Initiated Framework of the INRM Plan as working document for consultation.
- Developed and disseminated Community Information paper.

### **Phase 3: Understanding the current situation – May - July 2004**

- Regional/local workshops for community input occurred.
- Expert/theme-specific workshops for setting NRM priorities and targets were held.
- Further developed strategies to address identified gaps in NRM.
- Identified community capacity building needs.

### **Phase 4: Developing 1st draft – July - December 2004**

Collated input from all key stakeholders.

- Developed 1st Draft of Plan based on community consultations and technical expertise.
- Collated indigenous landholders input into initial draft.

### **Phase 5: Public exhibition – mid December 2004 – end of January 2005**

- Public exhibition draft of INRM plan for discussion and written feedback.

**Phase 6: Collation of comments – November – end of January 2005**

- Collated comments from Public Exhibition into final INRM Plan for endorsement at Landcare Council of the NT meeting 68 on 23 – 24 February 2005.

**Phase 7: Final plan accredited – March 2005**

- Provide final plan to JSC to present to Ministers for accreditation.

## **2.3 Target Setting Process**

### **2.3.1 Existing Information**

Existing information was collated and used to develop initial rough targets for the Plan. Firstly, in October 2003 LCNT had developed 26 interim MAT's which built on previous community workshops held by the Landcare Council in Alice Springs, Katherine and Darwin, and which identified NRM issues for the NT.

Secondly, the planning team analysed the notes from the three Landcare Council community workshops with existing NRM plans and strategies, including those from the Barkly, Tiwi Islands, Roper River, Victoria River District and Wangamaty areas. Technical advice was sought to ensure that the resulting Community Information Paper and first draft targets were technically correct and that appropriate key issues and threats were identified and included. The information paper was structured to include natural resource background knowledge, current management, issues, gaps and a summary as this was the most useful way to integrate with the framework of the Plan.

### **2.3.2 Broad Community Consultation**

#### **Issues-based Workshops**

The Landcare Council endorsed a series of ten issues-based workshops to get scientific input on targets, identify gaps and emerging issues for NRM, and activities needed to progress natural resource management in the Territory. The workshops aimed to access high-level technical expertise and make sure the targets were scientifically valid and appropriate. Workshops were separated by assets, Terrestrial Biodiversity, Land, Inland Waters, Coastal & Marine, and Communities, NRM Institutions and Knowledge. Participants were given background contextual information prior to attending the workshops to ensure effective, informed participation. Participants in these workshops came from a wide variety of expert stakeholders including Government Departments, Charles Darwin University, CSIRO, Tropical Savannas CRC, Industry representatives, NGO's, Aboriginal Land Councils and Local Government.

#### **Stakeholder Workshops**

Thirty-two stakeholder meetings and workshops were held across the Territory at approximately the same time as the technical workshops. Their aim was to ensure stakeholders had the opportunity to raise issues, threats and potential targets they would like to see in the plan. Open meetings and workshops held in each region ensured that all stakeholders could be involved in the process. Feedback from the community was used to inform LCNT and the Plan of the communities' thoughts on appropriate targets.

### **2.3.3 Initial Draft Targets**

Information from all the previous analysis, information and consultation was used by the Planning Team to develop scientifically valid, community-based targets for the Plan. Whilst developing the targets the planning team continued to consult with each other and various experts as needed to ensure targets were compatible and integrated. Most of the rationale for the targets can be found in the appendices.

### **2.3.4 Technical Review**

A Technical Review Panel was twice used prior to the Draft Exhibition phase to provide comment on the overall structure and content of the Plan, including the targets. The four people on the Panel are highly experienced scientific experts on NRM in both the Territory and elsewhere. LCNT used the Panel's advice to inform their proposed changes to the Plan.

### 2.3.5 LCNT

LCNT members, as representatives of a broad range of NRM sectors of the community, have played an essential role in developing and ranking targets, identifying emerging issues, and defining priorities in information gaps. In particular, targets were reviewed, debated and amended by LCNT at their regular meetings. This participation and input occurred throughout the development of the Plan.

In October 2003, LCNT decided to get independent, external advice on the Plan and the targets from CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems (Brisbane). A new version of the targets and actions was produced and subsequently endorsed by LCNT for release during the public exhibition phase.

### 2.3.6 Public Submissions

Many of the submissions received on the Draft Plan focussed on the targets and associated actions. The Planning team collated, analysed, summarised and recommended actions on these comments to LCNT. LCNT's decisions on the proposed changes to the Plan including the targets have been incorporated into the current Plan.

## 2.4 Implementation of the Consultation Strategy

The following is a report on the implementation of the Strategy, that is, of the community consultation and engagement undertaken for the INRM Plan.

### Community Consultation April - July

#### Media Campaign – Informing stakeholders of the process and seeking involvement.

**Media release** – Media releases sent to NT and regional newspapers. Editorial appeared in the NT News and Katherine Times.

**Editorial** – Editorial appeared in the NT NRM newsletter; Regional Facilitators newsletter; LGANT newsletter; DIPE CEO newsletter

The NT /Australian Government NRM newsletter and Regional Facilitators' newsletter have provided regular updates on the INRMP process.

#### List of Stakeholders

A stakeholder list was developed through consultation with the facilitator network and the LCNT. Attachment 1 - Stakeholder List

#### Community Feedback Form

A community feedback form was developed to guide public consultation meetings and receive individual feedback from NRM stakeholders. It was handed out at meetings was available on the web as either a web-based submission or to be downloaded. Similarly an INRM submission form was developed for the public exhibition of the Draft Plan.

**Reply Paid Service** - A reply paid service was organised through Australia Post and advertised at the public meetings.

#### Direct information mail-out with follow-up

Brochures encouraging community, industry and government to attend community consultation meetings or submit feedback through the website or by mail were developed and distributed to stakeholders (Attachment 1) with an invitation to attend community consultation meetings.

The “**Having Your Say!**” brochure was mailed out to all NRM stakeholders. This was distributed at community consultation meetings, and was available at NTG and NGO offices and the NT show circuit. GANT mailed the brochure with their Annual Report.

The “**Looking After Country**” brochure circulated to Indigenous stakeholders, distributed at community consultation meetings, and was available at NTG, NGO and NLC/CLC offices.

Mail outs distributing brochures and inviting stakeholders to community consultation meetings were followed by up phone calls by the relevant facilitator.

#### Community consultation workshops

32 workshops targeting the majority of stakeholders including Government, recreational/volunteer groups, NGOs, Land Councils and Aboriginal support organisations, industry and landholders were held across NT.

Regional Facilitators and Indigenous Land Management Facilitators ran the meetings with the assistance of the Local Facilitators. A power point presentation was designed to give an update on the INRM Plan development process, timelines and trigger discussion amongst attendees.

The timetable for community consultation was advertised in NT and regional newspapers and emailed or posted to the stakeholder list. An attendance register was kept for all meetings.

Attachment 2 – Timetable for community consultation workshops

### **Community consultation outside workshops**

It was agreed through LCNT that the ILMF would be the conduit for Indigenous feed back to the INRM Plan. The ILMF worked through the regional land council offices and Indigenous groups in the regions as well as the CLC Land Management Unit in Alice and the NLC Caring for Country Unit in Darwin. The CLC also contributed information contained in Sub-Regional Land Owner Needs Reports, prepared by David Alexander in the late 90s, as well as an Overview of Land Management Issues on Aboriginal Land in Central Australia (2004) and Regional Plans currently being developed. The NLC developed *Environmental Management Status Reports, 2004* via the Caring for Country Unit. Tiwi Islands and Anindilyakwa Land Council areas were included through their respective Tiwi Islands and Coastcare Local Facilitators. Tiwi Land Council also gave the planners access to their Regional Natural Resource Management Strategy prior to its official launch so that the information could be included in the INRM Plan.

Similarly industry bodies, government agencies and non government organisations carried out their own consultation and submitted Management Plans or relevant information. Examples are:

- *Collaborative Management of the Semi-arid Lands: An Interim Strategy for 'The Barkly' Region 2002;*
- *VRD Natural Resource Plan 200;*
- *Wangamaty (Lower Daly River) Management Plan;*
- *Central Land Management Association 2004 Submission to Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan;*
- *Contribution to the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan Greening Australia Northern Territory;*
- *Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan: an investigation into Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Agricultural Development in the Northern Territory; Northern Territory Agricultural Association Inc;*
- *Northern Territory Greens (2004); Submission to Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan NT Greens (Unpublished);*
- *Roper River Catchment Natural Resource Management Plans 2004; and*
- *Integrated Catchment Management Plan for the Mary River 1998.*

Technical experts were invited to issues-based workshops on the themes fresh water, coastal and marine, terrestrial biodiversity, land use and management, and community, NRM institutions and planning. These workshops were used as a tool to develop and determine the scientific validity and relevance of targets. Experts were also used to ensure that the scope of issues affecting the NT were addressed in the targets and that these targets were regionally relevant.

### **Feedback storage**

Data collected at meetings and by other means was entered on to a central data base for access by planners.

### **INRM Plan Hot line**

The Hot Line Number, 1800 208 239 and Regional Facilitator contact details have been widely advertised through brochures, website, newsletters, business cards and the media.

### **Print advertising**

Advertisements for public meetings and informing stakeholders how they can participate in the planning process appeared in the Katherine Times, Litchfield Times, Centralian Advocate, Tennant Creek Times and the NT News.

### **Radio campaign**

Over the period June – December radio interviews were conducted on the Country Hour, ABC Radio news, TopFM, ABC Radio with Jim Forwood – Chairman Landcare Council of the NT, Madonna Mackay – Katherine NRM Facilitator, Geri Lee – Alice Springs NRM Facilitator, Colleen Westover – Barkly Facilitator, Dave Munday – Australian Government NRM Facilitator, Robyn Delaney - INRM Plan Project Manager.

### **Community Information Paper**

A Community Information Paper drawing on current known information on issues and gaps was developed for use as a tool in discussions with the community and to focus input and comment on NRM issues in the region was also available on the website.

### **Fact Sheets**

The following fact sheets were distributed at meetings and were available at Government and NGO offices and on the website.

- The Bilateral Agreement – what is it and what does it mean?;
- Targets – what are they?;
- Monitoring and evaluating progress in NRM.

### **Business Card**

Business cards with website and 1800 208 239 contact details were broadly distributed at meetings and events.

### **Public Display**

A poster display was developed for use at all community consultation meetings and also used at the Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs and Borroloola show.

### **Internet**

A website [www.inrm.nt.gov.au](http://www.inrm.nt.gov.au) was developed and is constantly updated. It contains:

- Media releases
- Fact sheets
- Meeting dates for community consultation, public exhibition of the draft plan and Investment Strategy workshops
- Facilitator and Planner network contact details
- INRM planner work plan
- Feed back forms for comments at the community consultation and public exhibition phases.
- Draft and now the final INRM Plan
- Information on the Regional Investment Strategy
- Update letters from the Chairman LCNT
- Link to LCNT website
- Link to related NT Government websites (e.g. for the Conservation Master Plan)
- Link to Australian Government NHT website.
- Link to the websites from neighbouring Regions as well as those of other NT NRM organisations and stakeholder groups
- NT NHT Bilateral Agreement
- Facilitator newsletters

### **Public exhibition of the Draft INRM Plan December 2004 – January 2005**

#### **Open House/Public Exhibition Forums**

12 public meetings were held in regional centres and remote regions of the Northern Territory to present the draft INRM Plan. Most of these were run as Open House Forums. Invitations were sent to those on the Stakeholder List (Attachment 1).

At each forum a LCNT member gave a presentation. These presentations included:

- their role in Plan development and the process since the community consultation meetings;
- what will happen to the written submissions on the draft Plan;

- the process required for Ministerial accreditation;
- the INRM Plan process will be one of adaptive management; and
- an introduction to the Regional Investment Strategy.

This was followed with a Ms PowerPoint™ presentation of the draft Plan. The presentation was adapted slightly for each meeting to incorporate issues that had most impact on the locality. Members of the facilitator network and planning team attended each forum. Attachment 3 – Timetable for public exhibition.

The public were invited to provide written comment by 31 January 2005.

In preparation for the Open House forums two more fact sheets were developed:

- Jargon Busting “The Plan”
- The Regional Investment Strategy

as were a set of posters to stimulate discussion, *eg.* targets, NT assets and introducing the LCNT. The maps included in the Plan, the NT draft Plan, plans from other states, fact sheets, interpretive brochures and the feedback forms were collected and developed for display.

An attendance register was kept for all meetings.

#### **Public Exhibition – publicity**

- Ministerial Launch of the public exhibition of the draft INRM Plan, Parliament House 2pm, 13 December 2004
- Newspaper article/advertising – (Tennant Creek 31/12 and 7/1, Centralian Advocate 4/1 and 7/1, Katherine Times 1/12 and 8/12, Litchfield Times 4/1 and 11/1, NTN 11/12 and 8/1 and 15/1)
- Local Radio – Chairman LCNT was interviewed on the Country Hour
- Website – updated regularly

#### **Draft INRM Plan Availability**

- Website (include plain text version, to ensure the document could be easily down loaded)
- CD ROM available at Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs NT Government Offices; at public exhibition forums and on request.
- Hard Copies in all NT Government and NLC/CLC Regional Offices (location details on flyers). Also in urban and rural Libraries with appropriate display material. Hard copies were available at public exhibition forums and distributed as requested.

#### **Feedback**

Feedback for the Plan was solicited in the following ways:

- INRM Submission form , reply paid envelopes available
- own format
- Return by fax, email, web submission, post
- the 1800 208 239 hotline

#### **Process for including community feedback in Final INRM Plan**

The NT INRM Plan received 74 submissions during the public consultation period. Each of these submissions was tracked and recommendations made. The database used recorded and tracked all submissions received and the responses. The database recorded the following information: respondent information, submission number, the respondents details, date received. All submissions were acknowledged with an email or letter and a master copy of each submission has been kept on an official file.

Each submission was analysed by:

- identifying individual issues/comments;
- dividing issues/comments into specific issues and general issues;
- grouping similar issues and comments and addressing together;
- these groups of similar issues were summarised into Issues Summary Documents which collated comments from public exhibition and gave recommendations for changes into the final INRM Plan for endorsement at LCNT68, 23-24 February 2005, which were technically reviewed before they were presented for endorsement; and
- At LCNT68 members considered the major changes and potentially contentious issues and made decisions based on recommendations.

A summary of submissions received and the key issues raised will be available to the general public on the INRM website.

Attachment 4 - summary of submissions received for the INRM Plan.

Attachment 5 - summary of the key issues raised in submissions.

### **Regional Investment Strategy February 2005**

#### **Public Meetings**

Regional meetings were held in Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs to present the structure and make-up of the RIS. An attendance register was kept for the three meetings.

#### **RIS Publicity**

LCNT Chairman sent a letter (6 January 2005) to all stakeholders outlining the purpose of the RIS.

Public meetings were advertised widely in NT and regional papers

Stakeholders were advised of the RIS meetings through the Facilitator newsletter and email networks

RIS public meeting dates were publicised on the website

Presentations from the RIS public meetings were posted on the website

LCNT Chairman posted a letter on the website updating RIS process – 14 February 2005

## Attachment 1: Stakeholder List

CATEGORY	ORGANISATION	
<b>Aboriginal Organisations</b>	Acacia Larrakia Land Management (Acacia gap)	
	Anindilyakwa Land Council (Groote Eylandt)	
	Aputula Housing Association Inc (Finke)	
	Arrente Council	
	Atitjere Council	
	Barunga/Manyallaluk Community Gov Council	
	Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation	
	Binjari Community	
	Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation	
	Djelk Community Ranger Program (Maningrida)	
	Gamarrwa Nuwul Landcare Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Council	
	Gulin Gulin	
	Gumurrwu Marthakal Rangers (Galiwin'ku - Elcho)	
	Central Land Council	
<b>Aboriginal Orgs - Central Land Council</b>	Iwupataka Steering Committee	
	Land Management Officer – Tanami, North West, Tennant Creek, Anmatjere	
	Land Management Officer – West, South west, Alice Springs, Plenty and Sandover	
	Indigenous land management groups Alice Springs	
	Indigenous Land Corporation	
	Aputula (Finke)	
	Kalkaringi	
	Atitjere	
	Tangentyere	
	Arrente,	
	Ingkerreke,	
	ATSIC	
	Julalikari	
	Southern Barkly AC	
	Papunya	
	CLC Regional Officer, Papunya	
	Mt. Liebig	
	Kintore	
	Atitjere – meeting was scheduled but cancelled	
	Kalkaringi	
	Kaltukatjara (Docker)	
	Mutitjulu	
	Imanpa	
	Tennant Creek – NRM Workshop	
	Alice Springs – NRM Workshop	
	Tennant Creek at Regional Governance workshop	
	Southern Barkly Aboriginal Corporation	
	Willowra	
	Bonya/Arkarnenhe Well	
	Atitjere	
	Alpurrurulam/Lake Nash	
	<b>Aboriginal Organisations</b>	Haasts Bluff Community Council

	Gurungu Council (Elliot)
	Hodgson Downs Community Council
	Imanpa Community Inc
	Ingkerreke Homelands Resource Services
	Irrkerlantye Community
	Iwupataka Land Trust
	Iyteyepinye Aboriginal Corporation
	Jawoyn Aboriginal Corporation
	Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation
	Kalano Community Association
	Kaltukatjara Community Council (Docker River)
	Kintore Community Council
	Kybrook Farm
	Lajamanu Progress Association
	Laynhapuy Homeland IPA
	Mabunji Resource Association
	Mimal Rangers (Bulman)
	Minyeri Community
	Mpweringe Arnapipe Aboriginal Land Trust
	Mt Liebig Community Council
	Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation
	Murwangi
	Mutitjulu Community Inc (Uluru)
	NAILSMA
	Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association
	Ngurratjuta Resource Centre
	Northern Land Council and Caring for Country Ranger Groups
	Numbulwar
	Nyirrangulung Mardrulk Ngadberre Regional Council
	Papunya Community
	Tangentyere Council Landcare and Environmental Health Unit
	Thamurrurr Rangers Wadeye (Port Keats)
	Titjikala Community
	Tiwi Land Council
	Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre
	Urapuntja Council Aboriginal Inc (Sandover Region)
	Wagiman rangers (Pine Creek)
	Wänga Djäkamirr Community Ranger Program
	Wardaman Association
	Weemol Resource Centre (Mardrulk Community)
	Willowra Community
	Wulain Resource Centre, Lajamanu
	Yuendumu Community Council
	Yarralin CDEP
	Yugal Mangi Landcare (Ngukurr)
<b>Australian Government</b>	Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry
	Department of Defence
	Members of Parliament
	Department of Environment and Heritage
	ERISS
	Federal Airports Corporation
	National Oceans Office
	Parks Australia North
<b>Committees</b>	Barkly Region Tourism Association
	Bushfire's Council

	Central Australian Tourist Industry Association
	Daly Region Community Reference Group
	Katherine Region Tourism Association
	Neighbouring Regional Bodies
	NT Field Naturalists Club
	Pastoral Land Board
	Rapid Creek Catchment Advisory Council
	Regional Weeds Advisory Committee - Katherine
	Territory Anti Litter Committee - via Katherine Landcare Group
	Ti Tree Water Advisory Committee
	Top End Native Plant Soc.
	Tourism Top End
<b>Conservation Estates Industry</b>	Newhaven Conservation Reserve
	Adrail
	Central Australian Camels Industry Association
	Commercial Fishers (Tasmanian Seafood P/L)
	Shipping Industry (Perkins Shipping, Sadgrove's Quay, Rooney Shipping and Trading)
	NT Seafood Industry Council
	Extractive Industry
	GEMCO Anindilyakwa
	Katherine District Farmers Association
	Katherine Mango Growers Association
	Katherine Region Economic Development Organisation
	Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee (KPIAC)
	NT Agricultural Association
	NT Camel Industry
	NT Cattlemen's Association, Darwin Katherine and Alice
	NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry - Katherine
	NT Citrus Growers Association
	NT Forestry and Timber (GA)
	NT Horticulture Association, Darwin and Katherine
	NT Minerals Council
	Pastoral companies (K,D)
	Pastoral properties
	Pet Meaters (K)
	TI Tree Grape Growers Association
<b>Institutions</b>	Batchelor College
	CDU, including Katherine Rural College
	AIMS
	Centre for Appropriate Technology A/S
	CSIRO
	Desert Knowledge CRC
	Institute of Aboriginal Development (ASP)
	Tropical Savannah CRC
	Weeds CRC
<b>Landcare Groups</b>	Land for Wildlife
	Barkly Landcare and Conservation Association
	Casuarina Coastal Reserve Landcare Group
	Centralian Land Management Association
	Churcher Wetlands Reserve Landcare Group
	Coomalie Landcare Group
	Darwin River Hills Landcare Group
	Duke Street Rainforest Landcare Group
	Dundee Envirocare/ Progress Association

	Iparpa Valley Landcare Group
	Katherine Landcare Group
	Knuckey's Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary
	Lambell's Lagoon Landcare Group
	Leanyer Landcare Group
	Livingstone Reserve Landcare Group
	Ludmilla Creek Landcare Group
	McArthur River Landcare Group - King Ash Bay
	McMinns Lagoon Reserve Landcare Group
	Rapid Creek Landcare Group
	Roper River Landcare Group
	Sturt Plateau Best Practice Group
	Victoria River District Conservation Association
	Wangamaty (Lower Daly) Landcare Group
<b>Local Government</b>	Alice Springs Town Council
	Community Government Councils - 30
	Community Government Councils - Katherine region
	Progress Associations - Katherine region
	Coomalie Community Government Council
	Darwin City Council
	Dundee Beach Progress Association/Dundee Envirocare
	Katherine Town Council
	Litchfield Shire Council
	Local Government Association of the NT
	Palmerston City Council
<b>Local Govt - Community Government Councils</b>	Tiwi Island Local Government
<b>Non-Government Organisations</b>	Amateur Fisherman's Association NT - Darwin and Katherine
	Arid Lands Environment Centre
	Birds Australia
	Conservation Volunteers Australia
	Environment Centre Northern Territory
	Gloria Lee Environmental Learning Centre
	Greening Australia (members 200 plus)
	The Marine and Coastal Community Network
	Greening Australia (Staff)
	PLAN - the Planning Action Network
	Threatened Species Network
	World Wildlife Fund
<b>NT Government</b>	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority
	DBIRD - Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development
	DBIRD Agriculture and Horticulture and Pastoral sections
	DBIRD – Fisheries
	DBIRD Mining section
	DBIRD NT Forestry section
	DBIRD Pastoral-Katherine
	DCDSCA - Dept of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs
	DCDSCA - Crown Land and off Reserve
	DCDSCA - Darwin Regional Development Board
	DCDSCA - East Arnhem Regional Development Board
	DCDSCA - Katherine Regional Development Board
	DCDSCA - Southern Regional Development Board
	DIPE - Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment
	DIPE Advisory Services

	DIPE Alice Springs
	DIPE Biodiversity
	DIPE Bushfires
	DIPE Crown Lands
	DIPE Ferals
	DIPE Katherine
	DIPE Natural Resources
	DIPE Parks
	DIPE Pastoral
	DIPE Planning
	DIPE Transport and Works
	DIPE Water Monitoring
	DIPE Water Resources
	DIPE Weeds
	Indigenous Pastoral Project
	NT Tourism Commission
	Police, Fire and Emergency Services
	Darwin Port Corporation
	Power and Water Corporation
<b>Other Regions</b>	Bushcare – other regions
	Coastcare other regions
	Lake Eyre Basin
	Landcare other regions
	Qld Regions
	Rangelands SA
	WA Rangelands
	Waterwatch National Office
<b>PUBLIC</b>	General public
<b>Schools</b>	SCHOOLS (Katherine and Alice)

## Attachment 2: Timetable for Community Consultation Workshops (April – July 2004)

Meeting Date	Meeting Facilitator/s	Invitees
<b>ALICE SPRINGS</b>		
Wednesday 23 June	Geri Lee Andrea Johnson	Alice Springs Town Council
Monday 12 July	Dave Munday Sandy Marty	Alice Springs Indigenous stakeholders
Tuesday 20 July	Geri Lee Libby Benson	Alice Springs DIPE Education Dept Desert Knowledge CSIRO
Wednesday 21 July	Geri Lee Libby Benson	Alice Springs DBIRD Industry Groups
<b>TENNANT CREEK</b>		
Saturday 10 July	Dave Munday Colleen Westover Geri Lee	Govt Pastoral NGOs Committees Aboriginal Groups
<b>KATHERINE</b>		
Friday 14 May	Julia Chalmers	Sturt Plateau Best Practice Group
Friday 28 May	Matt Bolam	NTCA – Katherine Branch
Thursday 10 June	Claire Hill	Larrimah Progress Association
Tuesday 22 June	Madonna Mackay	Presentation to the Katherine Town Council's Environment and Heritage (E&H) subcommittee
Sunday 11 July	Madonna Mackay	Katherine Landcare Group
Tuesday 13 July	Claire Hill	Borroloola Community Government Council
Tuesday 20 July	Madonna Mackay	Small meeting/consultation with the E&H subcommittee
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> July 5.30pm – 9pm (finger food provided)	Dave Munday Madonna Mackay Claire Hill Michael Crothers	General public, Special Interest Groups and NGO's

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Thursday 22 July 10am-2pm (lunch provided)	Dave Munday Madonna Mackay Claire Hill Julia Chalmers	DIPE, DBIRD and Industry
June/July TBA	Julia Chalmers	Mataranka & Jilkminggan Councils
June/July	Julia Chalmers	Roper River Landcare Group Roper River Catchment NRM Plan being developed with stakeholder consult.
June/July TBA	Melissa Bentivoglio	Pine Creek Council
July	Royce Sample	VRD CMP (draft) being developed through stakeholder consultation.
<b>DARWIN</b>		
8 – 9 June	Kath Nash Dave Munday	Darwin Local level Facilitators
10 June	Steve Pople	Rapid Creek Advisory Committee
Monday 16 June	Ian Govern	Natural Resource Management Division Information And Workshop Day
Sunday 20 June	Andy Lauder Leonie Williams	Dundee progress association and public
Thursday 24 June	Steve Pople Steve Rogers Leonie Williams	Darwin Urban Landcare Forum
Wednesday, July 7	John Gilmour Kath Nash	Natural Systems DIPE
Monday, July 12	Kath Nash Terry Mahney	Gove
Tuesday, July 13	Leonie Williams Denise Batten	Litchfield Shire Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 14,	Dave Munday	AAPA, PAWA, NT Tourist Commission, DIPE
Thursday, July 15,	Dave Munday	Non Government Organisations – environment groups
Thursday July 15, 6-8:30pm	Denise Batten, Leonie Williams, Kath Nash	Litchfield Public Meeting Fred's Pass Showgrounds - Lakeview Hall
Friday, July 16,	Dave Munday	DBIRD and associated Industry representatives
Saturday July 17	Denise Batten, Leonie Williams, Kath Nash	Darwin Rural Landcare Forum
Tuesday July 20	Denise Batten , Leonie Williams,	Coomalie Council

**Attachment 3: Public Exhibition Roadshow – Comment Period (7 weeks) 13 December 2004 – 31 January 2005**

<i>Meeting Location</i>	<i>Meeting Date and Type</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b>KATHERINE</b>		
Mataranka	Tuesday 14 Dec – open house	5-7pm
Katherine	Wednesday 15 Dec – open house	4-7pm (incl. Govt workers)
Borroloola	Thursday 16 Dec – open house	5-7pm
<b>CENTRAL AUSTRALIA</b>		
Kalkaringi/Daguragu	Monday 13 Dec – open house	10am-12pm
Tennant Creek	Wednesday 19 Jan – open house Tennant Creek Training Centre	3-6pm (incl. Govt workers)
Alice Springs	Thursday 20 Jan - meeting Gum Tree Room, Alice Springs resort	4-7pm (incl. Govt workers)
<b>TOP END</b>		
Darwin Urban – DCC, Civic Centre, Function Room (TBC)	Thursday 13 January – Open House	5-7pm
NT Govt and Industry (TBC)	Friday 14 January – open house	1-3pm
Nhulunbuy/Yirrkala (TBC) Yirrkala Training Centre	Monday 17 January	9 am start – 2pm
Groote – Anindilyakwa Land Council (TBC)	Tuesday 18 January	During day  10 am start
Darwin Rural – Taminmin High School (TBC)	Thursday 20 January – Open House	6-8.30pm
Tiwi Islands	Monday 24 January – Open House	TBC

## Attachment 4: Summary of Submissions Received for the INRM Plan

The submissions for the Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan closed Monday 31 January, 2004.

We received 74 submissions from individuals, non-government organisations (NGO's), community groups, aboriginal corporations, industry, government agencies, boards / committees, land councils and the INRM Plan Roadshow.

These submissions included an approximately 1700 individual items that need to be addressed.

The table below outlines the submissions received from the above mentioned groups:

Type of Group	Group	Submissions Received
Individuals		19
NGOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Defenders Office</li> <li>• Environment Centre of the Northern Territory</li> <li>• World Wildlife Fund for Nature</li> <li>• Australian Marine Conservation Society</li> <li>• Top End Native Plant Society</li> <li>• Greening Australia NT Inc.</li> <li>• Arid Lands Environment Centre</li> </ul>	7
Community Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wangamaty (Lower Daly) Landcare Group</li> <li>• Victoria River District Conservation Association</li> <li>• Roper River Landcare Group</li> <li>• Centralian Land Management Association</li> </ul>	4
Aboriginal Corporations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation</li> <li>• Dhimurru Land Management Aboriginal Corporation</li> <li>• Tangentyere Council</li> </ul>	3
Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT Seafood Council</li> <li>• NT Cattlemen's Association</li> <li>• Paspaley</li> <li>• Tasmanian Seafoods P/L</li> </ul>	4
Government Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment (x10)</li> <li>• Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (x2)</li> <li>• CSIRO</li> <li>• Department of Defence</li> <li>• Department of Environment and Heritage</li> <li>• Power and Water Corporation</li> <li>• Local Government Association of the NT</li> </ul>	17
Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charles Darwin University (x2)</li> </ul>	2
Boards / Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	1
Land Councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Land Council</li> <li>• Central Land Council</li> <li>• Tiwi Land Council</li> <li>• Anindilyakwa Land Council</li> </ul>	4

Type of Group	Group	Submissions Received
INRM Plan Roadshow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groote Island Meeting</li> <li>• East Arnhem Meeting</li> <li>• Tiwi Islands Meeting</li> <li>• NT Government and Industry Meeting</li> <li>• Kalkaringi / Daguragu Meeting</li> <li>• Mataranka Meeting</li> <li>• Katherine Meeting</li> <li>• Borroloola Meeting</li> <li>• Darwin Urban Meeting</li> <li>• Tennant Creek Meeting</li> <li>• Alice Springs Meeting</li> <li>• Darwin Rural - Taminmin High School Meeting</li> <li>• DBIRD Meeting (Friday 14 January, 2005)</li> </ul>	13
<b>Total</b>		<b>74</b>

## **Attachment 5: Public Exhibition Issues - 4 February 2005**

A brief glance through the approximately 1700 individual comments from 74 submissions highlights the following as some of the key issues that will need to be addressed:

1. GENERAL and NON-ASSET CHAPTERS
  - Lack of balance / bias in plan / divisive in several issues
  - Prioritising investment / targets etc
  - INRM planning process
  - Editorials
  - Philosophical / Major structural comments
  - Community consultation and input
  - Lack of clarity /readability
  - Insufficient, unreferenced information in asset chapters
  - Clarity on scope of plan – eg with legislation and policy
  - Lack of acknowledgment of existing partnerships, processes by suggesting to set up new ones
  - Consistent problems with MAs (and MATs) (not adding up to target, inappropriate, missing etc)
2. BIODIVERSITY
  - Land clearing / vegetation retention
  - CAR Reserve system
  - Fire
  - Weeds and feral animals
  - Threatened species and ecosystems
3. LAND
  - Land clearing
  - Grazing management
  - mining
4. INLAND WATERS
  - Water control districts (high water use areas)
  - Environmental flows and water use
  - Weeds and feral animals
  - Significant sites and species
5. COASTAL AND MARINE
  - Fishing (bias, ESD)
  - Coastal development
6. COMMUNITIES, KNOWLEDGE and INSTITUTIONS
  - Facilitator network
  - Balance within actions and sectors