



## **Natural Resource Management Board (NT)**

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### **Natural Resource Management Board Announced**

The Natural Resource Management Board (NRMB) has announced two new members, and farewelled retiring Vice Chairman Jim Forwood AM.

Returning Chair Sue van Cuylenburg said she was honoured to be reappointed as Chairperson to the board.

“When I was first appointed Chair in November 2005 I was looking forward to the challenge of the role, and over the past two years my enthusiasm and passion for the natural resources we have in the Territory has grown with the job”.

NRMB was established to implement the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS), under the framework agreed between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth Government’s.

The board is responsible for identifying and integrating opportunities and priorities for the management of the natural resources of the Northern Territory, promoting and nurturing partnerships.

The board has already allocated nearly \$23m of Australian and Northern Territory Government funds for natural resource management, and is currently considering the allocation of a further \$7m.

NRMB Chair Sue van Cuylenburg said the new members, Georgia Underwood and Joe Morrison, are welcome additions and their range of experience will be of benefit to natural resource management in the Territory.

“Georgia Underwood, who has a degree in Science and Commerce, is a third generation pastoralist from the Katherine region and has vast experience in operating cattle stations,” Ms van Cuylenburg said.

“Joe Morrison has a Bachelor of Land Management and over a decade of experience working with remote Indigenous groups across the Top End in developing community based natural resource programs.

“Both Georgia and Joe are a valuable addition to the knowledge and skills of the Natural Resource Management Board.”

The NRMB consists of six Directors, including a Chair person and a Northern Territory Government representative.

Membership is based on skills and knowledge to support best practice governance, business, legal and contractual issues as well as the achievement of natural resource management and conservation outcomes.

Ms van Cuylenburg also wanted to take the opportunity to thank outgoing member Jim Forwood for his service to the board.

“Jim is a professional rural consultant and manager and has done an outstanding job over the past two years in his role as Vice chairman and we wish him every future success,” Ms van Cuylenburg said.

“In the two years since we were established the NRMB has achieved a great deal by way of supporting the capacity of Indigenous, pastoral and other natural resource managers to protect their land, water and biodiversity resources”.

Other board members include Greening Australia NT Chief Executive Officer Mike Clark, Indigenous Land Management expert David Alexander, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation General Manager Ian Munro and Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts Natural Systems Senior Director John Gilmour.

For further information go to <http://www.nrmbnt.org.au>

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