

Jargon Busting The Plan and the Regional Investment Strategy

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The Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and the Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) contain numerous acronyms. To help you read them we have described each acronym in this fact sheet. The acronyms are listed in categories with an explanatory note where required.

Category	Acronym	Full name	Explanation
Community Groups Non Government Organisations	GA and GANT	Greening Australia Greening Australia NT	Greening Australia is a community based not for profit organisation which aims to work in partnership with landholders, the community, government and business to tackle environmental degradation in a practical, apolitical, scientific way. GA has State and Territory networks including GANT.
	LCNT	Landcare Council of the NT	The Landcare Council of the Northern Territory (LCNT) is the peak community and industry body advising the NT Government on natural resource management issues in the Territory.
	VRDCA	Victoria River District Conservation Association	A group of land managers responsible for 116,330 km ² of tropical and sub-tropical savannas and comprises pastoralists, traditional landholders, councils, Department of Defence, Parks and Wildlife and other government representatives and private individuals with an interest in conservation of the Victoria River District..
	NRMB (NT)	Natural Resource Management Board of the Northern Territory	Made up of a Board of Directors (6 Directors), an Executive Officer, administrative staff and regional (NRM) facilitators, the NRMB (NT) is responsible for the coordination of the INRM plan and the development and implementation of the Regional Investment Strategy. They also provide capacity building and project management support to NRM organisations in the NT.
	WWF	Worldwide Fund for Nature	An independent not for profit conservation organisation which aims to stop the degradation of the planet's natural environment.
	TSN	Threatened Species Network	A community based partnership between WWF-Australia and the Australian Government which aims to involve the general public in hands-on conservation activities to protect Australia's threatened plants and animal species.

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Industry groups	NTCA	Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association	The peak primary industry lobby group in the Northern Territory which represents pastoral operations across the NT.
	MLA	Meat and Livestock Australia	A producer-owned company that provides services to livestock producers, processors, exporters, foodservice operators and retailers. It also provides research and development, market information and marketing to benefit the red meat industry.

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Land Councils	CLC	Central Land Council	Represents Aboriginal people in the southern part of the Northern Territory.
	ILC	Indigenous Land Corporation	The ILC is an independent Australian Government statutory authority established to assist Indigenous people acquire land and to manage Indigenous held land to provide benefits to themselves and for future generations.
	NLC	Northern Land Council	Represents Aboriginal people in the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia.
	TLC	Tiwi Land Council	Assists Tiwi Traditional Owners retain, manage and benefit from their land, sea and culture.

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Government organisations departments committees	ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics	Australia's official statistical organisation which provides a national statistical service.
	AG	Australian Government	This term is used to refer to the Australian Government, otherwise known as the Commonwealth Government or Federal Government. It is often used when referring to the NRM departments.
	AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service	An operating group within the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) providing quarantine inspection for the arrival of international passengers, cargo, mail, animals and plants or their products into Australia, and inspection and certification for a range of animal and plant products exported from Australia.
		Bilateral Agreement	An agreement between the Commonwealth and a State or self-governing Territory
	COAG	Council of Australian Governments	The peak intergovernmental forum in Australia, comprising the Prime Minister, State Premiers, Territory Chief Ministers and the President of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
	DAFF	Australian Government Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry	An Australian Government Department whose role is to develop and implement policies and programs that ensure Australia's agricultural, fisheries, food and forestry industries remain competitive, profitable and sustainable.
	DBERD	Northern Territory Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development	NT Government Department providing a coordinated approach to supporting sustainable economic development, combining business and industry functions with regional and Indigenous economic development functions.
	DEW	Australian Government Department of Environment and Water Resources	Australian Government Department responsible for developing and implementing national policy, programs and legislation to protect and conserve Australia's natural environment and cultural heritage.

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Government organisations departments committees	DPI	Northern Territory Department of Planning and Infrastructure	DPI was created to enable Government to provide opportunities to better coordinate planning and development of the Territory's economic infrastructure, while balancing this with the need to protect and conserve natural environment and heritage values and to achieve efficiencies in delivering services to Government.
	JSC	Joint Steering Committee	A joint Commonwealth-Northern Territory Steering Committee established to oversee the implementation of the NHT in the NT and which is the main body responsible for facilitating joint decision making between the two governments.
	MEWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group	Established by the Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council and containing representatives from each jurisdiction the MEWG is responsible for developing a set of national Resource Condition Indicators.
	NRETA	Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts	NT Government Department responsible for protecting and promoting the Territory's natural and cultural assets.
	NTG	Northern Territory Government	The Northern Territory Government is made up of 12 principal agencies along with a range of other agencies, statutory bodies and government-owned corporations.
	PWSNT	Parks and Wildlife Service of the NT	A Division of NRETA, responsible for developing and managing a system of land and marine protected areas for the Territory and for conducting surveys and research into the NT's flora and fauna.
	SSD	Supervising Scientist Division	Division of Australian Government Department of Environment and Water Resources responsible for protection of the environment through research, monitoring, supervision, audit and inspection. Ensures protection of the Alligator /river system and promotes best practice in wetland conservation and management.

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Research Institutions	CDU	Charles Darwin University	Australia's youngest University formed through a merger between the Northern Territory University and Alice Springs-based Centralian College.
	CRC	Cooperative Research Centre	The CRC Programme was established in 1990 to improve the effectiveness of Australia's research and development effort. It links researchers with industry to focus research and development efforts on progress towards utilisation and commercialisation.
	CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Australia's scientific and industrial research organisations which uses research and development to provide new ways to improve our quality of life, and the economic and social performance of industry sectors.
	TS-CRC	Tropical Savannas Cooperative Research Centre	The TSCRC conducts research and communication activities to help ensure that the savannas are healthy and managed to provide long term benefits (economic, aesthetic social and cultural) to those who use them and to sustain the biodiversity and habitat endemic to them.
	CAZR	Centre for Arid Zone Research	A research base for a number of scientists engaged in research projects studying arid and semi-arid rangeland ecology and natural resource management including socio economic and policy aspects.
Programs	NHT1 NHT2 NHT3	Natural Heritage Trust	A Trust set up by the Australian Government in 1997 to help restore and conserve Australia's environment and natural resources. It provides funds at the regional, national and state level for environmental and natural resource management projects.
	NAP / NAPSWQ	National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality	A strategy for tackling salinity and for improving water quality in some of Australia's worst affected areas
	RCP	Regionally Competitive Projects	A NHT funding program which supports NRM projects across two or more NRM regions.
	NRS	National Reserve System	Represents the collective efforts of the States, Territories, the Australian Government, and non-government organisations to achieve an Australian system of protected areas as a major contribution to the conservation of our native biodiversity.
	NLP	National Landcare Program	A DAFF program which supports the Landcare movement and the sustainable use and management of natural resources.

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Planning Terms	INRM	Integrated Natural Resource Management	Integrated NRM recognises the interconnected quality of natural resources and takes an integrated approach to natural resource management.
	RIS	Regional Investment Strategy	A term that describes the document and the process used to guide investments in Natural Resource Management (NRM) in the Territory.
	Investment Program	Investment Program	This refers to the 23 programs laid out in the 2007-10 Regional Investment strategy NT.
	MA	Management Action	Actions which will help achieve the Management Action Targets (MAT).
	MAT	Management Action Target	1-5 year, measurable, specific and time bound intermediate targets which contribute to progress towards longer term resource condition targets.
	MERI	Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting & Improvement	Describes the process and progress with whole-of-programme monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement. The concept is that monitoring and reporting and evaluation of projects, programs and the plan will lead to a continual cycle of improvement.
	MFT	Matters For Target	The Matters for Target are the Australian Governments minimum targets that Regions must address within their Integrated Natural Resource Management Plans.
	NRM	Natural Resource Management	Commonly used term referring to the management of a range of natural resources such as biodiversity, soil, water and vegetation.
	RCT	Resource Condition Target	10 – 20 year specific, time bound, measurable targets relating to the condition of natural resources.
	SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time bound	Attributes of goals and objectives designed to help achieve the goals.

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Technical Terms	CAR	Comprehensive Adequate Representative	Term used to describe the preferred attributes of a reserve system for the conservation of biodiversity and other environmental outcomes.
	ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development	ESD is defined as “using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased.”
	LNG	Liquefied Natural Gas	Natural gas cooled to minus 161 degrees Celsius.
	IEK	Indigenous Ecological Knowledge	Indigenous Ecological Knowledge can be described as an intricate body of knowledge of the environment. IEK is an adaptable living process with considerable relevance for a changing environment. It is not knowledge that has remained bound up in the past, but an evolving accumulation of acute and patient observations of the natural world built upon what has been passed forward from one generation to another within a living cultural landscape of deep religious significance to Aboriginal people.
	CIK	Community Institutions Knowledge	