

## Fact Sheet - Daly Protection Continues

### Land Clearing Moratorium 2007-2010

- The land clearing moratorium for an area within the Daly River Catchment, known as the Daly River Community Reference Group Focus Area, has been extended to March 2010.
- This extension allows the Northern Territory Government to conduct and finalise scientific research in the region, which will ensure the principles of sustainable development can be applied to proposed future developments.
- Much of the research to be completed centres around water allocation planning and native vegetation clearing.
- The water allocation planning focuses on the Tindal and Ooloo aquifers which feed into the Daly River.
- The Northern Territory Government first introduced this land clearing moratorium in 2003 to ensure ecologically sustainable development options were to be examined in the Daly region, before further land clearing took place.
- The land clearing moratorium applies to an area within the Daly River Catchment, known as the Daly River Community Reference Group Focus Area, and is not inclusive of the entire catchment.
- Landholders outside of this Focus Area can submit an application to clear land on their property, which will be reviewed by the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts.
- Clearing land without a permit is a breach of the *Northern Territory Planning Act*. Individuals found to be in breach of this Act face a fine of up to \$22,000, while Corporations can be fined up to \$110,000.
- More information on the land clearing moratorium can be found at [www.nt.gov.au/protectingthedaly](http://www.nt.gov.au/protectingthedaly)