

MEDIA RELEASE

Camel Workshops Held In Alice Springs

A national stakeholder workshop developing alternative futures for camels begins in Alice Springs tomorrow.

Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts senior scientist Glenn Edwards will participate in the two-day workshop that is the first step in developing a camel management plan.

“Camels are quite topical at the moment with their population doubling about every eight years and this week’s meetings are the first in a series of focused stakeholder consultations,” Dr Edwards said.

“The various stakeholder groups will be working together to outline a range of scenarios for inland Australia based on different ways of managing feral camels.

“Camels are an interesting case. On the one hand they are an environmental pest and also cause damage to the cattle industry but on the other they are potentially a valuable economic resource.”

Dr Edwards said the meetings were in partnership with the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre and were being hosted by CSIRO,

The workshop will be held at the Alice Springs CSIRO conference room on Heath Road from 9am Tuesday and Wednesday.

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