

DRMAC Information Session in Darwin

An information session about the future direction and priorities of the Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) was held in Darwin today.

DRMAC chair John Childs said the session was used as a vehicle to thank members of the Daly River Community Reference Group (DRCRG) for the groundwork it laid ahead of DRMAC's formation in July this year.

"Today's meeting enabled us to formally recognise the solid contribution DRCRG played in establishing an adaptive management framework for the Daly region from which we as a committee can further progress," Mr Childs said.

"We informed those attending the session that land clearing, water management and subdivision were identified at our first meeting in July as being the major issues we are going to address.

"But in simple terms today's gathering formally wrapped up the DRCRG phase and progressed further with the DRMAC phase.

"Our next meeting is scheduled for late October in the Daly region to further develop our advice to Natural Resources Minister Marion Scrymgour in relation to those three priorities, although we have considerable work to do before reaching that stage.

"We are using the information the DRCRG collected, including information from community consultation, to determine what should be done about those issues."

Mr Childs said the information DRCRG brought together about the Daly region, particularly from community consultation had enabled the development of an adaptive management framework.

"DRMAC is looking at how we use this framework in deciding what to do about tree clearing, water allocation and subdivision," Mr Childs said.

"At our meeting in the Daly region next month we will be holding a community barbecue where people will be able to meet with committee members."

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