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## **Climate Change Information Sessions**

One of the world's most significant environmental challenges – climate change - will be discussed at a series of information sessions throughout the Territory, Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour said today.

“Climate change is a major environmental issue facing the global community,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Activities such as burning fossil fuels, land clearing and savanna burning release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and these gases are strengthening the way the atmosphere acts like a blanket for the earth.

“By reducing emissions of greenhouse gases we can minimise future climate change but some effects on our climate are now inevitable due to the greenhouse gases already released.”

Ms Scrymgour said the Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts in partnership with the Bureau of Meteorology, is holding climate change information sessions throughout the NT in the next month.

Ms Scrymgour said the sessions would discuss how the Territory may be affected with regards to:

- Water supply;
- Floods;
- Storm surge;
- Temperatures;
- Health;
- Sea level;
- Habitat for plants and animals;
- Drought frequency;
- Severity of tropical cyclones; and
- How we can adapt to climate change.

“Reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to changing conditions are complementary approaches to dealing with climate change, and we need to do both.

“I urge Territorians to take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about climate change and come to one of the sessions being held at various locations throughout the Territory.”

The NT Government last year released the Territory's first ever Greenhouse Strategy, which sets out tangible targets aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in Territory.

"Territorians must share responsibility, along with all other global citizens, for reducing global greenhouse gas emissions," Ms Scrymgour said.

"The Strategy's vision is for Territorians to work together to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and limit the negative impacts of climate change."

Information sessions will run from 6pm to 7pm at:

- Darwin: Theatrette, Museum and Art Gallery of the NT, 1 May
- Nhulunbuy: Bali Pavilion, The Arnhem Club, 3 May
- Alice Springs: Exhibition Centre Theatre, Alice Springs Desert Park, 9 May
- Tennant Creek: Tanami Room, Tennant Creek Training Centre, 10 May

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