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## **Natural Resource Management Board Appoints New Chair and Director**

The Natural Resource Management Board (NT) Inc. (NRMB) has a new Chair and Director, both drawn from the community sector.

Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport Acting Chief Executive Diana Leeder said the new appointees have a vast range of experience in natural resource management and congratulated them both on their appointments.

“The new Chair, Kate Andrews has worked in natural resource management for more than 20 years in a wide variety of roles and has worked closely with remote and regional communities across Australia,” Dr Leeder said.

“Ms Andrew’s works as a consultant in natural resource management and has held numerous roles in the field, ranging from Chief Executive Officer of a cross-border regional natural resource management body to business development officer for a national non-government organisation.

“Incoming Director Stuart Blanch is a well-known conservationist and WWF-Australia’s Northern Landscapes Manager and core member of their water policy team.

“Dr Blanch has more than 15 years experience in conservation and management and his expertise in strategic planning and Board governance in the field of land and water management will be an asset to the Natural Resource Management Board.

“The work of NRMB Acting Chair Mike Clark in fulfilling the role since July 2008 is greatly appreciated.”

The NRMB was established in order to implement a strategic approach to natural resource management through the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS).

The NRMB Board consists of six Directors, including a Chairperson and a Northern Territory Government representative.

Membership is based on skills and knowledge to support best governance, business, legal and contractual issues as well as the achievement of natural resource management and conservation outcomes.

Other Directors of the board include Central Land Council Land Manager David Alexander, Greening Australia CEO Mike Clark, NAILSMA Executive Officer Joe Morrison and Georgia Underwood.

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