

## **Media Release**

### **DRMAC Tackling Daly Issues**

The Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) has identified land clearing, water management and subdivision as the major issues it will initially address.

DRMAC's formation was announced by NT Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour last month who, together with the Living Rivers Ministerial Council, will be advised by DRMAC on options for the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources within the Daly River region.

DRMAC Chair John Childs said balancing the needs of development and conservation in relation to these three major issues would be addressed through DRMAC meetings in the Daly region.

"This will enable us to visit relevant country, meet people and discuss issues with them" he said.

Mr Childs said the next DRMAC meeting would be held in October.

"We have outlined the major aspects of land clearing as the first of the issues we will address and we will consider this within an adaptive management framework," he said.

"The broad interests represented on the Committee will ensure all aspects are considered in detail."

Members of the Committee have considerable knowledge, skills and experience of the Daly and represent land ownership and use of the valuable natural resources of the region as well as government participation.

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