

DRMAC Meeting at Katherine

The Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) is set to travel to the Katherine region tomorrow to discuss several issues specific to both the Katherine and Daly regions.

DRMAC chairman John Childs said land clearing and water management in both regions would be the focus of discussion by committee members.

Mr Childs said the three-day meeting at various locations in the Katherine region would include several key presentations central to land clearing and water management issues, as well as visits to farms to discuss such matters with local landholders.

He said a highlight of the three day visit would be Thursday's 6pm community barbecue with community representatives and stakeholders at Knotts Crossing Resort.

"This week's meeting is only our third since DRMAC was formed in July 2006 where water management, land clearing and subdivision were identified as DRMAC's focus," Mr Childs said.

"However, this is the second time DRMAC has been able to get together and discuss more of these issues that will eventually form the basis of our advice to Natural Resources Minister Marion Scrymgour as to how these three key priorities should be addressed.

"We had some discussion on land clearing and water management at our previous meeting in the Daly region last October, so we will be advancing those discussions and view several presentations relating to the region, as well as focusing some of our attention on water management in the Daly.

"The purpose behind visiting farms and engaging with landholders at each of our meetings is to find out what is happening in these regions in relation to our three main areas of focus and to hear peoples' experiences and views."

Mr Childs welcomed last week's formation of the Katherine Water Advisory Committee (KWAC), which will act as a sub-committee to DRMAC.

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