

Committee Members

- Mr John Childs** John Childs is the Chair of DRMAC. John is a director of Bush Business Consulting P/L. Deputy Chair of the Board of Land and Water Australia, and a member of the NT Pastoral Land Board. From 1997 to 2002 John held the position of Director of Tropical Savannas CRC.
- Mr Dan Thomson** Represents non-Indigenous Landowners and the NT Cattleman's Association (NTCA). Owner of pastoral and farming property in the Douglas Daly Region.
- Mr John Eddy** Represents non-Indigenous landowners and the NT Horticultural Association (NTHA). Owner of Wilderness Farms. Previously a member of the Daly Region Community Reference Group.
- Mr Gary Higgins** Represents the NT Tourism Industry and the Katherine Region Tourist Association (KRTA). Owner / Operator Daly River Mango Farm and Tourist Park. Chairman Wangamatty (Lower Daly) Landcare Group. Previously a member of the Daly Region Community Reference Group.
- Ms Mona Liddy** Represents Indigenous landowners and the Daly Region Aboriginal Reference Group (DRARG). Traditional Owner for Wagiman. Represents middle and upper region of Daly River area. Previously a member of the Daly Region Community Reference Group.
- Mr William Hewitt** Represents Indigenous landowners and the Daly Region Aboriginal Reference Group (DRARG). Traditional Owner for Wadjigan. Represents lower region of Daly River area.
- Mr Warren de With** Represents Recreation/Fishing interests and the Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT (AFANT). Proprietor Rod and Rifle Katherine.
- Dr Stuart Blanch** Represents Conservation interests and was nominated by the NT Environment Centre. Manager Northern Landscapes / Manager Freshwater, WWF-Australia.

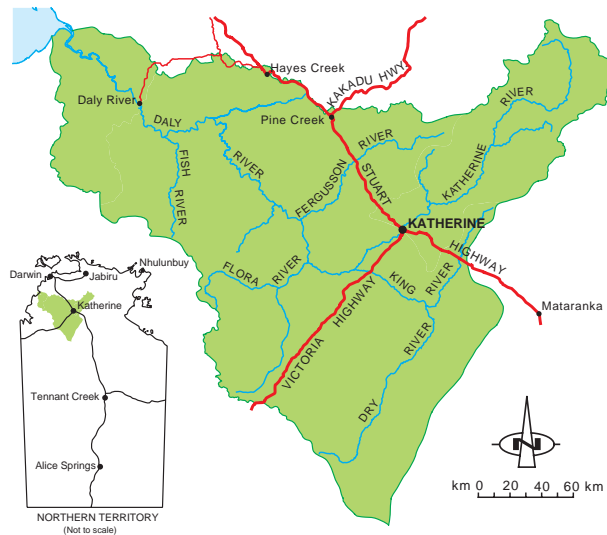
NT Government Representatives

- Primary Industry** Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines
- Water Management** Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts
- Conservation and Recreation** Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts
- Regional Development Planning** Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development
- Land Use Planning** Department of Planning and Infrastructure

The Daly River Catchment

DRMAC will advise on issues related to the sustainable use and conservation of the natural resources of the whole of the Daly River Catchment.

The Daly River Catchment includes all of the surface and groundwater systems which feed into the Daly River. The Daly River has a large catchment, which reaches to the edges of Arnhem Land to the east and the Victoria River District to the south-west. It includes the townships of Katherine, Daly River, Pine Creek and several aboriginal communities.



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Daly River
 Management Advisory
 Committee (DRMAC)

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The Daly River Management Advisory Committee

The Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC) was established by the Northern Territory Government to develop options for the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources within the Daly River catchment.

The goal of DRMAC is to promote the highest standards of management of land, water and other resources in the region so that the important values people associate with the Daly are protected. DRMAC will advise on the development of an adaptive management decision-making framework which can be used to balance the needs of development and conservation in the region.

Adaptive management entails:

- putting in place monitoring systems – to measure changes in the values of the Daly such as the availability of fish, clean unpolluted water and water flows that protect wildlife and future development options;
- establishing flexible arrangements for using the Daly's natural resources;
- taking small steps in the use of the Daly's natural resources to test whether adverse changes occur; and
- using the knowledge gained to adjust the use of natural resources in the Daly to ensure protection of important values.

Major issues

The major issues that DRMAC will initially address using this approach will be land clearing, water management and subdivision.

DRMAC will :

- gather and analyse scientific and local knowledge on the natural resources of the Daly;
- develop an understanding of the economic, social and cultural values associated with the Daly, and people's expectations about their protection and use;
- explore the likely effects of different types and levels of resource use;
- hold its meetings in the Daly region, visit relevant country and places, meet people in the region and discuss issues with them;
- develop mechanisms to ensure stakeholders groups and the broader community are engaged in the adaptive management process;
- work with the Daly River Aboriginal Reference Group to ensure the values and aspirations of Traditional Owners and others with customary obligations in the region are considered; and
- work with independent and government researchers to fill gaps in understanding of issues relating to the Daly.

The work of DRMAC is part of the NT Government's Living Rivers Program.

The NT Government has approved new funding of \$3.5 million over four years to implement the adaptive management framework. Much of this funding will be used to substantially upgrade our knowledge and monitoring capacity for water resources.

The NT Government's funding along with \$800,000 in Federal Government funding, will ensure improved measurement of water extraction, better monitoring of river flows and improved modelling of the Daly ground and surface waters. This will ensure future decisions on water extraction can be shown to sustain the unique features of the Daly River.

Members of DRMAC

The members of DRMAC have the necessary knowledge, skills and experience of the Daly to perform this critical task. Government participation is designed to ensure that they have immediate access to the information and tools they need to do their job.



DRMAC members in the field