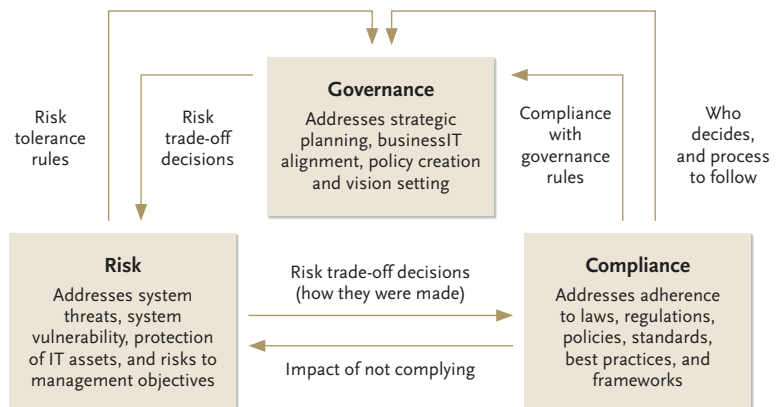


## SECTION 2: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### Framework and Model

Corporate governance describes the processes by which an organisation is directed, controlled and held to account for its actions and as a new department is was prudent for the department to establish its governance framework. Accordingly, in 2012-13 the Department's Executive Management Group agreed to use the following model to depict its accountability framework. It clearly demonstrates the linkages between the three key parts of a good governance system: governance, risk and compliance. The Department's governance framework is underpinned by nine principles of governance. These are based on the Australian Stock Exchange principles of corporate governance which have been reworked by the Office of Public Sector Standards Commissioner (OPSSC), Government of Western Australia, for a public sector environment.



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### Principles of the Department's Governance

**Government and public sector relationship:** the Department's relationship with the government is clear.

**Management and Oversight:** the Department's management responsibilities and accountabilities, including its oversight mechanisms, are clearly defined.

**Organisational Structure:** the Department's structure serves its operations.

**Operations:** the Department plans its operations to achieve its goals.

**Ethics and Integrity:** ethics and integrity are embedded in the Department's values and operations.

**People:** the Department's leadership in people management contributes to individual and organisational developments.

**Finance:** the Department safeguards financial integrity and accountability.

**Communication:** the Department communicates with all parties in a way that is accessible, open and responsive.

**Risk Management:** the Department identifies and manages its risks.

In 2012-13 the Department achieved the following key outcomes under its governance framework:

- settling the Department’s governance framework and structures;
- implementation and development of its strategic and operational business processes and plans;
- implementation of its risk management framework and commencement of its 2013-14 risk assessment activities;
- implementation of its internal audit framework; and
- approval and full implementation of the Department’s risk based annual internal audit plan.

In addition to its internal audit and review activities, as a government department it is subject to external audit by the Northern Territory Auditor-General. In 2012-13 the Auditor-General undertook no external audits.

## Insurable Risk

The Department does not take out commercial insurance against the risk of damage to its physical assets or against the risk of economic or physical injury to a natural person. The Department bears its own risks and meets costs as they emerge.

The categories covered by the Department’s self-insurance arrangements, mitigation strategies and processes employed to reduce the risk for each category, and the total number, value and average cost of self insurance claims are detailed as follows:

Insurable Risk Category	Mitigation Strategies	Total Number/Total value of claims 2012-13
Public Liability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal risk assessments completed</li> <li>Repairs and maintenance program to reduce risks associated with physical assets</li> <li>On-going review of practices and procedures to ensure public safety</li> <li>Appropriate signage</li> <li>Education campaigns for staff and public</li> <li>Independent reviews.</li> </ul>	No claims
Workers Compensation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal risk assessments completed</li> <li>Work Health and Safety framework developed and implemented</li> <li>Workplace safety policies and standard operating procedures</li> <li>Work site assessments</li> <li>Job specific training and support</li> <li>Utilisation of Employee Assistance Program</li> <li>Early intervention program</li> <li>Critical incident debriefings</li> <li>Work-life balance strategies.</li> </ul>	11 claims totalling \$95 427 (average \$8 675)
Assets and Inventories – All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal risk assessments completed</li> <li>On-going review of policies and practices to guide standard operating procedures to protect assets and inventories.</li> </ul>	





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Insurable Risk Category	Mitigation Strategies	Total Number/Total value of claims 2012-13
Buildings	Building audits e.g. security, maintenance, compliance Appropriate security and testing e.g. fire systems, alarms, patrols, staff Repairs and maintenance and minor new works programs.	No claims
Vehicles (e.g. motor vehicles, quad bikes and boats)	Regular service and maintenance checks Driver training (4 wheel drives, quad bikes, boat handling) Safety equipment and accessories (particularly for off-road vehicles, crocodile capture boats etc).	6 claims from employees totalling \$6 003 (average \$1 000) No claims against the Department
Drilling Rigs	Independent check on rigs to ensure they are set up correctly and conform to Australian standards Employee and operating checklists.	No claims
Inventories	Regular stocktaking performed.	Nil written off
Indemnities	Formal risk assessments completed each year and with each new agreement executed	No claims

The Department's commercial insurance premium arrangements are detailed as follows:

Commercial Insurance Premium	Number/Total value of claims 2012-13
Department – various (e.g. marine insurance to transport drilling rig by barge, overseas travel insurance, small value one-off travel insurance)	\$1 216 No claims

## Management Environment

The Executive Management Group (EMG) is the Agency's principal planning and decision making body on corporate governance matters. The Chief Executive has the primary responsibility for providing strategic leadership and systems development for the Agency.

Key responsibilities of the EMG for the Agency are:

- Financial Management
- Information Management
- Employee Management
- Operations
- Work Health and Safety
- Counter Disaster
- Strategy and Planning
- Audit and Risk Management

The EMG comprises of representatives from all Output Groups of the Agency. Other Agency officers attend EMG meetings as required to provide presentations to the EMG.

As at 30 June 2013, the EMG comprised of the following members:

- Rod Applegate, Chief Executive
- James Pratt, Executive Director, Rangelands
- Matt Darcey, Executive Director, Water Resources
- Alaric Fischer, Executive Director, Flora and Fauna
- Mick Ayre, Director, Bushfires NT (A/Andrew Turner)
- A/Ann Jacobs, Regional Director South
- Susan Kirkman, Executive Director, Corporate Services (A/Karen Elligett)
- Joanna Frankenfeld, Chief Financial Officer
- Sandra Butcher, Director, Human Resources
- Laura Cummins, A/Director, Communications and Media

The EMG met on 24 occasions during 2012-13.

The responsibilities of the EMG are supported by committees across the Department.

## Committees

The responsibilities of the EMG and the Agency are supported by committees across the Department. Each of the committees, key responsibilities and membership are detailed below.

### Counter Disaster Sub Committee

The Department's Counter Disaster Sub Committee (CDC) is chaired by the EMG member who is also the Agency Cyclone Coordinator. The Committee is governed by a terms of reference.

The Committee is responsible for:

- leading the agency activities prior to an event, and conducting appropriate reviews and evaluations post event;
- ensuring that the Department meets its legislative responsibilities and obligations as a representative on the Counter Disaster Committee;
- ensuring that the agency has an emergency management plan in place;
- assisting in the coordination of the Department's cyclone plans, and monitoring cyclone preparedness and preparations.

### Committee Membership:

- Director of Rangelands, James Pratt, Chair
- Chief Executive DLRM, Rod Applegate
- Director Land Development Coordination, Luis Da Rocha
- Senior HR Consultant, Denise Mackintosh





## Work Health and Safety (WHS)

The Executive Management Group (EMG) acts as the Department's WHS approving body. The EMG is supported by a WHS Committee in each Division. Each Division Committee is chaired by its respective EMG member who reports to the EMG after each Division WHS Committee meeting.

The Committee is responsible for:

- providing a strategic focus and input into the development of a Work Health and Safety Management System (WHSMS) for the Department;
- providing guidance in the development and implementation of the WHS framework, and ensuring consistency across the Department;
- reviewing and providing approval of WHS policies, strategies, guidelines and procedures to ensure alignment to the Department's WHS objectives and targets;
- overseeing the implementation of the WHSMS planning cycle and monitoring of the progress of the Divisional WHS Committee;
- monitoring the progress against the division's WHS Risk Management Plans to ensure actions remain aligned to the Department's Objectives and Targets; and
- monitoring strategic, corporate and operational WHS risk management and the adequacy of the controls established to manage identified risks.

Committee Membership:

- Chief Executive DLRM, Rod Applegate
- Executive Director Water Resources, Matt Darcey
- Executive Director Flora and Fauna, Alaric Fisher
- Director Rangelands, James Pratt
- Director Bushfires NT, Mick Ayre / Andrew Turner
- Executive Director Corporate Services, Susan Kirkman / Karen Elligett
- Director, HR Services, Sandra Butcher
- Chief Financial Officer, Joanna Frankenfeld
- A/Director Communications and Media, Laura Cummins
- A/Regional Director Southern, Ann Jacobs

## Information Management Committee

The Department's Information Management Committee (IMC) is a cross-Department group which sets the direction and considers the strategic information technology and communication (ICT) needs of the Department. The Committee provides regular updates to the Executive Management Group (EMG). The Committee is governed by a Terms of Reference

The Committee is responsible for:

- overseeing the ICT Governance Framework;
- providing endorsement to ICT initiatives for the Department;
- developing related policies and procedures;
- overseeing the implementation of the ICT strategic plan, system transition plans and monitoring the status of approved projects.

### Committee Membership:

- Director Rangelands, James Pratt (Chair)
- A/Director IT Services, Paul Manning
- Manager Information Services, Corinne Hunt
- Manager Business Systems, Noe Nugraeni,
- Spatial Data and Mapping, Ross Ocampo,
- Scientific Officer, Damian Milne,

### Human Resources Committee

The Department's Human Resources Committee oversees the management of the Department's human resources and organisational development strategies, including advising on the department's human resource management /HR development resource requirements, reviewing and approval of recruitment action and the monitoring of unattached officers. The Committee is governed by a terms of reference.

The Committee is responsible for:

- providing advice and recommendations to the Executive Management Group (EMG) in relation to human resources management (HRM) and human resource development (HRD) policies, strategies, guidelines and procedures;
- promoting two-way information flow between Divisions and the Executive Management Group in relation to strategic human resource management issues and procedures;
- identifying best practice and recommend strategic initiatives and priorities in HRM and HRD to support the Department's priorities and legislative obligations;
- providing input into the development of human resource information systems (HRIS) and processes for the Department;
- providing guidance in the implementation of the Department's HR Strategic Plan; and
- developing recommendations for EMG regarding major strategies or initiatives by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment.

Committee Membership:

- Executive Director Flora and Fauna, Alaric Fisher (Chair)
- Director Wildlife Use, Glenn Edwards
- Manager Land Resource Assessment Unit, Jason Hill
- Hydrographic Supervisor Water Resources, Alan Russ
- Assistant Director Operations Bushfires NT, Andrew Turner
- Director HR Services, Sandra Butcher
- HR Project Officer, Jami Soloman

### Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Department's Audit and Risk Management Committee operates under a terms of reference and its purpose is to provide advice and assistance to the Chief Executive on the effectiveness of the Department's audit, risk management and internal control processes. The Committee is chaired by an Executive Management Group (EMG) member and membership is drawn from across the Department.



*'The Department's policies share strong linkages to work health and safety and provide a flexible framework for the day-to-day management of work health and safety matters...'*

The Committee is responsible for:

- monitoring the Department's strategic, corporate and operational risk management function and activities and the adequacy of the internal controls established to manage the identified risks;
- reviewing financial statements and other public accountability documents (such as annual reports) prior to their approval by the Chief Executive;
- monitoring the internal audit function (including developing and implementing of the annual internal audit program, review and monitoring of terms of references, audit outcomes, managements' responses and implementation of the audit recommendations);
- monitoring the external audit program (including audit outcomes, the Department's responses and implementation of the audit recommendations); and commenting on the state of organisational governance within the scope of the Committee's terms of reference in the areas of the Department's risk management framework, the internal controls framework and external accountability.

Committee Membership:

- Executive Director Water Resources, Matt Darcey (Chair)
- Director Drilling Services, Samantha Fox
- Senior Scientist Wildlife Use, Keith Saalfeld
- Manager Governance, Debra Kenny

## Work, Health and Safety (WHS)

The Department is committed to providing and maintaining safe and healthy workplaces. Following the establishment of the Department, a considerable amount of work has been undertaken to ensure compliance with the *Work Health and Safety (National Uniform Legislation) Act 2011* and the *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act (WRC Act)*.

Activities undertaken to implement the WHS legislation have included:

- a gap analysis undertaken by an independent WHS project officer to identify areas for review or amendments under the *Work Health and Safety Act*;
- awareness discussions conducted with staff to provide guidance on the statutory requirements placed on them. The importance of staff cooperation and compliance in reporting hazards was promoted to reduce the incidence of workplace injury and disease; and
- worker consultation through the Work Health and Safety Committee; Work Health Safety Representatives (where applicable) and information included within regular Chief Executive newsletters.

The Department's policies share strong linkages to WHS and provide a flexible framework for the day-to-day management of work WHS matters, with a focus on continuous improvement and strong governance. The Health and Safety Management System Arrangements from the former department (Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport) is currently being revised to be applicable for the Department of Land Resources Management.

The Executive Management Group (EMG) acts as the Department's WHS approving body. The EMG is supported by a WHS Committee in each



Division. Each division committee is chaired by its respective EMG member who reports to the EMG after each division WHS committee meeting.

### Health and wellbeing Initiatives

The following health and wellbeing initiative were implemented:

- DLRM flu vaccination program
- All Employee Assistance program

### Hazard and Incident Reporting

During the reporting period of 4 September 2012 – 31 March 2013 there were:

- nil reported hazards
- seven reported incidents

Top injury causes included:

- Body stressing
- Mental stressing
- Chemical exposure



## Governing Legislation

The Department is responsible for administering 11 pieces of legislation, including six acts and five pieces of subordinate legislation, on behalf of the Minister for Land Resource Management.

This legislation provides an overriding direction for many functions that the Department performs and is the foundation to a number of Output Groups. The Department has a process of review aimed at ensuring its legislation remains contemporary and relevant to its functions and incorporates best practice in the area it administers.

Legislation administered:

#### 1. *Bushfires Act*

- (1) Bushfires Regulations
- (2) Bushfires (Volunteer Bushfire Brigades) Regulations

#### 2. *Lake Eyre Basin Intergovernmental Agreement Act*

#### 3. *Pastoral Land Act (except provisions about Aboriginal community living areas)*

- (3) Pastoral Land Regulations

#### 4. *Soil Conservation and Land Utilisation Act*

#### 5. *Water Act*

- (4) Water Regulations

#### 6. *Weeds Management Act*

- (5) Weeds Management Regulations 2006





## Statutory Authorities and Bodies

The Department has a statutory responsibility for certain authorities and bodies.

Statutory authorities and bodies from **1 September 2012 – 30 June 2013** are listed below:

### Alice Springs Water Advisory Committee

The Alice Springs Water Advisory Committee was established under Section 23 of the *Water Act 2008*, to provide advice to the Controller of Water Resources on the effectiveness of the Alice Springs Water Resource Strategy in maximising economic and social benefits of water use, within ecological constraints and other matters.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Steve Shearer

**Members:** Mr James Cocking

Ms Brenda Shields

Mr Rodney Cramer

Mr Richard Hayes

Mr Rodney Randall

Mr Steven Brown

### Bushfires Council of the Northern Territory

To recommend to Minister measures for effective fire management on all Territory lands except those under authority of Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service (NTFRS).

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Paul Blore

**Members:** Mr Shaun Ansell

Mr Andrew Tupper

Mr Bruce Sawyer

Mr Garry Cook

Mrs Dianne Tynan

Mr Ian Bradford

Mr Norman Hooker

Mr Walter Braitling

Mr Djawa Yunupingu

Mr Robert Bright

Mr Chris Whattey

Mr Stephen Rothwell

Mr Len Rule

Ms Elizabeth Bird

Ms Alice Beilby

## Bushfires Committees - Regional

The Northern Territory is divided into six fire control regions that reflect varying land use, population density, climate, soil and vegetation type. A bushfires regional committee represents each region with members selected on the basis of local knowledge, experience or skills in bushfire management. Its main statutory function is the prevention and control of wildfires in its fire control regions. Committees meet two to four times annually or as required. The committees are statutory bodies in their own right and have a high degree of autonomy in establishing operational and administrative policies.

Advise the Bushfires Council on measures to prevent and control bushfires within its gazetted area of responsibility; and to prevent and control bushfires in its Fire Control Region.

*'Advise the Bushfires Council on measures to prevent and control bushfires within its gazetted area of responsibility...'*

### Alice Springs Regional

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Walter Braitling

**Members:** Ms Elizabeth Bird

Mr Benjamin Heaslip

Mr Angus McKay

Mr William Hayes

Mr Ashley Severin

### Arafura Regional

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Leonard Rule

**Members:** Mr Daniel Thomson

Mr Douglas McKean

Mr Brian Muir

Mr Gordon Coward

### Arnhem Regional

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Djawa Yunupingu

**Members:** Mrs Jessie Alderson

Mr Otto Campion

Mr Gibson Farmer

Mr Clarry Rogers

Ms Sybil Ranch

### Barkly Regional

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Norman Hooker

**Members:** Mr Michael Johnson

Mr Stephen Peatling

Mr Kenneth Ford

Mr Christopher Towne



### **Savannah Regional**

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Christopher Whatley

**Members:** Mr Gary Riggs

Ms Alice Beilby

Mr Edward Webber

Mr Stuart McKechnie

Mr Bradley Walker

### **Vernon Regional**

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Robert Bright

**Members:** Mr Raymond Nichols

Mr David McLachlan

Mr Ian Stewart

Mr Colin Deveraux

### **Daly River Management Advisory Committee (DRMAC)**

To work with relevant Government agencies to develop and present options for sustainable use and conservation of the resources of the Daly River catchment, and to make related recommendations.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr John Childs

**Members:** Mr Dick Perry

Ms Kate Peake

Mr Bruce Sawyer

Mr Dan Thomson

Mr Eddie Webber

Mr Ian Smith

Mr Craig Ingram

Mr Phil Howie

Ms Mona Liddy

Mr Mark Meldrum

Ms Bridgette Bellenger

Mr Mark White

Ms Elizabeth Sullivan

Mr Rob Law



### **Darwin Harbour Advisory Committee (DHAC)**

To provide the Northern Territory Government with advice on land use, planning, development and the use of natural resources within the Darwin Harbour catchment.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Bill Stuchbery

**Members:** Mr Greg Bicknell

Mr Alastair Black

Prof Andrew Campbell

Mr Tom Harris

Dr Greg Leach

Mr Graeme Lewis

Mr Steven McKenzie

Dr Graeme Suckling

Mr Allan McKay

Mr Craig Ingram

Mr David Williams

Ms Shelly Franklin

### **Drillers Qualification Advisory Committee**

The Drillers Qualification Advisory Committee formed under the *Water Act 1992* is an advisory group with expertise in the water well drilling industry. The Committee provides advice to the Controller of Water Resources in regard to the granting, renewal and variation of drilling licences under Section 49 the Act.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr David George

**Members:** Mr Mark Ballard

Mr Cyrus Edwards

Mr Chris MacHunter

Mr Lance Martin

Ms Mary Walshe

Mr Henry Van Tilburg

Mr Leon Merington

### **Mataranka Water Advisory Committee**

Advise on the management of water resources within the Tindall Limestone Aquifer in Mataranka.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Vacant

**Members:** Mr Max Gorringe

Mr Mark Joraslafsky

Mr Hamish McFarlane

Mrs Clair O'Brien

Mr Garry Riggs

Mr Eddie Webber

Mr Kane Younghusband





### **Northern Territory Weed Advisory Committee**

To develop draft weed management plans and advise Minister on the progress of weed management in the region.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Thomas Stockwell

**Members:** Mr Steven Spencer

Ms Jane Dellow

Dr Margaret Friedel

Mr Brian Hill

Ms Sharon Jones

Ms Sarah Kerin

Mr Neil MacDonald

Ms Robyn Maurer

Mr Tony Searle

Mr Robert Bright

Mr Robert Law

Mr Samuel Rando

### **Pastoral Land Board**

Administration *Pastoral Land Act* as Outlined in S 29 Functions of Board.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Mr Richard Galton

**Members:** Ms Colleen Costello

Mr Steven Craig

Mr Thomas Stockwell

Mr Campbell Miller

### **Rapid Creek Catchment Advisory Committee**

To advise Minister on the management of Rapid Creek Catchment.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Ms Jane Aagaard

**Members:** Mr Neal Adamson

Ms Lesley Alford

Ms Jill Holdsworth

Mr Geoff Horni

Mr Ian Kew

Ms Zoe Carmichael

Mr Nigel Weston

Mr Owen Dutton

Mr Nik Kleine

Ms Jo Sangster

Ms Julia Schult

## Water Resources Review Panel

Facilitate Ministerial Review of Contentious Issues arising from Operation of the *Water Act*.

Members at 30 June 2013 were:

**Chairman:** Prof Romy Greiner

**Members:** Mr Colin Beard

Mr Robert Fish

Mr David George

Mr Philip Howie

Mr Andrew Macrides

Mr Joseph Morrison

Mr George Roussos

## Information Management

The Northern Territory *Information Act 2002* came into operation on 1 July 2003. It combines freedom of information (FOI), privacy and records management legislation.

### Access to Information

In compliance with Section 11 of the *Information Act* the Department makes its information available in several ways.

Information is updated regularly and published on the Department's website. It describes the structure and functions of the Department, how these functions affect the public, a comprehensive listing of information that is freely available and how to access other information that is not published on the website.

Part 3 of the *Information Act* formally sets out the process for access to government information and access, to and correction of, personal information held by the Department. Details about how to apply for access to information, with links to relevant legislation and related agencies can be found on the Department's website. Further assistance can be provided by contacting:

FOI Contact Officer  
PO BOX 496  
Palmerston, NT 0830  
Ph: 8999 3479  
<http://www.lrm.nt.gov.au/lrm/foi>

### Requests for Access to Information in 2012–13

During the reporting year there were three applications received by the Department for access to government or personal information under the *Information Act*.

Statistical data about formal access applications received by the Department are included in the table below.







### Information Act Requests

2012-13

Applications carried over from previous year	1
Applications to access personal information	0
Applications to access government information	2
Applications to access personal and government information	0
Applications to correct personal information	0
Applications transferred	0
Requests withdrawn	0
Internal reviews	0
Responses completed within 30 day period	2
Responses completed exceeding 30 day period	0
Applications on hand as at 30 June	1

### Records Management

During 2012-13 the Agency continued to improve record management practices, procedures and policies to ensure compliance with Part 9 of the *Information Act*. Part 9 of the *Information Act* and the records Management Standards require that the Agency develop and implement plans and processes to ensure full and accurate records are created, captured, discoverable, secure and where appropriate disposed.

During 2012-13 the Records Training Program continued to provide whole of Agency guidance, support and training on information management best practices and use of the whole-of-government recordkeeping system, TRIM with a particular focus on electronic records capture.

### Ombudsman Enquiries

During the reporting year there were no Ombudsman Enquiries received by the Department.

### Strategic Partnerships

The Department has continued to foster strategic partnerships throughout the 2012-13 reporting period, which includes:

- Facilitated the transfer of scientists from Bushfires NT to Charles Darwin University under an ongoing Partnership Agreement between the Department and the University, to further support research on fire, carbon and climate change.

## Community Engagement

The Department undertook a range of community engagement activities during 2012-13 which included the following:

- Continued to implement the Gamba Grass Assistance Program by providing members of the public assistance with weed management planning advice, free herbicide and spray equipment loans. A review of the Weed Management Plan for *Andropogon gayanus* (Gamba Grass) was commended, to consult with and gain feedback from the Territory community on the current plan of management.
- Released the draft Water Allocation Plan for the Great Artesian Basin for community feedback and undertook a review of the Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan to consult with and encourage community comment.
- Established a new website for the Department to enable communication and community engagement with the broader community on issues relating to land resource management for the Northern Territory.
- Re-established the Rangeland Monitoring program of the pastoral estate, resulting in a rigorous assessment of 27 pastoral properties predominantly in the Barkly and Southern Alice Springs District. Weeds Officers throughout the Territory also visited pastoral properties providing extension services to landholders.
- Sponsored the Northern Territory Cattleman's Association Annual General Meeting and Industry Conference, from March 21-22 in Alice Springs. An information booth for the Department was set-up at the event to engage with association members and industry professionals. Staff maintained a presence at the booth to provide information on integrated ground and satellite based monitoring, weed management, land assessment and development, and rangelands monitoring.
- Launched the Water Data Portal, providing information to the public collected by the Department on flood monitoring, water allocation planning and aquatic health monitoring.
- Participated in the annual Farm and Garden Day on 6 April in Katherine by delivering talks to attendees throughout the event program. The Department also held an information tent to engage with and provide regional information to the community on the work and services of the Department. This included practical displays such as the aquifer interaction model, and information on weed management, water licensing and drilling, rangelands monitoring and land assessment.



## Grants Programs

The Department of Land Resource Management is responsible for administering the Central Australia Waterwise Rebate Scheme grant program to Central Australians, as well as one-off special purpose grants. All grants, regardless of their type, are distributed under a grant agreement which includes the grant purpose and the reporting process for confirming that the objective of the grant has been achieved.

A full list of the grants administered by the Department can be found below.

### Allocated Grants

Grant	Recipient	Amount
Slater's Skink research collaboration agreement grant	Flinders University	10,000
Indigenous Scholarship	Charles Darwin University	70,000
Grants under Caring for our Country appropriation	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	3,767,000
Belly Ache Bush Management	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	200,000
Protect Ecosystems in the Daly River Catchment	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	363,600
West Arnhem Fire Management Agreement grant	Northern Land Council	1,430,249
Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Grants	Northern Territory Volunteer Bushfire Brigades	1,141,358
National Soil, research and development strategy	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	5,000
Northern Territory Collaborative Agreement for Rangelands	Department of Science Information & Technology	112,380
National Weed eradication contributions	Various service providers	153,935

## Applied Grants

Name of Grant	Grant Purpose	Who can apply	Funding limit	Closing date
Central Australian Waterwise Rebate Scheme	To assist households improve their water efficiency and reduce overall residential demand on the water supply in Central Australia.	Alice Springs and Tennant Creek residents	Rebates of up to \$400 for certain water saving products and up to \$100 for eligible water saving plumbing services in Alice Springs and Tennant Creek	On-going – assessed annually.

A full list of the grants distributed on behalf of the Department for the 2012-13 reporting period, are detailed below:

Grant	Recipient	Amount
Slater's Skink research collaboration agreement grant	Flinders University	10,000
Indigenous Scholarship	Charles Darwin University	70,000
Grants under Caring for our Country appropriation	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	3,767,000
Belly Ache Bush Management	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	200,000
Protect Ecosystems in the Daly River Catchment	Territory Natural Resource Management Board	363,600
Waterwise Rebate Grants	Various Northern Territory service providers	932,735
West Arnhem Fire Management Agreement grant	Northern Land Council	1,430,249
Volunteer Bushfire Brigade Grants	Northern Territory Volunteer Bushfire Brigades	1,141,358
National Soil, research and development strategy	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	5,000
Northern Territory Collaborative Agreement for Rangelands	Department of Science Information & Technology	112,380
National Weed eradication contributions	Various service providers	153,935
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>8,186,257</b>