



Strategic Plan 2013–17

Our Vision The Northern Territory’s land and water resources are used appropriately for economic development and the well being of all Territorians.

Our Purpose Provide advice and support for the sustainable development of the Northern Territory’s land and water, and conservation of its unique native flora and fauna.

1 The capacity and capability of the Northern Territory’s natural resource assets are assessed, and outcomes of use and management, monitored.

- Increase the knowledge and understanding of ground and surface water systems, land resources and native flora and fauna.
- Implement robust monitoring systems to track the health of the Territory’s biodiversity.
- Address the decline of small mammals.
- Work with Aboriginal elders and custodians to conserve biocultural knowledge of the Territory’s flora and fauna, and promote its application in natural resource management.
- Monitor and report on the health of Darwin Harbour and inland waterways as part of their continued or expanded use.
- Monitor condition of the Territory’s rangelands.

2 Enable economic growth through the allocation of natural resource assets for best and sustainable use.

- Develop a Northern Territory strategy to address the use, allocation and management of water.
- Manage competing demands for water and land resources for sustainable development.
- Determine potential for agricultural development through the collection and assessment of land, soil, vegetation and water information.
- Ensure that impacts on the natural resources are within acceptable limits in the allocation and use of land for development purposes.
- Identify and promote economic opportunities through the sustainable use of wildlife.
- Support the pastoral estate through contemporary pastoral legislation to drive economic growth.

3 Threats to natural resources and regional communities are managed through shared responsibilities and partnerships.

- Provide extension services to assist landholders in the sustainable use of the natural resources.
- Manage the impacts of feral animals and weeds on productive and natural systems.
- Facilitate greater industry capacity and action to mitigate impacts at development sites.
- Build community capacity to mitigate the negative impacts of wildfire, weeds and feral animals.
- Progress a strategic approach to manage the increased risk of bushfire in the rural urban interface caused by the proliferation of grassy weeds.
- Promote partnerships between Government agencies to develop threat management plans.
- Provision of flood advice in consultation with other agencies for major ‘at risk’ communities.

4 An organisation with the capacity and capability to deliver effective services.

- Inspire and support a workplace culture that is collaborative, respectful and accountable.
- Build and enhance our strategic leadership across the agency.
- Deliver an effective shared corporate service.
- Provide a safe working environment and use of safe practices in both office and field operations.
- Continue to improve business processes and streamline key internal systems.
- Develop an integrated NT NRM information system that is accessible to internal and external clients.
- Ensure legislation and policy is contemporary and adequate to deal with the challenges of delivering sustainable development.