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The Department of Land Resource Management provides advice and support for the sustainable development of the Northern Territory's land and water, and conservation of its unique native flora and fauna.

Our Location



The department operates through offices located in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine, Batchelor and Darwin to provide natural resource management extension services and advice to landholders across 1,349,129sq kms of the Northern Territory.

Our Values



As a department we epitomise the Northern Territory Public Sector (NTPS) values which underpin how we deliver services to Territorians and promote collaboration and professionalism. These values guide us in achieving our best performance and set common expectations across the sector for all public servants.

The NTPS Values are:

- commitment to service
- ethical practice
- respect
- accountability
- impartiality
- diversity

Our History



The Department of Land Resource Management was formed in September 2012, following a change of Government.

Our Vision



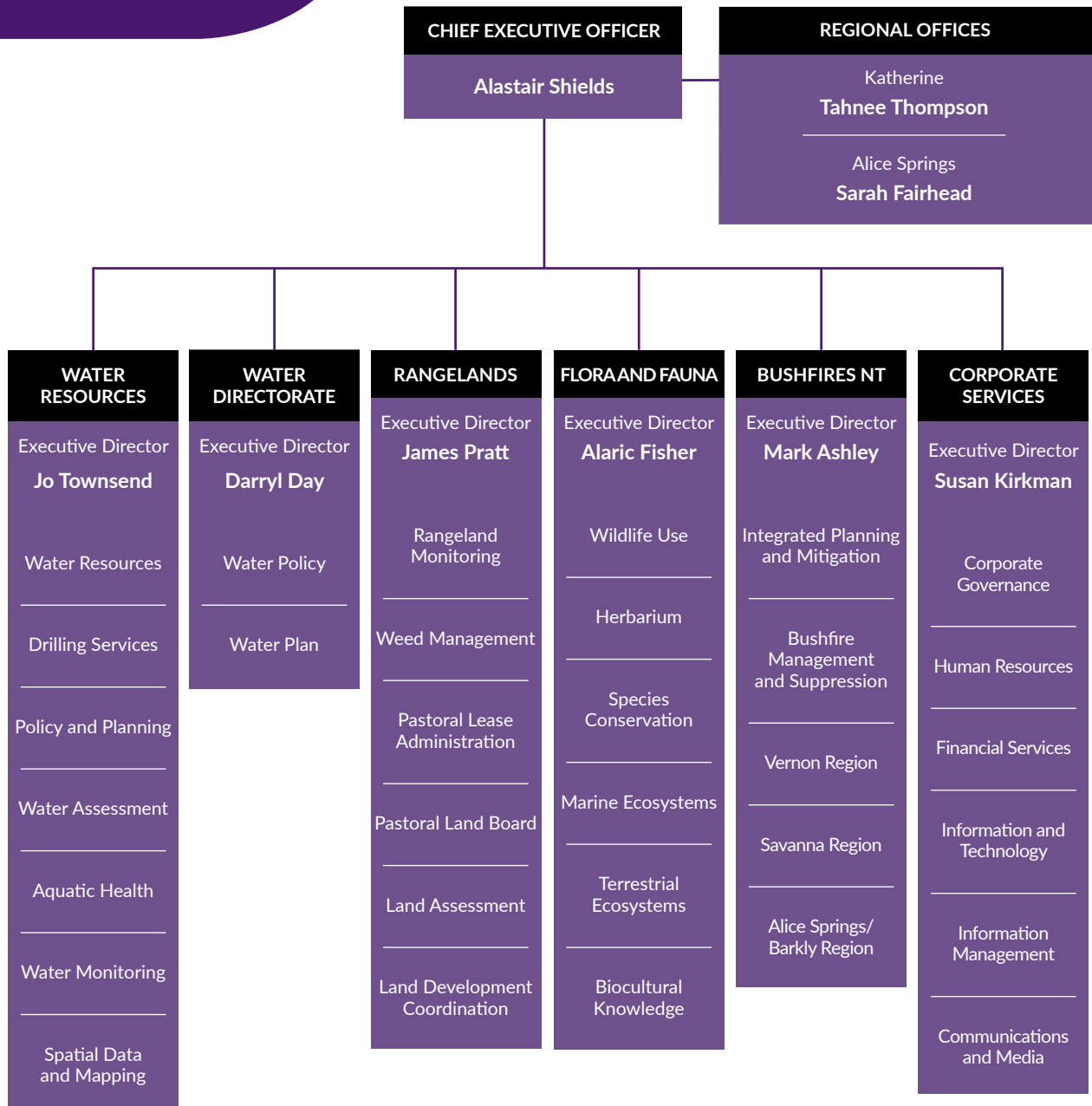
The Northern Territory's land and water resources are used appropriately for economic development and the wellbeing of all Territorians.

Our Stakeholders



- The community
- Government agencies
- Pastoralists
- Project proponents
- Landowners
- Indigenous land management organisations
- Industry

Our Structure



Assess and monitor the Territory's water resources

Issue water licences to support economic development

Provide natural resource mapping and spatial data information

Develop the Territory's water policy and water plan

Assess and monitor the Territory's land resource

Assist landholders in managing the threat and impact of weeds

Assess and monitor the Territory's native flora and fauna

Manage the threats to our unique flora and fauna

Support landholders in the management and mitigation of wildfire

Provide support and training to volunteer bushfire brigades across the Territory

Provide a wide range of corporate support services

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Governance Board



The Governance Board is the department's principal planning and decision-making body on corporate governance matters.

The Governance Board includes representatives from all output groups of the department and also the regions.

Governance Board membership:

Alastair Shields

Chief Executive Officer

Alastair was appointed the Chief Executive Officer in March 2015. Alastair was born and raised in Darwin and has more than 35 years of public sector experience in the Northern Territory. He has qualifications in Law and Accounting and has a Masters in Public Administration.



Darryl Day

Executive Director, Water Directorate

Darryl provides strategic leadership and direction in developing an overarching water policy for the Northern Territory. Darryl has worked for the Territory Government and Power and Water Corporation for more than 30 years. He holds a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and has extensive national and international experience in water policy.



Alaric Fisher

Executive Director, Flora and Fauna

Alaric provides strategic leadership and policy advice on matters relating to flora and fauna, wildlife use and feral animals. Alaric holds a PhD from Charles Darwin University and has worked as a conservation biologist in the Northern Territory for over 25 years. In that time, he has covered broad-ranging fields including wildlife inventory, biodiversity monitoring, conservation planning and environmental impact assessment.



James Pratt

Executive Director, Rangelands

James provides strategic leadership and direction in implementing government objectives for the economic development and sustainable use of the Territory's rangelands and broader natural environment. James has substantial experience in providing policy, legislative and regulatory advice after 13 years in the Northern Territory Public Sector. He has a Bachelor of Communications and Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management. James will soon complete a Masters in Public Administration.



Jo Townsend

Executive Director, Water Resources

Jo leads the Water Resources Division which includes drilling services, water assessment, policy and planning, aquatic health and spatial data and mapping. Jo joined the department in September 2015 and has more than 20 years experience in the Northern Territory Public Sector, including 12 years in executive leadership roles. Jo has a Bachelor of Arts and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Psychology.



Susan Kirkman

Executive Director, Corporate Services

Susan provides organisational leadership for the Corporate Services Division and is responsible for supporting the Chief Executive Officer in relation to corporate governance and corporate effectiveness strategies. Susan has extensive experience in senior corporate roles within both the private and public sectors. She was born and raised in the Territory, has completed a Bachelor of Business and is a Certified Practising Accountant.



Mark Ashley

Executive Director, Bushfires NT

Mark provides strategic leadership and direction to the Bushfires NT Division through sound policy advice and implementation of fire management, mitigation and suppression programs on non-urban Territory land. Mark's public sector experience is complemented by corporate experience as a commercial general manager responsible for a diverse portfolio of environmental, health and community development programs across Australia and internationally.



Tahnee Thompson

Manager, Katherine Region

Tahnee is the department's senior representative in the Katherine region, facilitating effective networks across agencies and key stakeholder groups to ensure the integration of departmental planning, policies and programs. She has extensive experience in delivering remote area services to a broad range of stakeholders and holds a Bachelor of Environmental Science.



Sarah Fairhead

Regional Director, South

Sarah manages, implements and coordinates the department's functions and activities in the southern region, ensuring an integrated approach across programs, and helping develop high level policy to deal with emerging issues. Sarah has over a decade of experience in public policy and project management roles in the Northern Territory and South Australian public services. She has a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours) and six years postgraduate research experience at the University of Adelaide.



Keryl Cottier

Executive Officer to the Chief Executive Officer

Keryl provides high level advice, support and co-ordination to the Chief Executive Officer to ensure effective operation and delivery of the department's strategic objectives and priorities. Keryl has worked for the Northern Territory Public Sector for more than 20 years, in a broad range of roles. She was born and raised in the Territory and has completed a Bachelor of Commerce.



Strategic Plan 2013-17

The department's Strategic Plan 2013-17 supports the Northern Territory Government's priorities. The department's divisions deliver on the strategic goals as outlined in the Plan.

Strategic goals:

Goal 1:

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

Goal 2:

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

Goal 3:

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

Goal 4:

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

