



## Meeting 11 - *Communiqué*

8 May 2009

The eleventh meeting of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council was held on Friday 8 May 2009.

In partnership with the Biosecurity Council, the NRM Council is developing a policy paper on the issues surrounding the integration of NRM and Biosecurity. Council finalised their position paper on integrating NRM and biosecurity, and will forward to the Minister.

Further to Council advising Government of the need for a review of the State Salinity Strategy (2000), the Minister asked for members to consider three questions:

1. how significant the salinity issue is today;
2. the value of current management options; and
3. the impediments to their adoption?

Members collated responses to these questions from councils, constituents and/or representative bodies that they are associated with, and discussed the outcomes. This will form the basis of their advice to the Minister and the upcoming review into the State Salinity Strategy (2000).

The Council finalised their position on achieving NRM outcomes through industry development and practices. Members considered the content of a conceptual framework, identifying the drivers for success and identifying case studies and examples. This advice will be sent to the Minister.

NRM council received a briefing on the Southwest Regional Ecological Linkages Project (SWREL) from Mr Shaun Molloy (DEC), Ms Sue Wallrodt (WALGA) and Mr Gary Whisson (DEC). The team presented on the methodology of this planning project and noted that a report would be released in September 2009

The Next NRM Council meeting is scheduled for 10 July 2009.