

**WA NRM COUNCIL  
Meeting 2 - *Communiqué*  
9 November 2007**

The second meeting of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council was held on Friday 9 November 2007.

Council reviewed the direction provided by Minister Chance and the actions from its inaugural meeting and discussed the following topics.

- The key agenda item was the Draft State NRM Plan and an associated consultation process. A NRM Council reference panel was formed to consider the Plan out-of-session and provide feedback to the Council of Natural Resource Agency Chief Executives (CONRACE).
- Indigenous Engagement in NRM was explored with advice going to the Minister and CONRACE on mechanisms for improving engagement and consultation.
- Biosecurity priorities and the possibility of integrating these into NRM programmes was investigated with a further briefing requested for the February 2008 meeting.
- The previous NRM Council hosted the WA Weeds Committee. An update on activities will be provided every second NRM Council meeting.
- The NRM Council initiated an open discussion on 'Key NRM and Environmental Issues facing WA', and how the Council may be able to provide advice to Government on these issues. An initial list of issues was suggested and will be discussed and prioritised in future deliberations.
- An update on the progress of NHT3 deliberations was given, noting that the draft Bilateral Agreement for NHT3 had not been signed prior to announcement of the Federal Election.
- The determination of State Priorities and Assets was discussed with NRM Council to receive copies of the *"Agency Statement of Important Natural Resource Management Assets in Western Australia"*.

The Next NRM Council meeting is scheduled for 12 February 2008.