

Meeting 4 - Communiqué

14 March 2008

The fourth meeting of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council was held on Friday 14 March 2008.

The Items discussed are listed below.

- NRM Council received a briefing on the *EnviroPlanning* Project from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure. *EnviroPlanning* is a joint initiative of the Western Australian Planning Commission, Western Australian Local Government Association and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure, funded through the Strategic Reserve component of the Natural Heritage Trust. The primary aim of the project is to improve the integration of NRM into land use planning. Ms Cath Meaghan and Mr Ryan Taylor discussed the outcomes of the project, the next steps, and offered to brief NRM Council on the upcoming Directions Paper.
- NRM Council provided input into the final draft of the State NRM Plan. Initial consultation on the Plan will be at the State NRM Conference in Bridgetown on Tuesday 1 April 2008. A number of NRM Council members will be in attendance. This session will be used to refine the consultation and engagement processes.
- Dr Andy Paterson and Dr Senthold Asseng spoke to NRM Council on the Agricultural Research Western Australia (ARWA) Climate Adaptation Program. Council noted the progress and how, in combination, the suite of major projects within CAP will:
 - Assess how climate change may impact on Western Australia's landscapes, biota, rural enterprises and communities between now and 2035; and
 - Provide the information, knowledge and tools that decision makers require to develop policy, biophysical and business responses for managing the risks and capturing the opportunities associated with a changing climate.

The Next NRM Council meeting is scheduled for 9 May 2008.