

## **Meeting 7 - Communiqué**

**5 September 2008**

The seventh meeting of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council was held on Friday 5 September 2008.

As one of the key environmental/ NRM issues the Council is considering, members received a series of briefings on *Adaptation to Climate Change and Integration with NRM*:

- Ms Anne Bennett, Policy and Planning, Department of Agriculture and Food gave an outline of major policy initiatives at State and National levels regarding climate change. Ms Bennett discussed international, national and State policy drivers and examined some gaps and opportunities that the Council could pursue.
- Dr Colin Yates and Mr Richard McKellar from the science division in the Department of Environment and Conservation briefed the Council on climate change impacts on Western Australia's biodiversity.
- Dr Bryson Bates from CSIRO briefed Council on the latest climate change science. Dr Bates outlined global changes, observed local changes, and the outcomes of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group (II) Fourth Assessment Report (AR4), particularly focusing on NRM in relation to knowledge gaps, reducing vulnerability and barriers to adaptation.

Additionally, Council discussed integration of industry plans and practices with achieving NRM outcomes. The previous State government asked the Council to address this matter and it remains an important consideration.

The Next NRM Council meeting is scheduled for 14 November 2008.