



Meeting 8 - *Communiqué*

14 November 2008

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

Council members were briefed on the State NRM Plan, post community consultation and subsequent review. Council recommended the Minister for Agriculture and Food and Government endorse releasing the Plan and was keen to see a renewed focus on finalising its associated Implementation Strategy.

Council received a briefing from the Department for Planning and Infrastructure on the EnviroPlanning Project – Integrating NRM into Land Use Planning. Members agreed to respond to a Draft Directions Paper on the Project, due for release in early 2009.

Council members engaged in a philosophical discussion on salinity, culminating in Council reiterating its advice that a review of the State Salinity Strategy (2000) is a high priority.

On its journey towards understanding the complexity of issues in climate change and its relationship with NRM, Council was briefed by Mr Richard Harper from the Forest Products Commission on the issue of mitigation and carbon sequestering using reforestation. Members have one more briefing to receive from the Department of Water prior to considering its advice to the Minister.

The Next NRM Council meeting is scheduled for 13 February 2009.