



Meeting 9 - *Communiqué*

13 February 2009

The ninth meeting of the Natural Resource Management (NRM) Council was held on Friday 13 February 2009.

Council finalised its information gathering process on adaptation to climate change and its integration with NRM with a presentation from Mr Ed Hauck at the Department of Water. The presentation outlined climate change and water availability, water reforms and a response to climate change, climate initiatives from the Department of Water and best-practice water management.

At the meeting, Council members received a copy of the *Climate Change, Vulnerability and Adaptation for South West WA (1970-2006)* report; the intent being for Council to consider the report in formulating its advice to the Government on climate change. It was indicated that the current Government's approach to climate change is due to be released soon (as an election commitment), which should be used to augment Councils' advice. This document can be accessed at <http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/content/lwe/cli/cc-phaseireport0308.pdf>

Council worked on a policy paper to respond to the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's EnviroPlanning Project Draft Directions Paper – Integrating NRM into Land Use Planning. Council will also be providing advice to the Minister on this issue.

State NRM Council became active in September 2007, and at this meeting took the opportunity to reviews its activities and progress.

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