

***Communiqué
From the NRM COUNCIL***

**Meeting with the Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry
Honourable Terry Redman MLA
30 October 2008**

The NRM Council met with the new State Minister for Agriculture and Food and Forestry, the Honourable Terry Redman MLA at an extraordinary meeting on 30 October 2008.

The Minister addressed Council and this was followed by a general discussion on the Governments position on NRM.

Firstly, the Minister acknowledged the substantial contributions made to NRM in WA by Mr Rex Edmondson, Mr Garry English and Mrs Jan Star.

The State Government has a commitment to natural resource management and is supportive of the Regional Delivery Model. The historical investment and strategic landscape approach to managing our natural resources was noted, as was the combined community and agency time and effort into the development of Regional Strategies and Investment Plans.

The minister also recognised the NRM Councils work on informing policy development on Aboriginal Engagement in NRM and the integration of Biosecurity Issues within NRM.

NRM Council was encouraged to continue investigating the following key environmental/NRM issues, as a precursor to providing policy advice to the Minister:

- The need for greater consideration and integration of NRM issues by land use planning decision makers;
- A review of the progress against the recommendations in the State Salinity Strategy ;
- Reviewing legislation relating to NRM in Western Australia; and
- Adaptation to Climate Change.

The significance of the State NRM Plan and the subsequent Implementation Strategy was also raised in light of prioritising activity for the State. NRM Council noted that it was considering the revised version of the State NRM Plan with a view to providing advice to CONRACE and Ministers.

The meeting concluded with the Chairman's thanks to the Minister for his attendance with the recognition that NRM Council's role is to assist Government and that Council would welcome the Ministers attendance in the future.