

Howard East Water Advisory Committee

Meeting record for Meeting 1: Wednesday, 20th July 2016
5pm - 7.00pm, Howard Springs Recreation Hall

Present: Matthew Salter, Kate Peake, Jan Hintze, Tristan Sloan, David George, and Mardi Miles (DLRM).

Absent: Maree Bredhauer

1. Introductions, Committee Members and Staff

- Committee members introduced themselves and described their background and the contribution they can make to the Committee.

2. Terms of Reference, operating arrangements and expectations from members.

- There is an expectation that members of the committee will provide information to stakeholders and feedback to the committee about issues raised in the community.
- The committee currently does not have indigenous representation. Consultation with traditional owners to be undertaken outside of the water advisory committee process.

3. What is Water Allocation Planning

- Presentation on policy and governance provided – groundwater management in the Northern Territory, and how water planning works.
- Issue discussed included the timeframe around the planning process, removal of the 15L/s exemption, licensing requirem

4. Darwin Rural Water Resources

- Presentation of information about the current status of groundwater levels in the Darwin Rural area.

5. Suitable meeting times & next meeting

- The timing of meetings was discussed. Starting time of 5pm is preferred by the members present.
- Next meeting to be held in August, with meetings to be held on a 4-6 week basis.
- Agenda items for next meeting to include information about the resource, and communication strategy.