

## Howard East Water Advisory Committee

**Meeting record for Meeting 2: Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2016**  
5pm - 7.00pm, Whitewood Hall, Howard Springs Reserve

Present: Matthew Salter, Kate Peake, Jan Hintze, Maree Bredhauer, David George, Mardi Miles (DLRM), Des Yin Foo (DLRM) and Jo Townsend (DLRM).

Apology: Tristan Sloan

### 1. Welcome, Apologies

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

### 3. Communication Strategy and Darwin Rural issues

- Draft communication strategy outlined for the Howard groundwater system. This includes the activities and tasks involved.
- General issues raised:
  - Implementation schedule
  - Website – NT.GOV is not user friendly and hard for people to navigate. Is there the potential to develop a website with partners
  - Social media – can a presence be developed to share information
  - Education – what is appropriate water use, consistent messaging with Power & Water Living water smart program, lifespan of Darwin groundwater watch information program.

**Action:** Mardi to provide copy of stakeholder analysis report to all committee members

**Action:** Situation analysis report to be updated

**Action:** All committee members to provide feedback (if required)

### 4. Hydrogeology of the Howard Groundwater System

Presentation given by Des Yin Foo (Senior Manager Water Assessment, DLRM).

- The Howard Region
- Extent of development over the aquifer
- System discharge
- Hydrogeological Conceptualisation
- Geological structures
- Hydrogeological features
- Aquifer behaviour and response
- Hydrogeological zoning

- Proposed management zones
- Groundwater modelling

#### 5. Other Business

Representation on the committee – are we missing key stakeholders, and should the membership of the committee be expanded.

#### 6. Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Committee members to think about community values, what you are representing, what you want to achieve, and what are the issues.