Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Joint Management Plans for Parks and Wildlife

10 February 2016

As proof of the Northern Territory Government’s commitment to the protection of its Parks three Joint Management Plans have come into operation.

The Joint Management Plans are a partnership between the Northern Territory Government, Aboriginal Traditional Owners and other key stakeholders.

The following Parks and Reserves are now working under Joint Management:

- Napwerte / Ewaninga Rock Carvings Conservation Reserve
- Yeperenye / Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park
- Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price said the Joint Management Plans provide direction for the future management of each park or reserve.

“These plans are of great benefit as they outline how the interests of the community, Traditional Owners and conservation will be served,” she said.

“They describe the natural, recreational and cultural values of a park and how management will ensure these values are properly protected.”

Currently, the Parks and Wildlife Commission NT manage 87 parks and reserves, 32 parks of which are jointly managed with Traditional Owners.

The most significant change these plans bring into place is that the Parks will now be managed in ways that recognise their importance to their Traditional Owners.

These three Joint Management Plans become operational on 10 February.

The Plans can be viewed at www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au/manage/plans.

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