New Natural Resources Management Board Announced

A certified financial planner who has lived in the Territory for 20 years is the new chair of the inaugural Natural Resource Management Board, Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour announced today.

Darwin’s Sue van Cuylenburg will head the new six-member board which met for the first time yesterday.

Ms Scrymgour said the Board would implement the Northern Territory Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) Plan and Regional Investment Strategy (RIS), under the framework agreed between the Northern Territory and the Commonwealth Governments.

The Board appointments were based on finding people who together, covered a wide range of skills and experience.

“I am proud to announce the Board membership and I have every faith they will be open and accessible and do what is best for Territorians,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“They have an important job ahead of them in the management and preservation of the Territory’s precious natural resources.

NRMB Chair, Ms van Cuylenburg says her new role would draw on two of her key specialties, business and natural resources. The Chair will devote her time to the new role until 2007.

“I am sure that relinquishing my position from the Godfrey Pembroke board underscores my dedication to my new role and I am looking forward to our first board meeting to immediately identify what needs to be done,” Ms van Cuylenburg said.

“The new position looks very exciting and challenging and I am keen to meet those challenges head on and I know each member of the new board who will be valued and productive assets of the board.

“Before working in business I worked in Government in the natural resources sector so it is certainly something I am passionate about.” She said.

Other board members include Greening Australia NT chief executive officer Mike Clark, professional rural consultant Jim Forwood, indigenous land management expert David Alexander, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation general manager Ian Munro and NRETA Natural Systems Senior Director John Gilmour.

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