Daly River residents met with the Minister for Natural Resources and Environment, Delia Lawrie, to discuss the future of the land clearing moratorium in their region today.

“The Daly River region is a pristine environment and we must ensure it is protected,” said Ms Lawrie.

“I’ve met with landowners from the Daly River region including pastoralists, Traditional Owners and land care groups.

“The Daly River Management Advisory Committee was established last year with broad ranging representatives to examine options for sustainable use and conservation of natural resources within the region.

“They have provided valuable advice to Northern Territory Government on the future of the land clearing moratorium in the Daly.

“The land clearing moratorium was put in place by the Martin Labor Government in 2003 to plan for a sustainable future in the Daly River region.

“Finding the right balance between development and the environment is vital,” Ms Lawrie said.

Over the past four years extensive research and consultation has been conducted to evaluate the region’s natural resources.

The Northern Territory Government has worked with Charles Darwin University, the Tropical Savannas CRC and the CSIRO to collect important information and data.

“Any future development in the region must be environmentally sustainable so the conservation of the Daly River area is not compromised,” said Ms Lawrie.

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