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Hamilton Downs Hosts Successful Joint Management Forum

Parks and Wildlife Minister Len Kiely has described yesterday’s joint management forum at Hamilton Downs, 75km north-west of Alice Springs, as a success.

“This Government strongly supports the joint management of our parks and reserves with recognised traditional owners,” Mr Kiely said.

“That is why we are already working on joint management plans for some of our iconic parks and reserves, including Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve and Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve.

“Joint management involves a partnership in which the Territory Government – represented by the Parks and Wildlife Service – works together with traditional owners to manage parks.

“Traditional owners from across the Territory met with representatives from this Government and the Northern and Central land councils at yesterday’s joint management forum, which focused on future joint management directions for our parks and reserves.

“The forum discussed the roles of joint management partners so that these stakeholders know they have a direct link to me as the Territory’s Minister for Parks and Wildlife.

“There was strong recognition that joint management of our parks and reserves is a good springboard for a range of activities such as eco-tourism and improved job opportunities.

“This includes creating job opportunities for traditional owners to become park rangers on their own land.”

“I see a co-operative and productive future with joint management partners combining their unique skills and knowledge to achieve more culture-based tourism and land management ventures associated with our parks.

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