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Bess Price, Member for Stuart
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

**World Parks Congress in Sydney a success**

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“The World Parks Congress brings together some of the most influential people from all walks of life in a common endeavour towards conservation and sustainability,” Minister Price said.

“As the Congress is held only once every 10 years, this was an incredible opportunity for the Northern Territory to strengthen conservation targets whilst engaging with an audience that included government and general members of society who care about the health of our planet.

“Around 6,000 delegates from interstate and overseas have attended this year, including those from small countries and emerging economies. It is encouraging to see so many young people here as the future lies with their leadership.

“This has been a fantastic opportunity to meet with parks ministers and managers from around the world.

"A strong message from this Congress is that the health of humanity depends on the health of our natural areas, and that protected areas, our national parks and reserves, are the foundation to securing this healthy future.

“One of the key themes was the Promise of Sydney, which acts as the blueprint for a decade of change coming from the deliberations of this World Parks Congress.

“For the first time, the Congress will collate and communicate the most compelling and inspiring solutions to global challenges.

“It will help create new sustainable commitments for protected areas across the conservation, development and business sectors.
“Another key element was how to implement bio conservation strategies around that vision, balancing the need for local economic development, jobs and growth.”

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