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Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Adelaide River Conservation Reserves Joint Management Plan finalised

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The Northern Territory Government, in partnership with Traditional Owners, have finalised the Joint Management Plan for the Adelaide River Conservation Reserves.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said this plan means the Adelaide River Conservation Reserves will be managed to provide quality visitor experiences, while protecting the estuarine and freshwater wetlands for future generations.

“The Joint Management Plan sets the direction for the reserves’ future management, and outlines how the interests of the community, Traditional Owners and conservation will be served,” Mrs Price said.

“These spectacular reserves provide some of the most accessible places in the Northern Territory to experience the beautiful wetlands of the Top End at any time of the year.

“These reserves support a living cultural landscape made up of diverse coastal and freshwater wetlands.”

The Adelaide River Conservation Reserves include Fogg Dam, Harrison Dam, Black Jungle, Lambell’s Lagoon Conservation Reserves and Melacca Swamp Conservation Area.

The Adelaide River Conservation Reserves Joint Management Plan was developed through the Adelaide River Joint Management Committee with input from the tourism industry, the Friends of Fogg Dam and the NT Field and Game Association.

The reserves are located approximately 65km east of Darwin and cover around 11,500 hectares of the lower Adelaide River catchment.

Harrison Dam and Lambell’s Lagoon are two of the few Reserves in the Northern Territory where recreational hunting is permitted.

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

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