The culmination of two years community consultation has resulted in the release of a rehabilitation plan for the Ilparpa swamp in Alice Springs.

Launching the plan today, the Minister for Lands and Planning, Kon Vatskalis, said it was important to have responsible water management practices in place for the future.

Power and Water will contribute $220,000 over three years to the Ilparpa Swamp Rehabilitation Plan.

"Ilparpa swamp has been the cause of much concern for the Alice Springs community for many years, and I’m pleased to say the Martin Government is acting to address the problems," Mr Vatskalis said.

"The swamp is a wetland that occurs in a naturally low-lying area, with ponds runoff and some treated effluent overflowing from the waste water treatment plant.

"This has led to an increase in reed growth within the swamp, creating a breeding ground for mosquitos.

"This plan looks at how we can rehabilitate Ilparpa swamp to improve its environmental and cultural values, and reduce mosquito infestations."

Mr Vatskalis said the Ilparpa Swamp Rehabilitation Plan sets out specific actions to manage swamp rehabilitation, targeting weed infestation, biodiversity enhancement and reduced mosquito breeding.

Rehabilitation will be supported by a water efficiency project and the recently announced waste water reuse project, reducing sewage inflow to the ponds and eliminating dry weather overflow to the swamp.

Power and Water has been issued with a Waste Discharge Licence under the Water Act, which directs all dry weather overflows at Ilparpa swamp must cease by December 2005.