The NT Government today announced that an environmental scientist with extensive experience in the Northern Territory has been appointed as the new head of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

Lyn Allen has widespread experience in the environment area with both government and non-government organisations.

Most recently she has provided the Queensland Government with high-level policy advice on significant environmental and land management issues through her role as Director of Environment and Resource Policy.

“Ms. Allen is no stranger to the Northern Territory having first moved to Darwin in 1984 as the inaugural coordinator of the newly established Environment Centre,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“She has also worked for several Territory organisations such as Greening Australia, Katherine Regional Aboriginal Legal Aid Service and the Menzies School of Health Research.

“With a long-standing commitment to ecologically sustainable development and her commitment and understanding of the Territory's environment, Ms. Allen will be a valuable asset to the Office of Environment and Heritage.”

Ms. Allen will take up the position in mid-August replacing Ms. Barbara Singer who recently retired from the position after thirty-one years of service in the Northern Territory.

The NT Government recently set up a university scholarship for Environmental Science in honour of Ms Singer's work.

“Ms Singer was responsible for helping the NT Government establish the independent Office of Environment and Heritage, and her contribution to Territory environmental management issues is unique and will be missed,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“I am confident that Ms Allen will do an excellent job in ensuring the Territory's lifestyle is preserved through the protection and enhancement of our great environment and heritage.”

Ms Allen said she is looking forward to working with industry and the community to promote a sustainable future for all Territorians.