



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

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## **Norfolk Island Natural Resource Management Plan**

The Norfolk Island Natural Resource Management Plan is set to begin in August 2006 with the successful consultants, Parsons Brinkerhoff, signing off on the contract this week. The plan aims to establish a set of priorities for natural resource management in Norfolk Island in accordance with current plans of management and other related policies. The unique environment of Norfolk Island was recently acknowledged on a national scale and this has resulted in the Commonwealth Government providing funding through the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) for the development of an NRM Plan.

The Aims of the Plan for Norfolk Island include:

1. Promote sustainable resource use, particularly sustainable agriculture
2. Protect and improve the condition of land, water (including groundwater) and vegetation resources which provide the ecosystem services that support sustainable resource use industries
3. Improve water quality and environmental condition in surface and ground water systems including wetlands while maintaining the economic and social values derived from water use
4. Protect the coasts and ecosystems
5. Reverse the decline in the extent and quality of native vegetation and maintain and restore habitat
6. Protect and manage places and values of national environmental significance, including threatened species and communities, listed migratory species, world heritage areas and national heritage places
7. Promote community participation in natural resource management.

The initial stage of the plan involves a review of all aspects of Norfolk's natural resources prior to the consultant's visit for community input. If you have any information that may be of interest to plan development, do not hesitate to contact the Environment Officer, Nicole Diatloff on 23595 or email [ndiatoff@admin.gov.nf](mailto:ndiatoff@admin.gov.nf).

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