

## *Summary of other issues arising out of the workshop sessions*

### **Jim Sharp (Discussion)**

Cliff Winfield

Ministerial expectation of community involvement in park management – consequences of this, community groups having a say on issues on fire management, etc.

Colin Ingram

Community consultation issue – resources required time consuming. How we get meaningful outcomes from community consultation without being a huge drain on our staff / time. Need for dialogue with community including groups who may have different views.

Rod Annear

Need to look at some form of guidelines for compensating people who are constantly providing the Department with advice / input.

John Watson

Increased focus on off estate landscape / conservation issues. Interested in Jim's view on trend for off estate PVS support. Are we looking at being reactive?

Jim Sharp indicated there are two issues – the restructure process and the need to get our act together on issues on our own estate. Commonwealth Gov't. also tends to bypass state level agencies.

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### **Peter Sharp / Noel Nannup (Discussion)**

Paul McCluskey

Need to collate initiatives / programs that are currently underway as an aid to regions and districts for information sharing.

Carl Beck

Indigenous Cadet Program and where this fits in. Peter responded that the Department is committed to offering three cadetships per annum for Aboriginal people to undertake university studies. Need to lock in future employment opportunities as well.

Colin Ingram

Models that working group is considering and the impacts on 3<sup>rd</sup> parties such as lessees and licence holders need to be considered. This was acknowledged by Peter.

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### **Keith Claymore (Discussion)**

Sue Hancock

Natural Resource Management strategies. What are they? Creation by Commonwealth of a framework to drive regional strategies between Gov't. agencies, NGO's, etc. Regional strategies do not cover DCLM boundaries of six regions in the state. Coordination of funding of a large number of projects on a regional basis.

John Watson

Definition of NRM?

Paul Brown

Need to have our priorities expressed in order to be able to access NRM funding.

Daryl Moncrieff

Who administers NRM funding? Water and Rivers Commission / DUCAP are National Heritage Trust funding coordinators.

Peter Bidwell

Will be applying to a regional group as opposed to federal.

Vicki Winfield

What is the regional plan? Is it ours, NRM, etc?

Keith – NRM.

Rod Annear

Comment on value of training specialist support, etc from PVS. Would like to see this from Nature Conservation stream.

Colin Ingram

Planning and integration of frameworks. Need to focus on budgeting, practical integration on-the-ground. Concern about the silo / compartmentalisations.

Keith - Need to design a new budgeting process; favours joint meetings, training, etc.

Cliff Winfield

Nature Conservation absent in terms of involvement in community education. Will NC be showing more interest / funding support.

Keith - Can't say how we will achieve this.

Tony Jupp

Need for an integrated approach.

Peter Sharp

Need for a subtle change in language – “CAPA’s” comprehensive adequate protected areas, will remove some of the barriers, emphasis should be on Protected Areas. Supported by John Watson.

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### **Chris Simpson (discussion)**

Asked for comment on bio-regional approach to marine park planning. Marine Conservation Branch are proposing to adopt this approach and look at multiple reserve proposals (this is being considered by the MRPA).

### **Nick D’Adamo (discussion)**

Suggestion that we use the research framework paper prepared by Chris Simpson et. al. to readdress research priorities relating to social issues / nature-based recreation and tourism / marine management. Currently only 1.5% of DCLM’s science budget is expended on marine research.

### **Questions**

Rod Annear

Would you (Chris) be prepared to lead a coup on Crawley? Role played by MCB after management plan has been prepared?

Chris - a unit is set up expressly to assist regions and districts.

Paul McCluskey

In terms of DCLM restructuring, the MCB model has a lot of appeal.

Chris – Favours integrated approach. The actual admin structure needs to be issue focussed, not activity focussed as it currently is. Need to bring people together in the appropriate teams / groups

to deliver the desired outcomes. Need to amend the 'mind set' that we work in separate 'outputs' such as NC and PVS as they are artificial categories.

Colin Ingram

Q to Nick D'Adamo - Applying the limits of acceptable change model to marine licensing issues very resource hungry. Need to come up with more effective/ practical approach.

Nick – Answer is no, but may be a definitional issue. Need to determine what is an acceptable departure from an accepted standard / benchmark.

Chris Simpson accepts the cost issue, but believes the LAC approach is soundly based. Can use human usage databases and practical approach to get some meaningful data without engaging in a very intensive research / monitoring program.

Vicki Winfield

Monitoring of campsites, etc. we don't yet know how many pieces of wood need to remain around a campsite before damage occurs. We need to have a framework that is bioregional based / linked. Need to develop framework and standards. Key indicators are required.

Colin Ingram - Move to 'limits of acceptable use'. Difficult issue. Need to ensure what we do is linked to the ecological issue of thresholds. Do not want to exceed the ecological issues of no return.

Daryl Moncrieff

Use of survey forms plugged into management plans.

Aberline Nix

Whatever is proposed in terrestrial plans will impact on marine estate. Turquoise Bay is an example where carpark has been increased.

Chris – Marine staff not consulted. Visitor safety issues at Turquoise Bay.

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Cliff Winfield recommendation to put out conference / workshop proceedings on CD.

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### **Tracy Shea (discussion)**

Peter B

Running assets down as property approaches the end of its lease period, eg. Woody Island.

Tracy Shea – Needs to be assessed on a case by case basis, but acknowledges this can be an issue.

Colin Ingram – Declining value as a lease gets older.

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### **Rod Quartermaine (discussion)**

Tony Jupp

\$350 fee would nowhere near recover our costs.

Rod agrees. The licence fee is an admin fee and does not include monitoring

Tony's view is we should be receiving revenue / fee to cover costs

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### **Neville Marchant (discussion)**

Tim Foley

Where do slime moulds fit, are they a fungi? Is it valid to take photographs as opposed to a specimen where there is only one plant / flower?

Neville – Yes.

Lorna Charlton

Role of Herbarium in identifying specimens.

Neville – Have an on-line identification system. Herbarium doesn't have staff / time to provide an identification system, that's why the Herbarium are pursuing a 'self help' approach. Herbarium can provide detailed list of plants in a particular region for project purposes.

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### **Kate Hassall (discussion)**

Rod Annear

Cost of pocket PC about \$1200

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### **Chris Muller (discussion)**

Dave Meehan

Where would resources for extra burning come from?

Chris – Review did look at resources in broader context, one of setting priorities. We're never going to have sufficient resources to do all that we want. This is one of the reasons why we are advocating larger burns.

John Jackaway

Have recommendations been accepted?

Chris – All but one have been accepted

Kevin White

How do you see the bio-diversity requirements being met in northern areas where large fires are impacting on bio-diversity? Need to look at principles / values to be protected.

Barry Hooper

Review as it applies to the remainder of WA.

Chris – political imperative was to focus on the south-west where the main debate has focussed.

Cliff Winfield

Do you think we are vulnerable to the fire storms of the USA.

Chris – Simple answer is yes.

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### **Greg Beange (discussion)**

Chris Muller

Is there a legislative basis for Housing & Works charging fees? How does this fit with the competition policy?

Greg - Government direction / Treasury instruction. Crown vs. Crown so nowhere to go with that argument.

Paul McCluskey

Where building structures are done to an approved design, should be able to undertake the work internally.

Tracy Churchill

Liability issues, where to from here while this is being sorted out?

Greg – Should continue in same vein as present until this is sorted out.

Steve Csaba

Need for systems to protect our staff in terms of professional negligence.

Colin Ingram  
Issue for 3<sup>rd</sup> parties operating on our land, ie. leaseholders.

John Watson  
Where do we stand with lists of approved consultants, ie. panels.

Martin Lloyd  
Would this effect trail development like Bibbulmun Track and Munda Biddi Trail?  
Greg – Yes, with respect to the shelters.

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### **Jim Sharp (discussion)**

Glenn Wilmott  
Merchandising in Parks, who is it controlled by?

Rod Annear  
Importance of personal interpretation / communication as opposed to visitor centres / static displays.

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### **May Carter (discussion)**

Barry Hooper  
How are you going to deliver activity programs over a larger area?  
May - Will look at seasonal activities and more directed activities.

John Watson  
Quite keen to initiate program on the South Coast similar to Nearer to Nature

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Rod Annear - Infringement Notice Update

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### **Tracy Churchill (discussion)**

Rod Annear – Universal access. What it means / appropriate terminology.

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### **Colin Ingram (discussion)**

Val Cave  
Link to Oracle / General Ledger? Hasn't occurred yet.

Vicki Winfield  
Will this be linked in to DCLM GIS system.  
Colin – Yes.

Peter Fishwick  
Linkage with infringement notices?

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### **Marg Buckland (discussion)**

Barry Hooper  
Honorary DCLM Officers. What's the trend Dept. wide. Are other regions running courses.

Paul McCluskey  
Employees being able to volunteer  
Marg – Very supportive.

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### **Tracy Churchill (discussion)**

Rod Annear  
Integration with other parts of DCLM. Approval processes with other areas of the Department needs to be addressed, opportunity to approach NC.

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### **Therese Jones (discussion)**

Dave  
Community consultation with Collie area

Tim Foley  
Signs / Style?  
Therese - Using steel powder coated posts. VRM signs installed on posts.

Cliff Winfield  
Fire resistance of shelters. Metal shelters are not necessarily fire resistant

John Watson  
No options to design loops off Munda Bidji on DCLM lands. Will need to liaise with Shires / Town to develop suitable loops.

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### **Annie Keating (discussion)**

John Watson  
Statutory responsibilities about trails / tracks. Need to tell Sport and Recreation to 'rack off! Have enough walking trails. Need to improve the quality of what we already have, not the case with other types of trails. Need other types of trails.

Vicki Winfield  
Excited about having this unit. Like to see unit working with other organisations in a coordinating role.

May Carter  
Background on DSR funding and how DCLM is perceived. Outdoor recreation industry struggling with how to get access to DCLM and manage other outdoor activities.

Annie Greig  
Funding for trail development. Need to have funding for ongoing trails management and maintenance.