

## ***Parks & Visitor Services Workshop***

### ***Summary list of issues raised and subsequent discussion***

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The following issues were raised after the morning presentations by the Director of Parks and the subsequent group discussion session on day one of the workshop. At the conclusion of this latter session, participants were each given three 'votes' and asked to nominate those issues they were most interested in discussing further. In descending order of importance, the issues that attracted greatest interest were as follows:

- ◆ Role of Rangers changing. Duties are different around the State. Have a role to play in the integration of PVS / NC on the ground. (42)
- ◆ Output budgets – Need to move away from 'historical based budgets' towards 'works program driven budgets' to reflect actual priorities. (38)
- ◆ Community education across Outputs. How? (31)
- ◆ Remote areas – Difficult to obtain / provide suitable training for staff, leads to parity issues in staff development opportunities between regions. (28)
- ◆ Large number of planning schemes / systems (internal / external) around the state. How can DCLM provide input, and how do we ensure that we can 'live with the results' of other agencies plans? Do we need Departmental coordination? (at a Regional or central level?) (25)
- ◆ Leadership in the integration between Outputs.
  - How can it be achieved?
  - Should / can PVS be the driver? (21)
- ◆ Management Planning. Staff are largely based in Perth. Issue of lack of local knowledge. Should they be based in Region / District? (21)
- ◆ Should there be a PVS output? Problem of 'silo-ing'. Current structure may not conducive to integration between Outputs. (20)
- ◆ Trails. Need to have a coordinated approach across State / Regions for provision and management of all types of trails. (18)
- ◆ Park Councils and Advisory Committees. Need to integrate into existing management structures / roles of committees, etc. (17)

- ◆ Dedicated resources to PVS research.
  - How do we get resources?
  - How do we determine research priorities?
  - Dissemination of information. (11)
- ◆ Existing SPA process (auditing, accountability, etc.)
  - What works?
  - What needs to be improved? (10)
- ◆ Trainee Management. Need to develop a Departmental Strategy to ensure consistency around the State. (7)