



WORKSHOP & RESEARCH FORUM 23 – 25 OCTOBER 2006

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The PVS Workshop

- This is a valuable event and it serves as a means of planning and review of the PVS output;
- PVS is a major flagship for the Agency and will continue to play a major role in the Agency

Amalgamation with DOE

- PVS less affected than other Divisions
- amalgamation challenging – corporate systems etc, People Services etc
- main challenge is merging the cultures
- lots of similarities but also different – CALM hands-on, DOE regulatory
- focus on continuity of service (not drop the ball)
- no 'spill and fill' of positions
- business as usual

New Initiatives

- revised corporate plan to be circulated for comment soon
- corporate executive minutes to be put on Web
- budget – started process of integrating the budgets

Regional Front

- I have visited majority of offices
- achieve co-location in all/most locations
- some financial impediments, but will be solved
- Assistant Director Regional Services, assisting Alan Walker in the environmental processes area
- Regional Managers have had to pick up the full range of issues

HR & Finance

- 1 January amalgamation in Finance
- IT will be more expensive and will take longer

Other Amalgamations

- Environmental Regulation and law enforcement – to be done
- corporate relations – has been done

PVS Division

- Director Parks → A/DDG → consequential changes
- committed to a world class park system

Importance of Parks

- following trip to Norway, our Minister is now aware of the importance of parks

Capital/Funds

- have injected funds into capital works
- important to continue to pursue a reasonable level of revenue from parks

Getting Land into the Reserve System

- Cabinet minute being progressed to dedicate over 5 million ha of land

Senate Committee on NP and Protected Areas

- visited WA recently

Review of the NRS

- available on the web

MATES

- reiterated targets and commitments to MATES at Corporate Exec
- DOE v low indigenous staff levels which has diluted DEC targets

Pilbara

- BHP Billiton Iron Ore
- sponsorship of MATES
- RIO, CVA partnership

World Heritage

- working towards WHA listings for Ningaloo and early surrender of lands and purchase of Ningaloo station

Social Research

- strategy endorsed with no extra money
- critical to understand people

Review of Nature Based Tourism in DEC

- Ministerial review being done by Eddie Watling, Tourism Coordinates
- report due in December

Delegations

- more efficient delegations of licensing and leasing approvals

Marine

- regional marine planning
- momentum to finalise Dampier Archipelago Marine Park
- finalising negotiations with Department of Fisheries
- Shoalwater Plan reworked – out now for formal comment
- Walpole and Capes out of comment
- new Marine Policy and Planning Branch
- WAMSI funding of Ningaloo research
- CSIRO funding of Ningaloo research

Biodiversity

- need results from BCI to ensure the program continues to be funded
- conservation employees – opportunity for 480 man hours → other areas

Waste/Recycling

- poor national and state statistics in waste recycling
- reform of approvals processes (development) pushed by mining infrastructure projects
- have extra staff in urban land development approvals