

2005 PVS Workshop
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Staff safety:

- Driver Training: 700 people have gone through the driver training. Safety of staff is very important.
- Hills Fires is another example of where staff safety is an issue. We had one staff member seriously injured in Yanchep.
- Hills Fire – despite all its challenges it was a great effort on behalf of CALM staff. A very serious situation. Over 700 staff involved and up to 18 aircraft operating at any one time. Our incident management system is good and it's done with confidence.

Capital Works Program Rollout:

- I'm very impressed with the standard, quality and presentation is excellent. Have visited many locations lately and I am getting very good feedback. They are making a real difference to public acceptance, appreciation and support.

Visitor Risk Management:

- Government looking to CALM to provide leadership e.g. Kings Park. An important focus for us.

Indigenous Joint Management:

- The rollout continues. Mirrawong-Gadgerong, includes outcomes for CALM. Also Millstream-Chichester National Parks outcomes, in terms of joint management.

Budget:

- Next budget round we will be focusing on park fees and charges and we need to improve and increase out returns in that area.

Biodiversity Conservation Bill

- It is a corporate priority to progress a Biodiversity Conservation Act and develop a State biodiversity conservation strategy
- Biodiversity Strategy: Discussion paper released and the analysis of public submissions will be up in our website next week.

Good Neighbour Policy:

- Effort in developing a new policy. Turned a negative into a positive. Today Minister announced 40 extra conservation employees, strong focus on ferals and weeds.
- Importance of community engagement: Need to continue to work on this.

Reserve Creation:

- Continue establishment of the marine and terrestrial conservation reserve system, towards the goals of comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness Significant effort last year, this year has been a year on consolidation e.g. Dampier Archipelago, GM properties.

World Class Conservation and Park System:

- Further develop a “World Class Parks System” through the strategic allocation of capital and other funding, ensuring high quality services and facilities that will enhance visitor experiences and appreciation of the Parks system. We have some challenges but enormous opportunity. 1/3 continent but 1/10 tax base.