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DAMPIER ARCHIPELAGO ISLANDS DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Update 1, July/August 2003

This update has been initiated to inform key stakeholders and the local community about the progress of the new management plan for the Dampier Archipelago islands.

A new management plan is required for the Dampier Archipelago islands in accordance with current community attitudes and in the context of the proposed Dampier Archipelago/Cape Preston marine reserve. The new management plan will guide the management of the conservation reserves and recreation reserves managed by CALM, on behalf of the Conservation Commission of Western Australia.

The preparation of a new management plan to replace the *Dampier Archipelago Nature Reserves Management Plan 1990-2000* began earlier this year with meetings and briefings of key stakeholders, interest groups and individuals. One purpose of this consultation was to gather feedback from the community regarding their concerns and desires for the islands and how they might be used and managed in the future. As a result, a range of issues were identified for consideration during the drafting of the new management plan. Listed below are the main issues raised

- Recreational access
- Tourism development
- Purpose of islands
- Protection of Aboriginal and European heritage
- Protection of wildlife
- Fire
- Rubbish
- Management presence
- Integration of marine and terrestrial management
- Interpretation



One of the key considerations during preparation of the new plan is the future tourism and recreational use of the islands. A workshop was recently held with members of the tourism and recreational sectors to gain community input specifically on this topic. Copies of the report resulting from this workshop are being forwarded to all attendees and further copies are available upon request from the contacts below.

The circulation of this update is intended to stimulate comment and feedback for the draft. It is anticipated that future updates will be circulated on an as needs basis during the planning process. Please advise if you wish to be removed from the mailing list for updates and further information.

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