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Northern Territory Climate Change Policy

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- **The Northern Territory Climate Change Policy is an action plan - to ensure that the Territory plays a responsible part in national and international efforts to control climate change.**
- **Partnership between governments, business and the community as a whole – everyone should be doing their part.**
- **Recognises both the challenges and opportunities of addressing climate change.**



9 Key Elements

- Government leadership on climate change
- A focus on green energy
- Land management – a unique Territory offset opportunity
- Building green cities and towns
- Rethinking waste
- Expanding green business and industry
- Developing a green workforce
- Promoting green communities
- Living with change



- **Aspirational goal – reduce emissions by 60% by 2050 from 2007 levels**
- **40 Targets**
- **118 Actions**
- **Whole of government, whole of Territory policy**
- **\$34 million investment**



5 Headline Actions

1. By 2018, we will ensure the Territory Government is carbon neutral.
2. By 2020, at least four million tonnes of carbon per year will be removed from the atmosphere through better land management.
3. The Territory will be a low land-clearing jurisdiction, protecting the 'carbon bank' in our landscape. The rate of clearing will be contained.
4. By 2020, the Territory will be a world leading generator of renewable and low emissions power in the remote communities.
5. The Territory will be at the forefront of efforts to save the best of our priceless coastal wetlands, at risk from rising sea levels - through specific interventions aimed to reduce salt water intrusion, protect fishing and save biodiversity.



Government leadership on climate change

Goal: Undertake innovative government practices that provide leadership to Territorians on climate change and reduce government emissions.



Land Management - a unique Territory offset opportunity

Goal: Maximise economic opportunities arising from emerging carbon markets for Territory land managers, including traditional owners.

Target 16

Territory land managers will be at the forefront of sustainable land management, running economically and environmentally sustainable businesses

(Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport)

Examples in the NT: reforestation projects, land rehabilitation, savanna burning, control of feral camels



Living with change

Goal: To build the Territory's and Territorians' resilience to climate change and protect the Territory's communities and unique natural environment.



Target 35

By 2011, develop a Territory Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan.

Action

35.1 Identify, assess and prioritise Northern Territory climate change risks to Territorians, communities, the natural environment and infrastructure and develop strategies to appropriately deal with these risks

(Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport)



Target 36

Take conservation efforts into the 21st century by partnering with landholders to create Territory Eco-link, a 1600 km conservation corridor from the tropics to the desert that will link our national parks and provide the buffer that species need as they adapt to the changing climate



Territory 2030 Strategic Plan - Targets

Ensure no deterioration in the health of biodiversity in the Northern Territory

The Territory will have a comprehensive set of connected systems protecting the terrestrial environment, making up 20% of the Territory's land area, and substantially increasing the length of coastline under conservation management.

Manage the NT's natural resources according to the principles of ecologically sustainable development.



Greatest challenges –

- Developing new approaches to manage the impacts of climate change, existing threats and the complex interactions between them.
- Finding the money for the research and to implement the findings.



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Questions ?

- www.greeningnt.nt.gov.au
- www.nt.gov.au/climatechange

Thank you