

# INCREASED POWERS FOR ABORIGINAL RANGERS TO MANAGE TRADITIONAL LANDS

## Fact Sheet Summary Paper

### WHAT IS HAPPENING

The Northern Territory Government wants to support Aboriginal rangers in looking after traditional country well. A new government policy called “Protecting Country, Creating Jobs” will better support Aboriginal ranger programs and conservation activities on Aboriginal land.

As a part of this policy, government also wants to better recognise the work of Aboriginal rangers and ensure they have the right powers in Northern Territory law to look after country. These powers are sometimes called ranger enforcement powers.

To do this the Northern Territory Government wants to hear from you about how you manage country, and what enforcement roles you think you might need to manage it better in the future.

### WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW?

- Do you have trouble with people doing the wrong thing on the land you are in charge of?
- How do you deal with people who you find are doing the wrong thing on your land now?
- Are there other ways that you think you could better deal with people doing the wrong thing on country?
- What laws do you currently use to manage land you are in charge of? Are there any other laws you think might be important to be able to use?
- Do you undertake any training to deal with problem people? Is training an important part of your work as an Aboriginal ranger?
- Are there any other people you think we should also talk to?



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### **HOW ARE WE TALKING TO PEOPLE?**

A paper has been made up and has been sent to all Land Councils, Aboriginal ranger groups and other key people. It has been sent to about 50 different groups.

When we have everyone's feedback, we will talk to the Minister for Tourism and Culture and then we will let everyone know what was said and what we are going to do next.

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED?**

You can: -

- talk on the phone with Parks and Wildlife staff by ringing the people below.
- phone Parks and Wildlife staff and we can come and meet and talk to you.
- email what you think through your ranger group to Parks and Wildlife.
- Post what you think to the postal address below.

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The following staff are also available to meet with interested parties in the Katherine and Alice Springs regions.

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Director of Central Australian Parks (Alice Springs / Barkly)  
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### **TIMING**

We will finish talking to people in February 2018. After that we will look at what everyone said and let the Minister know. We will then let everybody know what we will do next to make sure Aboriginal rangers can deal with people doing the wrong thing on the country they are in charge of.

### **WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION?**

Visit [dttc.nt.gov.au/parks-and-wildlife-commission/park-management-strategies-consultation](http://dttc.nt.gov.au/parks-and-wildlife-commission/park-management-strategies-consultation)