

Why Care?

The connected, expansive and healthy nature of the landscapes of Northern Australia are a global treasure for biodiversity and Indigenous cultures. They also provide the basis for much of the economic activity and quality of life of its residents and visitors.

Important industries here – eg tourism, grazing, fishing, seafood, recreation – rely on productive and functioning natural ecosystems, and many other industries benefit from them through the goods and services they provide. Future economies will also benefit from the multiple options that healthy ecosystems generate.

Healthy country also means healthy people and for the high proportion of Northern Australian residents who are Indigenous, the land is an essential part of wellbeing. Links to, and knowledge of, country remain strong, and there is an enduring responsibility to care for land, water, plants and animals.

Being in and among nature is an integral part of life for people in the North and is important in attracting people to the region - fishing, camping, 4WDing, watching thunderstorms, hiking, hunting, swimming in waterholes and the vastness of the bush are priceless and irreplaceable experiences....

In our caring may we increase yours...

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*Working towards a
prosperous and
sustainable future for
Northern Australia*

Kimberley to Cape



Sustainable development
Conservation
Indigenous futures

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The **Kimberley to Cape** initiative aims to ensure that development and conservation enhance natural and cultural values, and strengthen communities, from the Kimberley to Cape York.

Our **role** is to facilitate conversations and collaboration, create and serve a network, align effort and catalyse action to achieve our goal.

Our work is guided by four principles:

1. A resilient, diverse and ecologically sustainable economy for Northern Australia is necessary to underpin the wellbeing of its communities, the long-term management of its resource and its contribution to society.
2. Northern Australia's unique, intact and globally-significant natural and cultural values must be recognised, utilised and safeguarded as central to its future.
3. Indigenous interests must be recognised and northern development and socio-economic development need to be pursued together, since neither is sustainable, nor equitable, without the other.
4. Development options must involve genuine collaboration with local communities and be compatible with local conditions.

Overview

Kimberley to Cape is an ambitious new initiative committed to working with business, industry, Indigenous organisations, environment groups, NRM groups, community groups, researchers, government and others to achieve a sustainable and prosperous future for the North and its savanna landscapes.

Kimberley to Cape is guided by a multi-sector advisory group. Our work is based on strong science and local to international knowledge and experience. It focuses on communication, coordination and policy initiatives which have strong utility and support.

Kimberley to Cape is based in Darwin. We have three years of philanthropic seed funding and seek to grow this investment by collaborating with other organisations in Australia and overseas to become a stand-alone, long-term initiative.

Achievements to date

Kimberley to Cape has listened to the views and future visions of organisations across Northern Australia and beyond, and has established a network to share ideas and build on the common ground identified among diverse sectors. This work is ongoing with more listening to do!

We have coordinated a joint submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry on Northern Australia, and presented to this Inquiry. We are now working on a submission to the government's Green Paper.

Kimberley to Cape has also worked with the Northern Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, Minerals Council of Australia, Australia Conservation Foundation, Australian Committee of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, Regional Development Australia, Territory NRM and others to convene the Northern Australian Futures Roundtable which

attracted nearly 100 leaders from over 50 organisations from multiple sectors. Key recommendations form our current activities which include:

Current activities

- Developing shared stories about the future
- Scoping a strategic development/conservation/land use planning initiative
- Progressing a 'connected landscape' initiative for Northern Australia
- Marketing and maintaining what's unique about the North by investigating multi-sector branding and associated standards and incentives
- Establishing a shared policy and investment framework for large developments
- Supporting Indigenous needs, rights and aspirations in development and conservation, eg through promoting culturally based economies and the Indigenous "prospectus" concept
- Serving and growing the Kimberley to Cape Network, and promoting our goal
- Providing input to government and other processes regarding Northern Australia.



Invitation

We welcome your interest and support, and also encourage you to join our network. Please check our website or contact us for more information.