

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Environment Centre NT



The trusted voice for nature  
in the Northern Territory.



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**For over four decades, the Environment Centre NT has been the trusted voice for nature in the Northern Territory.**

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# Why we exist

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## Our vision

Thriving nature, a safe climate and a just economic future for the Northern Territory.

## Our purpose

We are building a movement of people to defend the Northern Territory's worldclass natural and cultural values and secure a liveable future for people and nature here amidst the climate and biodiversity crisis.

## Our role

We are a campaigning organisation standing with our community to win just solutions to the biggest environmental issues facing the Northern Territory that support the aspirations of First Nations People.

## Our Strategic Goals

- 1.** Leading and winning campaigns for climate and nature
- 2.** Being a trusted advocate and growing the NT environment movement
- 3.** Building a strong and more resilient organisation

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## Safe Climate

Enjoying our spectacular nature is at the heart of what makes life in the Northern Territory special, yet climate change threatens to make our home unliveable within decades.

We have the opportunity to become a renewable energy powerhouse. Instead, our government is pursuing climate-worsening fossil fuel developments, from fracking in the Beetaloo, to the polluting Barossa project, to the gas and petrochemical export hub planned for Darwin's iconic harbour.

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## Flourishing Rivers

It is a rare privilege to live among the world's last free-flowing rivers. Largely unimpeded by dams and weirs, Northern Territory river flows are governed by seasons rather than irrigators. Careful stewardship by Traditional Owners is the primary reason why they remain intact, free-flowing and abundant.

Instead, industry and governments see our freshwater as an extractive resource to support unprecedented industrial scale agriculture and fracking. Cotton is preferenced over communities and wildlife.

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## World class nature

The Northern Territory is home to the largest intact savanna ecosystem remaining anywhere in the world. Our savanna woodlands are the lifeblood of our unique wildlife,

foundation for Indigenous communities, and a cherished part of the lifestyle of all people living in the Northern Territory.

Instead broadscale deforestation for beef and cotton threaten this globally significant ecosystem, which is already imperiled by pervasive threats such as fire, ferals, weeds and climate change.

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# Our Theory of Change

We will succeed if we:

- 1.** Build a diverse, skilled and powerful movement of people
  - 2.** Act in solidarity with First Nations communities and leaders
  - 3.** Build alliances at local, national and international scales
  - 4.** Courageously hold government and industry to account and influence policy outcomes
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# First Nations Solidarity

**We are proud to have endorsed our First Nations Engagement and Solidarity Policy to guide how we engage with First Nations people and communities.**

This Policy will be implemented over the next three years and builds upon decades of work in partnership and solidarity with First Nations communities.

We acknowledge Australia's history of genocide, dispossession, and colonisation of First Nations people, including the ongoing attempts of the colonial state to destroy the relationship of First Nations people to their lands and waters.

We believe that our mission to protect and conserve the natural environment of the Northern Territory will be ineffective and reproduce colonial attitudes and structures unless we work in solidarity with First Nations people and acknowledge and seek to support their values, worldviews and objectives.

The Environment Centre NT has adopted the following core principles with respect to campaigns and projects concerning First Nations peoples, which will be embedded across all our work:

- Strive for Free, Prior and Informed Consent
- Ensure our campaigns are culturally informed by affected First Nations communities and peoples
- Ensure our engagement with First Nations communities on campaigns and projects is meaningful
- Conduct our campaigns and projects with cultural competence
- Support First Nations-led campaigns that protect Country and seek to advance protection of the environment and the rights of First Nations peoples.



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# Our Governance



**Chair:**  
Robin Knox  
(9 Nov 2023 - 29 Nov 2025)



**Treasurer:**  
Joshua Barnes  
(28 Nov 2024 - 29 Nov 2025)



**Public Officer:**  
Matt Grigg  
(9 Nov 2023 - 29 Nov 2025)



**Secretary:**  
Andrew Edwards  
(6 Dec 2023 - 29 Nov 2025)

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## Board Members:



Dr Carol Palmer  
(9 Nov 2023 - 29 Nov 2025)



Michael Fonda  
(Nov X - 29 Nov 2025)



Heather Ferguson  
(March 2025 - 29 Nov 2025)



Therese Bourke  
(March 2025 - 29 Nov 2025)



Louise Harrison  
(Nov 2018 - 29 Nov 2025)



Tony Young  
(28 Nov 2024 - 29 Nov 2025)

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# Chair's Report



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## Robin Knox Chair

A significant achievement for our board over the past year is the delivery of the [Environment Centre NT Strategic Plan January 2025 - December 2028](#), which will help track our progress and performance against key criteria over the next three years.

As the climate and biodiversity crises worsen and threaten the north's very liveability, and amid the Finocchiaro Government's pursuit of some of the most environmentally destructive projects in the country, our work has never been more important.

In line with our strategic plan, we are building a diverse, skilled, and powerful movement of people to defend the Territory's nature.

We have expanded to 16 staff, including 11 full-time equivalent positions. Importantly, we recruited two communications roles at the end of the financial year, recognising this work as vital to amplifying our message.

Following the disappointing decision by the Finocchiaro Government to cut our funding on 11 February 2025, we recruited a part-time philanthropy manager and quickly began restoring the lost funding - a testament to the strength of our community support.

Our membership has grown to 419 members, with 47 signing up in the last financial year. Without our members, we would not exist - thank you sincerely for believing in us.

We are incredibly fortunate to have supporters who understand the vital importance of holding

government and industry accountable. We are deeply grateful for the generosity of our many donors who make our work possible.

Our Strategic Plan prioritises acting in solidarity with First Nations communities and leaders, and our Board is proud to have formally adopted a First Nations Engagement Plan. I particularly want to thank Tiwi Island Board Member Therese Bourke for steering us along this path. We intend to have our First Nations Working Group operational in the New Year, followed by the establishment of our First Nations Strategic Advisory Committee later in 2026.

Following changes to taxation law and subsequent legal advice, we have decided our Public Fund Committee is no longer required and will be disbanded. My sincere thanks to Committee Members David Thomas, Dave Liddle, Penny Wurm, Meghann Everett, and Matt Grigg for their many years of dedicated service.

Two Board members completed the executive education short course program from Social Impact Leadership Australia (SILA), and the Board had the pleasure of hosting a First Nations intern from the Northern Australia Biosecurity Strategy (NABS) for a year from July.

We continue to benefit from the magnificent leadership of our Executive Director, Dr Kirsty Howey, who steers our work courageously holding governments and corporations to account and influencing policy outcomes for nature.

I also want to acknowledge Bree Ahrens and Stephanie Griffin for capably taking over the leadership reins while Kirsty participated in a fully funded three-month sabbatical program.

We have had some changes on our Board, with Matt Grigg moving interstate temporarily, and Louise Harrison deciding not to stand for re-election. Louise has served as secretary for many years, while Matt's critical thinking skills in governance have been invaluable. Thank you both for your years of dedication and service.

I look forward to a successful year ahead, where we continue to hold governments accountable, secure enduring protections for the lands and waters of the Territory and safeguard our climate.

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# Executive Director's report



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## Dr Kirsty Howey Executive Director

The stakes for the Territory's incredible nature - and those who love it - have shifted seismically in the last 12 months.

The Country Liberal Party was returned to power in the August 2024 NT election with a huge majority, replacing a struggling Labor Government which utterly failed to deliver for the environment.

While the Finocchiaro Government did its best to attack us, including stripping funding from us and other environment groups, their strategy backfired spectacularly. ECNT is now larger, and better funded than it has been in its 42-year history.

With a new strategic plan approved by the board after the NT election, we have a clear mandate and pathway forward.

Indeed, we've made a commitment to grow even bolder and braver in our work to hold those in power to account and fight for the Territory's nature.

Right now, we are up against the odds, with the new Finocchiaro Government supporting development at any cost including mass fossil fuel expansion, troubling levels of state capture, and scandal after scandal, with little offered in the way of sound environmental policy or commitments.

But there is much to celebrate. We continue to build alliances at local, national and international levels, and our campaigns against fossil fuel expansion inspired thousands to join protests, sign petitions, volunteer their time, and donate to our work.

We travelled to Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra for an incredible roadshow focusing on the risks to our climate posed by fracking and the Middle Arm petrochemical hub. We ran an advertising blitz throughout Australia, showcasing the devastating future that awaits us if the Albanese Government continues to support the Middle Arm gas and petrochemical hub, reaching millions.

We have established the Northern Australia Conservation Alliance, with key conservation organisations spanning the north's global treasure for nature. We worked with the 13 clans of the Roper River to support them to establish the Ropa Woda Governance Council, a new paradigm for the cultural governance of this incredible free-flowing river.

We should also celebrate the growing strength and capacity of ECNT. Our wonderful board, led by Chair Robin Knox, has led the organization through a challenging time and shown support every step of the way. The staff at ECNT are beyond compare, and are ensuring the organisation can continue to punch way above its weight. For the first time in years, there is clear career progression at ECNT, and a cohesive and supportive leadership team. I am especially grateful to Bree Ahrens and Steph Griffin for stepping in to my role while I undertook a three month sabbatical as part of the Social Impact Leadership Australia program.

We all want a positive future for the Northern Territory, with abundant nature, a safe climate and a just economy that supports community aspirations and wellbeing. We will continue to build a movement of people to defend the Northern Territory's world-class natural and cultural values and secure a liveable future for people and nature here.

It continues to be a privilege to lead this organisation. Thank you for your continued support of our vision.

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# Impact snapshot

A photograph of a forest with tall trees and palm-like plants in the foreground, with the text 'Impact snapshot' overlaid in white.

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## Nature

- We exposed mass conflicts of interest and mismanagement of water and land across the Northern Territory on ABC's Four Corners program.
- We worked with First Nations communities to establish the Ropa Woda Governance Council as the cultural authority for the Roper River.
- We supported Traditional Owners travel to Canberra to advocate for stronger protections from fracking and cotton for the Roper River.
- We worked with the community to hold the bulldozers at bay at Lee Point, exposing unlawful clearing that resulted in federal enforcement action.
- We launched the landmark State of our Savanna report highlighting the threats to our precious savanna in collaboration with Charles Darwin University, Wagiman Traditional Owners, The Wilderness Society and the World Wildlife Fund.
- We launched a Supreme Court legal challenge to the Mataranka Water Allocation Plan.
- We revealed that two iconic species could be locally wiped out at Middle Arm if the planned gas and petrochemical hub proceeds.

## Climate

- Our investigations on the Middle Arm gas hub revealed the complete blowout of anticipated timelines, rejection of the project's business case by Federal authorities, and threats to critically endangered species.
- We released a report by Dr Bruce Mountain showing that Middle Arm is an economic white elephant which could cost the Northern Territory billions.
- The Report of the Senate Inquiry into the Middle Arm gas and petrochemical hub exposed major concerns among committee members about the impacts of the project on the rights of Traditional Owners as well as health, climate, the economy, and the environment.
- We filed an unprecedented legal challenge to the largest ever fracking proposal approved in the Northern Territory, utilising novel "third party merits review" laws, on the basis of impacts to water from fracking.
- After ECNT and Traditional Owners travelled to Canberra to meet with federal Ministers, MPs and Senators to discuss threats to the Territory's iconic free-flowing rivers, The Environment Minister announced an inquiry into food and water security in Northern Australia and requested advice from scientists on whether fracking will impact our water resources.

# Mobilising Community

**35** submissions on policy and project proposals.

**4943** urgent support calls to action to NT and Federal decision makers

**19,000** mailing list subscribers

**419** members

**120** events, reaching over **12,000** people.

Letterboxed over **1600** homes.

Over **60** meetings with key stakeholders and decision makers

**29** stalls in Palmerston and the rural area, reaching over **8000** people through events like the Berry Springs, Freds Pass, and Palmerston Market, as well as the Mango Festival, Christmas, Daminmin Festival, Darwin Show and Seabreeze festival.

Fortnightly meetings in Darwin and monthly meetings at the Noonamah Tavern and presented at numerous meetings held with Traditional Owners, politicians, rural clubs and Churches.



# Environment Centre NT in the News

Environment Centre NT was all over the news with 2240 media stories featuring us and our spokespeople across online, print and radio – that’s an average of six stories per day!



## Total Mentions

Jul 1, 2024–Jun 30, 2025

# 54.1 MILLION

Reach

## Top Keywords and Entities



## Social Media

Over the past year, ECNT has significantly expanded its digital presence and grown our online community. Our total social media following has now doubled to more than 16,800 people, with our content reaching new audiences right across the Northern Territory and beyond.



We recorded more than 1.2 million post impressions across all platforms

- a 3100% increase - with strong engagement across campaigns.

^ 2,600%



Facebook post engagements increased by 2600%

^ 31,000%



Our YouTube views increased by 31,000%, driven largely by our Middle Arm campaign.

^ 4,700%



Our Instagram audience grew to 3,540 followers (and continues to grow quickly), with a 4700% increase in reach

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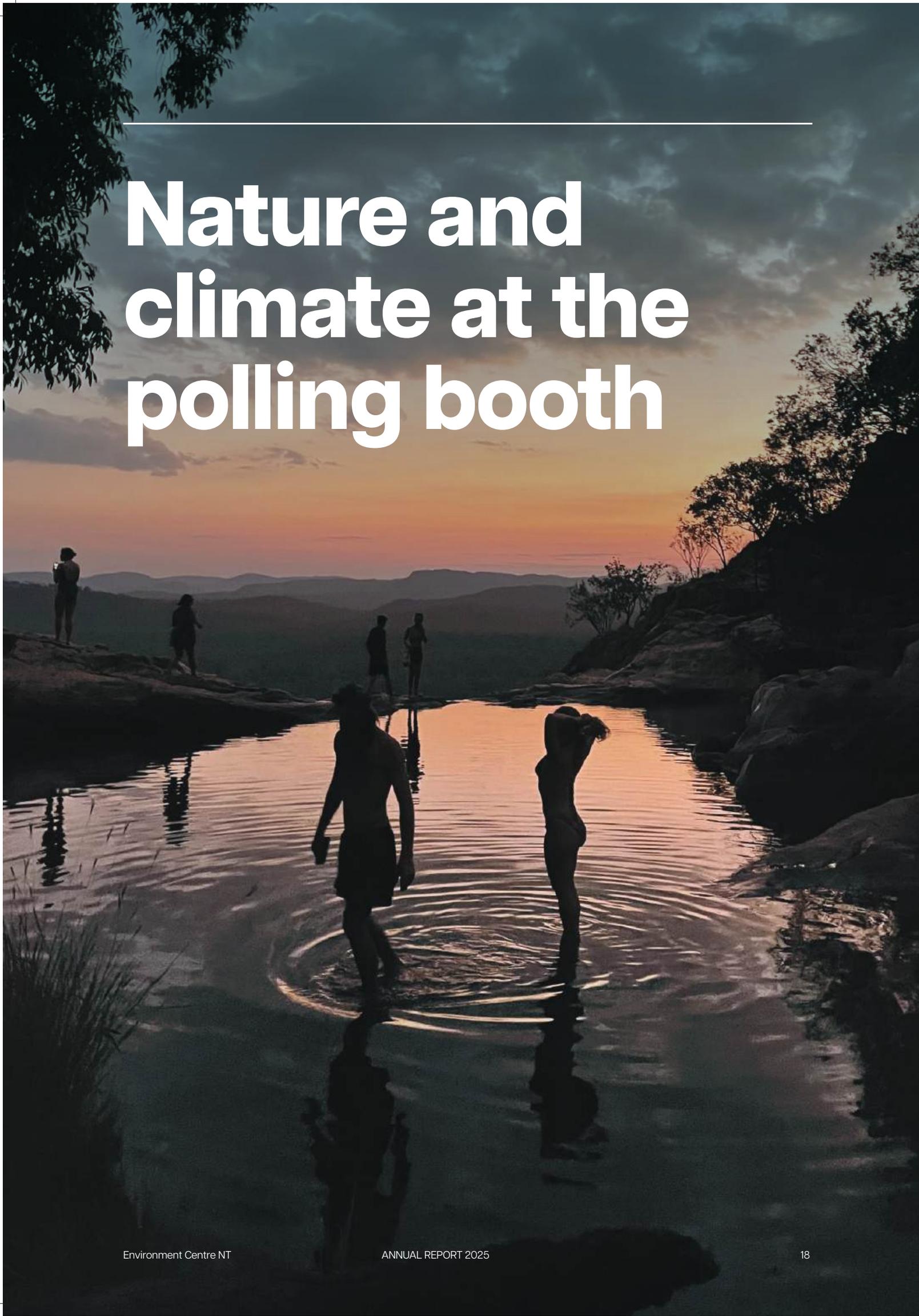


This year also saw us expand into TikTok and LinkedIn, helping us connect with new demographics and build greater visibility for the issues facing Northern Australia.



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# Nature and climate at the polling booth



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## **Territory and Federal election results showed voters want the major parties to make stronger commitments to protect our environment and do far better on the crucial issue of fossil fuel expansion in the Northern Territory.**

In the lead up to the Territory election in August 2024, we campaigned strongly against fracking and the Middle Arm gas hub, and in support of ECNT’s vision for a swift transition to renewables, releasing a scorecard which was delivered to thousands of email inboxes and letterboxes in key electorates.

While the CLP’s win was the dominant narrative, a “green ripple” saw the first progressive independent and Greens member elected, and with Federal Labor MP Marion Scrymgour reflecting that “undeniable message for Labor is the large numbers of urban electors who voted against Labor because of concerns about the environment”.

The Federal election in May 2025 demonstrated similar levels of concern in our community; the huge swings in the seats of Solomon and Lingiari reveal voters’ rejection of disastrous plans to rip up protections for our precious environment, and fast-track fossil fuel expansion in the Northern Territory, including fracking in the Beetaloo Basin and the Middle Arm gas hub.

Some 29% of voters in the electorate of Solomon voted for a candidate who opposed the Middle Arm fracked gas and petrochemical hub as part of their central policy platform. By comparison, Marion Scrymgour was rewarded by voters in Lingiari for her strong stance on protection of water from fracking, and her position on Middle Arm.

**The federal election was a litmus test for all candidates to show where they stand on climate, nature and energy policy in the face of mounting threats. And there’s no state or territory where these issues matter more than the Northern Territory.**



# Democracy under attack

The election of the Finocchiaro Government in August 2024 ushered in unprecedented attacks on the Territory's threadbare environmental protections, and direct attacks on organisations and communities standing up for the places they love.

From removal of community review rights for water, fracking, and planning decisions, to cuts to funding for environmental groups, to abandoning renewable energy targets, the Finocchiaro Government's agenda puts what we love about the Territory at risk and rolls out the red carpet for expansion of industries like gas and cotton.



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**In October 2024, the Finocchiaro Government announced their plans to create the role of the Territory Coordinator, a position with sweeping powers to fast-track developments and override 32 laws in the NT.**



In the following months we mobilised the community, forcing the Government to open up their secret consultation process to the public, which subsequently received over 550 submissions. Widespread community opposition was loud and clear at a series of Government information events across the Territory and vibrant protest actions in Darwin

The subsequent Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee Inquiry received a further 302 submissions, with only two submissions supporting the Bill in its entirety.

ECNT appeared before the Legislative Scrutiny Committee, detailing our concerns about the consequences of the bill for the Territory's environment and the principles of good governance and transparency.

Despite the Legislative Scrutiny Committee also finding the bill poses a threat to democracy, the Territory Coordinator Bill was passed on 19 March 2025.

While the Bill passed, we will continue to shine a light on the serious risks it poses for our environment and our democracy.

The strong campaign to stop the Territory Coordinator laws demonstrated the power of our community, mobilised thousands of new people to our collective cause, and ensured that new enduring alliances have been formed across civil society. It's significant that despite the bill being passed in early 2025, that the powers of the Territory Coordinator are yet to be used.

**We will continue to expose the serious risks it poses for our environment and our democracy and push back on any attempts to use the powers of the Territory Coordinator Act to fast-track reckless developments.**

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# Freshwater campaign

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# Four Corners ‘Water Grab’ investigation sparks call for Royal Commission

Months of work behind the scenes led to the ABC’s flagship investigative journalism program, Four Corners, airing the ‘water grab’ episode in August 2024.

Four Corners exposed the mismanagement of water licences in the Territory, land-clearing laws riddled with loopholes, and shocking allegations of conflicts of interest from government decision-makers.

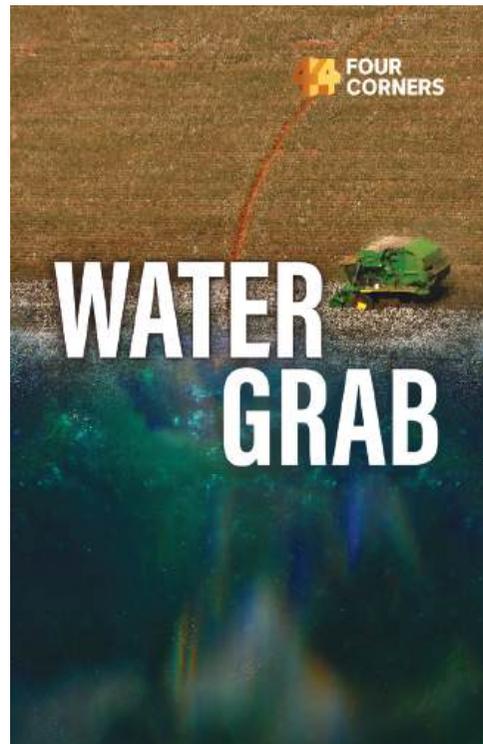
The ABC brought national attention to the dangers of the cotton industry for the Northern Territory, and expert modelling that the over extraction of water could harm iconic sites like the Mataranka Springs and the Roper River.

The episode aired days out from NT election, with Cotton Australia forced to issue a statement defending its industry against allegations that it is after the Territory’s free water and ignoring scientists and Traditional Owners.

Professor Sue Jackson also ran an opinion piece in the Guardian saying the Territory’s water system was in crisis.

Along with Traditional Owners and scientists, Kirsty Howey led a delegation to Canberra calling for a Royal Commission into water liceneses in the Northern Territory and for a Commonwealth-funded First Nations-led governance project for the Roper catchment.

We met with federal Ministers, MPs and Senators to discuss reforming federal nature laws and to urge the Federal Government to work with the crossbench, so our landscapes and waters aren’t sacrificed for industries like cotton, fracking and mining.

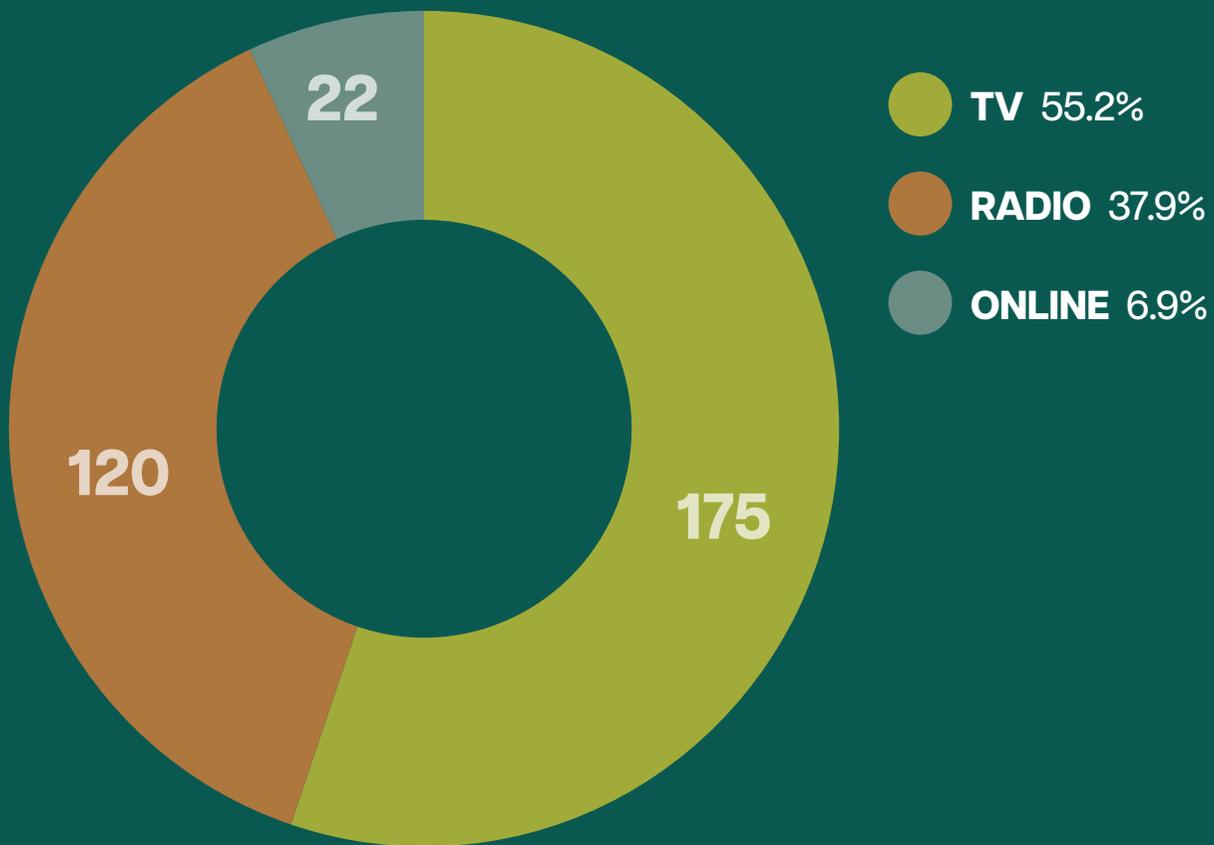


Four Corners  
media  
coverage



319  
MENTIONS

4.95 MILLION  
Reach



water advisory committee program abc news new industry  
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**government**

industry land territory access development licence cast water resource pristine water  
pastoral lease permit disfunctional arrangement groundwater down independent science

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# Ropa Woda Governance Council makes history

**The Roper River is facing unprecedented threats from large-scale water extraction and fracking, with huge water licenses granted without Traditional Owner consent.**

Meanwhile, the NT's water laws remain some of the worst in the country, actively enabling environmental destruction.

In 2024, Traditional Owners presented parliamentarians with a powerful 13-metre map petition demonstrating the sacred songlines and dreaming tracks across the Roper River catchment.

Their message was clear - they want formal roles in planning and protecting these waters that have sustained their communities for thousands of generations.

In May 2025, 50 First Nations people from 13 clans across the Roper River catchment gathered for a groundbreaking forum to discuss the future of the Roper River.

Out of the meeting came a declaration that called for the establishment of the "Ropa Woda Governance Council: Living Spirit, Living Water." They called for a ban on all future water extraction licenses and surface water harvesting in the Roper catchment and the inclusion of the Ropa Woda Governance Council in all water decision-making from now on.

An interim working group was established for 12 months to guide the establishment of the Council.

Marion Scrymgour MP attended the meeting and committed her support for the Governance Council moving forward.



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# Save Our Springs legal challenge

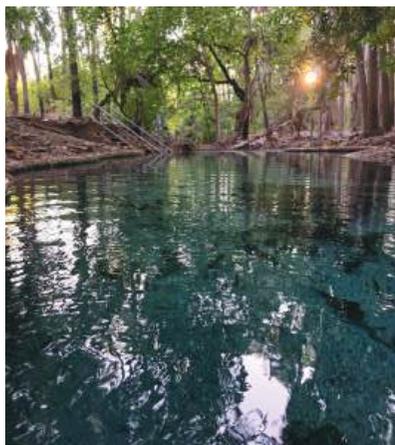
Environment Centre NT has launched a legal challenge to protect the iconic Mataranka Springs and Roper River ecosystems.

On 17 December 2024, Minister Joshua Burgoyne declared the Mataranka Water Allocation Plan, doubling the amount of water that can be extracted from the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer, despite fierce opposition from Traditional Owners, tourism operators, and environment groups.

This aquifer sustains the incredible Mataranka spring complex and the flows of the free-flowing Roper River throughout the dry season

The Plan allows for up to 62,000 megalitres of water to be extracted annually from the aquifer but only allocates a measly 30 megalitres a year to the environment.

We're challenging the plan in the Northern Territory Supreme Court and a hearing has been set down for November 2025.





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# Nature campaign

**Stop  
Bulldozing  
Country**



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# Crunching the numbers on the deforestation

**In June 2025, we crunched the numbers on land clearing applications and worked with leading ecologists to raise the alarm over the approval of unprecedented habitat destruction and deforestation by the new Finocchiaro government.**

**As revealed in The Guardian, the Finocchiaro government approved the destruction of more than 25,780 hectares of native vegetation in the first six months of 2025 - around twice the size of Darwin or about 90 times larger than the Sydney CBD\*.**

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This was significantly higher than the 2269.3 hectares approved for bulldozing in the second half of 2024.

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The Finocchiaro government is on track to approve the destruction of almost 46,000 hectares of native vegetation by the end of 2025.

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This destruction escalates an already alarming trend, with new analysis showing 274,400 hectares of native vegetation was approved for bulldozing in the Territory between 2003 and 2025.

We have a huge problem on our hands with the cotton industry moving north from the Murray Darling Basin, and the Pastoral Land Board, handing out massive permits allowing rampant habitat destruction. Pastoral leases cover approximately 45% of the NT's landmass.

**The figures highlight the need to close loopholes in Australia's national environment laws to protect the Territory's tropical savanna and unique wildlife from mass deforestation, which is fuelling the climate and biodiversity crises.**

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# First NT prosecution against Claravale Station

The Finocchiaro government launched criminal charges against the owners of Claravale Station in January 2024, after we raised allegations of illegal land clearing.

Despite shocking footage of the deforestation aired on ABC's 7.30 and Four Corners programs, Territory Environment Minister Joshua Burgoyne dropped a prosecution against the station owners in March 2025 (despite there being an agreed settlement which contained a concession that the owners, Top End, cleared without a permit).

The Finocchiaro Government's decision to drop the Territory's first ever land clearing prosecution sent the wrong message about environmental protection.

**We continue to keep up the pressure on illegal land clearing and its impacts on the creatures of the Daly River region.**



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# Saving our savanna

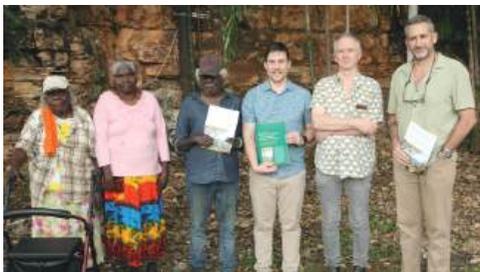
We celebrated the launch of a groundbreaking new report, **The State and Future of the Northern Territory's Savannas**, with a special event at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory in July 2024.

Professors Brett Murphy and John Woinarski (Charles Darwin University) and Professor Euan Ritchie (Deakin University) spoke to a crowd of more than 200 people about the global treasure that is the Northern Territory's savanna ecosystem, and the existential threats posed to it including from increased land clearing.

Senior Wagiman Traditional Owners Jabul Huddleston and Theresa Banderson contributed a powerful case study on Wagiman perspectives of clearing country and, along with Daphne Huddleston, shared stories at the event.

Jabul, Theresa, and Daphne spoke powerfully and demonstrated the importance of listening to First Nations knowledge and leadership in protecting the Territory's nature.

We also premiered a film, which we created with Wagiman Traditional Owners, about land clearing at Claravale Station for cotton.





# Fight to Save Lee Point continues

**In June 2025, we joined Larrakia Danggalaba elder Tibby Quall in celebrating a groundbreaking win in his ongoing battle to stop destruction at Lee Point.**

A tribunal found that the NT Heritage Council failed to consult Tibby when it granted Defence Housing Australia (DHA) approval to 'disturb and remove' 10 Aboriginal archaeological objects at Lee Point. As a result, DHA was ordered to stop work on their

controversial Lee Point housing development until Tibby's case is heard. At the time of publication, this court case was ongoing.

ECNT, Tibby and local community groups were also vindicated when DHA was fined \$18,780 in May 2025 for illegal land clearing, exposed by community members fighting to protect Lee Point from destruction.

ECNT has been proud to be working with Tibby for many decades, and his unending defence of his Country and willingness to hold those in power accountable is an example to all of us.



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# A new coalition for Northern Australia

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**We're a founding member of the Northern Australia Conservation Alliance (NACA), a new coalition that brings together peak conservation bodies across Northern Australia.**

**Vast areas of northern Australia could become unliveable due to climate change, and already, four key ecosystems are showing signs of collapse, including our tropical savanna woodlands, the arid interior, the Great Barrier Reef, and the mangroves of the Gulf of Carpentaria.**

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That's why we're building an alliance to create a better future for Northern Australia.

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We held our first meeting in Broome to strategically plan how our new alliance can protect Northern Australia - one of Earth's last great wilderness strongholds for nature - before it's too late.



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# Climate campaign

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# Fossil fuel sacrifice zone

**Emission trends show much of the Territory will become unlivable within two generations, which means we simply cannot afford new fossil fuel projects if we want to protect the communities in which we live. Despite this bleak forecast, the Northern Territory is ground zero for fossil fuel expansion in Australia, including the Middle Arm gas hub, fracking in the Beetaloo Basin, and offshore carbon dumping.**

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That's why it's more important than ever that we fight back against the chokehold the gas industry has on our politicians and regulators.

We're building community awareness about the devastating impacts of these projects and fostering a mass movement to fight back, shining a light on the failures of Government regulation, and building real alternatives to the fossil fuel future promoted by the Frenchie Government.

Events in Darwin and Palmerston, including those held in collaboration with the Australia Institute and investigative journalist Royce Kurvmelovs, shone a light on how the fossil fuel industry profits at the expense of communities.

We organised landmark events in Sydney and Melbourne with the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Beyond Gas Network so hundreds of people could hear from the frontlines of the fossil fuel and climate sacrifice zone here in the Territory. Rembarrnga Tradition Owner Miliwanga Wurrben, Mangarrayi man Adam Gaston and Danggalaba Kulumbirigin Tiwi Traditional owner and community organiser Mililma May stunned audiences and inspired action on fracking and the Middle Arm gas hub.

# The Middle Arm gas and petrochemical hub is in trouble

This year, we drew attention to the massive risks posed by the Middle Arm gas and petrochemical hub and fracking in the Beetaloo Basin for Darwin Harbour and our climate.

In early 2025, we initiated a massive community awareness campaign on the Middle Arm gas hub, including powerful adverts on free-to-air and on-demand TV and radio. We matched this massive presence with dedicated markets stalls, leafleting of affected neighborhoods, an educational boat cruise, and a landmark Middle Arm public event in Darwin.

The evidence that this toxic project simply cannot proceed continues to pile up. It was revealed to have potentially catastrophic impacts on species including the Northern Brushtail possum and critically endangered Far Eastern Curlew.

In April we released a report by esteemed energy economist Bruce Mountain which included shocking revelations that Middle Arm is set to become a white elephant, with Territory taxpayers footing the bill. This received wide media coverage and cast further doubts on the viability of the project.

With the Environmental Impact Statement delayed by two years, the NT Government's Stage 3 Business Case to Infrastructure Australia rejected, and growing community opposition to the project, we need to keep up the pressure to ensure the Middle Arm project is shelved.



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News | AU | Nov 13, 2024 · 4:21 PM

**Middle Arm business case rejected, EPA deadline pushed back two years**

The draft business case for a major industrial hub being developed in the Top End has been knocked back, and a two-year extension granted on a key environmental...

The draft business case for a major industrial hub being developed in the Top End has been knocked back, and a...

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1.95M Reach 570 Views 11 Duplicates Neutral



## Our Middle Arm ad campaign goes gangbusters



**3.5 million**

Google impressions



**131,000**

video views via Google



**762,660**

Facebook impressions



**15,495**

Facebook clicks

ECNT ran two advertisements across multiple platforms raising awareness of the dangers of the Middle Arm gas and petrochemical hub. We reached extraordinary numbers of people not just in the Northern Territory, but across Australia.



As a result, over the course of this grant period, our subscriber list for the Stop Middle Arm campaign increased by 20%, and there were more than 11,000 users of our website.

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# **COOLmob helps us live sustainably in the Top End**

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**COOLmob has been busy assisting and inspiring Territorians to take positive actions to reduce their climate impact by living more sustainably.**

**In May, we delivered Sustainable House Day for Renters – a first-of-its-kind event. The day featured a panel with the Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS), Darwin Community Legal Aid, MC Amy Hetherington, Better Renting, and a local renter, sparking an honest and powerful conversation about the real challenges renters face when trying to keep cool and comfortable in the Top End.**

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Better Renting brought their national perspective, highlighting how renters across Australia are pushing for healthier, more energy-efficient homes - work that strongly connects with COOLmob's mission here in the NT. The event created space for sharing stories, solutions, and the need for greater support to address energy hardship.

We worked with CDU Horticulture Certificate III students on creating sustainability action plans, and building the next generation of sustainability leaders. Preschool also joined us for professional development workshops, gaining tools to help children learn about saving energy and water, planting trees for shade, and caring for the environment.

Without the support of the City of Darwin, COOLmob couldn't deliver these important programs and events.

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# Treasurer's Report



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## **Josh Barnes** Treasurer – Environment Centre NT

It has been an exciting first year to be Treasurer for the ECNT! I am proud to report that we enter the 2025–26 financial year in a very strong and stable position. Our organisation continues to grow in reach, influence, and capacity, backed by responsible financial management, dedicated staff, and a diverse network of supporters and funders who share our vision for a thriving Territory environment.

This year marks another period of steady growth for ECNT. Our revenue has significantly increased in twelve months—from \$2,026,967 in 2024 to \$3,589,475 as of 30 June 2025—reflecting both increased activity and strong stewardship. With a total expenditure of approximately \$3 million, we close the financial year with a healthy surplus of \$586,465.

While these figures reflect strong financial performance, they also speak to the trust placed in ECNT by our funders and partners.

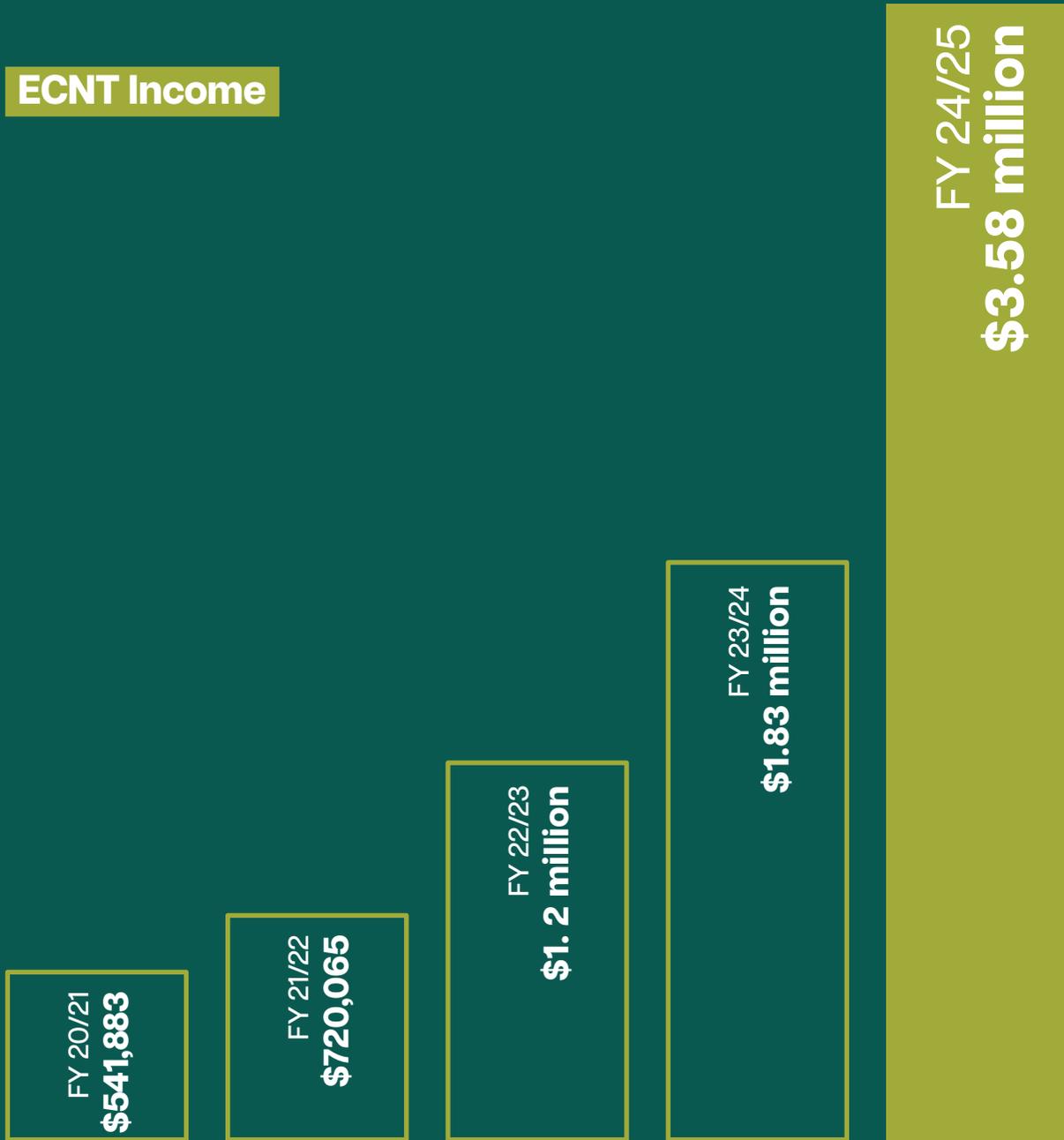
We thank Houston & Co as ECNT's new auditor for their diligent assessment.

While our financial position is solid, it is not without complexity. With multiple funding sources and project timelines, the Board and organisation will continue to maintain careful oversight, ensuring ECNT remains compliant, transparent and strategic.

I want to acknowledge the incredible work of our Executive Director and team, whose efforts ensure that every dollar is put to work responsibly, for the Territory's people and environment. I also thank the Board, Finance Committee, and our funders—philanthropic partners, donors, and supporters—for your continued confidence in ECNT's mission.

# 2025 Financial Statements

## ECNT Income



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# Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated

ABN: 12 094 525 400

## Financial Report for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

**HOUSTON & CO PTY LTD**  
Chartered Accountant

## Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated

ABN: 12 094 525 400

### Financial Report For The Year Ended 30th June 2025

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**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**COMMITTEES' REPORT**

The Committee members present this report on Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated (the 'Association') for the financial year ended 30th June 2025.

**Committee Members**

The names of each person who has been a Committee member during the year and to the date of this report are:

Chair: Robin Knox  
Public Officer: Matthew Grigg  
Treasurer: Robert McKenzie resigned (27/11/2024)  
Joshua Barnes appointed (28/11/2024)  
Secretary: Andrew Edwards appointed (6/12/2023)  
Committee Members: Michael Fonda  
Louise Harrison  
Dr Carol Palmer  
Tony Young appointed (28/11/2024)  
Joshua Barnes resigned (28/11/2024)  
Heather Ferguson appointed (18/03/2025)  
Therese Bourke appointed (18/03/2025)

**Review of Operations**

The surplus of the Association for the financial year amounted to \$586,465.

**Significant Changes in the State of Affairs**

No significant changes in the Association's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

**Principal Activities**

The principal activity of the Association during the financial year was to address major environmental and sustainability issues facing the Northern Territory.

**Auditor's Independence Declaration**

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30th June 2025 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Chair:



*Robin Knox*

Dated this

12th November 2025



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**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION**  
**TO THE COMMITTEE OF ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**

In accordance with Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, I provide the following declaration of independence to the committee of Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated. As the audit partner for the audit of the financial report of Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated for the year ended 30th June 2025, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30th June 2025 there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the *Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Name of Partner	Owen Houston
Date	12th November 2025
Name of Firm	Houston & Co Pty Limited
Address	Suite 4 113 Willoughby Road Crows Nest NSW 2065

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR**  
**ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	2025 \$	2024 \$
Revenue	2	3,589,475	2,026,967
Other income	2	-	2,751
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>3,589,475</u>	<u>2,029,718</u>
Employee benefits expense		(1,200,640)	(932,316)
Depreciation expense		(8,780)	(9,533)
Rental expense		(69,666)	(48,080)
Administration fees		(330,618)	(193,872)
Catering and hospitality		(7,538)	(3,500)
Communications		(90,967)	(559)
Community education/events/meetings		(127,264)	(167,971)
Computer expenses		(18,313)	(13,038)
Consultancy fees		(351,508)	(244,803)
Fees, permits and memberships		(24,598)	(8,811)
General expenses		(7,405)	(33,156)
Insurance expenses		(14,543)	(15,300)
Legal expenses		(206,057)	(5,826)
Marketing expenses		(261,181)	(103,977)
Motor vehicle expenses		(19,379)	(8,460)
Office expenses		(51,630)	(97,693)
Repairs and maintenance		(3,005)	(2,804)
Sponsorships and donations		(70,000)	-
Staff overheads		(7,021)	(2,770)
Travel expenses		(122,564)	(58,544)
Workers compensation		(10,333)	(3,906)
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>(3,003,010)</u>	<u>(1,954,919)</u>
<b>Net current year surplus/(deficit)</b>		<u>586,465</u>	<u>74,799</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>			
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<u>586,465</u>	<u>74,799</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2025**

	Note	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	2,860,349	2,133,645
Trade and other receivables	4	10,221	2,745
Inventories	5	28,828	9,139
Other current assets	6	14,812	24,600
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>2,914,210</u>	<u>2,170,129</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	7	40,010	27,924
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>40,010</u>	<u>27,924</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>2,954,220</u>	<u>2,198,053</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	1,645,948	1,480,272
Employee provisions	9	56,198	52,172
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,702,146</u>	<u>1,532,444</u>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>1,702,146</u>	<u>1,532,444</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>1,252,074</u>	<u>665,609</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained surplus		1,252,074	665,609
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>1,252,074</u>	<u>665,609</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

	Note	Retained Surplus	Total
		\$	\$
<b>Balance at 1st July 2023</b>		590,810	590,810
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>			
Surplus for the year		74,799	74,799
Total other comprehensive income		74,799	74,799
<b>Balance at 30th June 2024</b>		665,609	665,609
<b>Balance at 1st July 2024</b>		665,609	665,609
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>			
Surplus for the year		586,465	586,465
Total other comprehensive income		586,465	586,465
<b>Balance at 30th June 2025</b>		1,252,074	1,252,074

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statement:

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

	<b>Note</b>	2025	2024
		\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from donations, bequests and raffles		3,756,436	2,189,355
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,087,422)	(1,657,017)
Interest received		78,556	51,272
Net cash generated from operating activities	12	<u>747,570</u>	<u>583,610</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	5,000
Payment for property, plant and equipment		(20,866)	(23,000)
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(20,866)</u>	<u>(18,000)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase in cash held		726,704	565,610
Cash on hand at beginning of the financial year		2,133,645	1,568,035
Cash on hand at end of the financial year	3	<u>2,860,349</u>	<u>2,133,645</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
**ABN: 12 094 525 400**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

The financial statements cover Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated is an Association registered under the Northern Territory of Australia Association Act 2003.

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

The Association, a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes, has prepared special purpose financial statements, as in the opinion of the Committee, it is unlikely there are users of the financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of financial statements tailored to their information needs. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to satisfy the Committee's reporting requirements under the *Associations Act 2003 (NT)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012*.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements are in Australian Dollars and have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 10th November 2025 by the Committee.

**Accounting Policies**

**(a) Revenue**

**Revenue recognition**

**Operating Grants, Donations and Bequests**

When the Association receives operating grant funding, donations or bequests, it assesses whether the contract is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance to AASB 15.

When both these conditions are satisfied, the Association:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to the grant;
- recognises an unexpended grant liability for its obligations under the agreement; and
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations.

Where the contract is not enforceable or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Association:

- recognises the asset received in accordance with the recognition requirements of other applicable accounting standards
- recognises related amounts (being contributions by owners, lease liability, financial instruments, provisions); and
- recognises income immediately in profit or loss as the difference between the initial carrying amount of the asset and the

**Interest income**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**(b) Inventories**

Inventories held for sale are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Inventories held for distribution are measured at cost adjusted, when applicable, for any loss of service potential.

Inventories acquired at no cost, or for nominal consideration, are valued at the current replacement cost as at the date of acquisition.

**(c) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

**Leasehold Improvements**

Leasehold improvements are measured on a cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of leasehold improvements is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(e) for details of impairment).

**Plant and Equipment**

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Plant and equipment are measured on a cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss. A formal assessment of recoverable amount is made when impairment indicators are present (refer to Note 1(f) for details of impairment).

Plant and equipment that have been contributed at no cost, or for nominal cost, are valued and recognised at the fair value of the asset at the date it is acquired.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets, including buildings and plant and equipment but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Association commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of either the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful lives of the improvements.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Leasehold improvements	20%
Plant and equipment	20-33%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. Gains are not classified as revenue. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**(d) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the Association reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have been impaired. If such an indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use, is compared to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised in profit or loss.

Where the assets are not held primarily for their ability to generate net cash inflows – that is, they are specialised assets held for continuing use of their service capacity – the recoverable amounts are expected to be materially the same as fair value.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Where an impairment loss on a revalued individual asset is identified, this is recognised against the revaluation surplus in respect of the same class of asset to the extent that the impairment loss does not exceed the amount in the revaluation surplus for that class of asset.

**(e) Employee Benefits**

**Short-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for the Association's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Association's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current trade and other payables in the statement of financial position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

The Association classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Provision is made for the Association's obligation for other long-term employee benefits, which are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Upon the remeasurement of obligations for other long-term employee benefits, the net change in the obligation is recognised in profit or loss classified under employee benefits expense.

The Association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

**(f) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

**(g) Trade and Other Debtors**

Trade and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold.

Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

**(h) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

**(i) Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Association is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

**(j) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of reporting period.

**(k) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**(l) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The Committee evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the Association.

**Key judgements**

*(i) Performance obligations under AASB 15*

To identify a performance obligation under AASB 15, the promise must be sufficiently specific to be able to determine when the obligation is satisfied. Management exercises judgement to determine whether the promise is sufficiently specific by taking into account any conditions specified in the arrangement, explicit or implicit, regarding the promised goods or services. In making this assessment, management includes the nature/ type, cost/ value, quantity and the period of transfer related to the goods or services promised.

*(ii) Employee benefits*

For the purpose of measurement, AASB 119: *Employee Benefits* defines obligations for short-term employee benefits as obligations expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. As the Association expects that most employees will not use all of their annual leave entitlements in the same year in which they are earned or during the 12-month period that follows (despite an informal internal policy that requires annual leave to be used within 18 months), the Committee believe that obligations for annual leave entitlements satisfy the definition of other long-term employee benefits and, therefore, are required to be measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees.

**(m) Economic Dependence**

The Association is dependent on donations and grants from government, donors and other funding bodies for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Committee has no reason to believe the donors will not continue to support the Association and the Association will continue as a going concern for the ensuing 12 months from the date of this report.

**Note 2 Revenue and Other Income**

	2025	2024
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
— Contributions from grants	325,927	192,545
— Donations	200,714	617,818
— Donations - Territory crowdfunding	217,972	148,042
— Fundraising, events and sponsorship	11,601	58,600

**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

— Interest received	78,556	51,272
— Membership income	959	830
— Merchandise income	15,746	22,332
— NTG policy grant income	-	100,000
— Rental income from operating leases	16,899	21,081
— Sponsorship	-	30,636
— Grant income	2,721,101	783,811
<b>Total revenue</b>	<u>3,589,475</u>	<u>2,026,967</u>
<b>Other Income</b>		
— Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	-	2,751
<b>Total other income</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,751</u>
<b>Total revenue and other income</b>	<u>3,589,475</u>	<u>2,029,718</u>

**Note 3 Cash and Cash Equivalents**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash at bank	2,860,229	2,133,525
Cash on hand	120	120
<b>Total cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>2,860,349</u>	<u>2,133,645</u>

**Note 4 Trade and Other Receivables**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Trade receivables	462	2,745
Other receivables	2,000	-
GST receivable	7,759	-
<b>Total current accounts receivable and other debtors</b>	<u>10,221</u>	<u>2,745</u>
<b>Note</b>	FALSE	

**Note 5 Inventories**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>Inventory at cost:</b>		
T-shirts	23,248	8,707
General merchandise	5,580	432
<b>Total</b>	<u>28,828</u>	<u>9,139</u>

**Note 6 Other Assets**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Prepayments	14,812	24,600
<b>Total</b>	<u>14,812</u>	<u>24,600</u>

**Note 7 Property, Plant and Equipment**

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
<b>LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS</b>		
At cost	7,601	7,601
Less accumulated depreciation	(5,980)	(5,381)
<b>Total leasehold improvements</b>	<u>1,621</u>	<u>2,220</u>
<b>PLANT AND EQUIPMENT</b>		
At cost	59,487	38,882
Less accumulated depreciation	(21,098)	(13,178)
<b>Total plant and equipment</b>	<u>38,389</u>	<u>25,704</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u>40,010</u>	<u>27,924</u>

**Movements in Carrying Amounts**

Movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025**

	Leasehold Improvements \$	Plant and Equipment \$	Total \$
<b>2024</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	3,740	12,967	16,707
Additions at cost	-	15,367	15,367
Depreciation expense	(1,520)	(2,630)	(4,150)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>2,220</u>	<u>25,704</u>	<u>27,924</u>
<b>2025</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	2,220	25,704	27,924
Additions at cost	-	20,866	20,866
Depreciation expense	(599)	(8,181)	(8,780)
Carrying amount at the end of the year	<u>1,621</u>	<u>38,389</u>	<u>40,010</u>

**Note 8 Trade and Other Payables**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Current</b>		
Trade payables	4,403	29,241
Contract liability	1,574,936	1,321,943
Other current payables	1,816	299
GST payable	-	72,919
Accrued expenditure	55,026	45,437
Superannuation payable	9,767	10,433
	<u>1,645,948</u>	<u>1,480,272</u>

**Note 9 Provisions**

	2025 \$	2024 \$
<b>Current</b>		
Provision for employee benefits: annual leave	56,198	52,172
	<u>56,198</u>	<u>52,172</u>

**Provision for employee benefits**

Provision for employee benefits represents amounts accrued for annual leave and long service leave.

The current portion for this provision includes the total amount accrued for annual leave entitlements and the amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have vested due to employees having completed the required period of service. Based on past experience, the Association does not expect the full amount of annual leave or long service leave balances classified as current liabilities to be settled within the next 12 months. However, these amounts must be classified as current liabilities since the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer the settlement of these amounts in the event employees wish to use their leave entitlement.

The non-current portion for this provision includes amounts accrued for long service leave entitlements that have not yet vested in relation to those employees who have not yet completed the required period of service.

In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits have been discussed in Note 1(h).

**Note 10 Events After the Reporting Period**

The Committee is not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

**Note 11 Key Management Personnel Compensation**

**Key Management Personnel**

No remuneration was paid to KMP of the Association during the year.

	2025 \$
KMP compensation:	
— short-term employee benefits	239,409
— post-employment benefits	27,145
	<u>266,554</u>

**Note 12 Other Related Party Transactions**

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Other related parties include close family members of key management personnel and entities that are controlled or jointly controlled by those key management personnel individually or collectively with their close family members.

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to other parties unless otherwise stated.

**Note 13 Cash Flow Information**

	2025
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<b>Reconciliation of Cash Flows from Operating Activities with Net Current Year Surplus</b>	
Net current year surplus	586,465
Adjustment for:	
Depreciation and amortisation expense	8,780
Movement in working capital changes:	
(Increase)/decrease in accounts receivable and other debtors	(7,476)
Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables	165,676
(Increase)/decrease in other current assets	9,788
Increase/(decrease) in employee provisions	4,026
(Increase)/decrease in inventories on hand	(19,689)
	747,570

**Note 14 Association Details**

The registered office of the Association is:  
 Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated  
 Unit 3/98 Woods St  
 Darwin NT Australia

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**COMMITTEE'S DECLARATION**

The Committee Members of the Association declare that:

1. The accompanying financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 14, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:
  - (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures applicable to the Association;
  - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the registered Association as at 30th June 2025 and of its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. In the Committees' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subs 60.15(2) of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2022*.

Chair



*Robin Knox*

Dated this

12th November 2025



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**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**ENVIRONMENT CENTRE NORTHERN TERRITORY INCORPORATED**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of Environment Centre Northern Territory Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30th June 2025, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the committees' report.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Association is in accordance with the *Associations Act 2003 (NT)* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (the ACNC Act)*, including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the registered Association's financial position as at 30th June 2025 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards – AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the registered Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the ACNC Act, the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the Association's financial reporting responsibilities under the *Associations Act 2003 (NT)*, the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the Association's constitution. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The Committee Members of the Association are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - AASB 1060 General Purpose Financial Statements - Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Committee Members are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Committee either intend to liquidate the registered Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

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As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Committees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



Auditor's name and signature:	Owen Houston
Name of firm:	Houston & Co Pty Limited
Address:	Suite 4, 113 Willoughby Road Crows Nest, NSW, 2065
Dated this	12th November 2025

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We are also very grateful to those donors who are not listed above and to all those members of our community who have given so generously to support the work of ECNT.

Your tax-deductible donation powers our work - the legal challenges, community campaigns, and on-ground action that's protecting the Territory's nature and climate for future generations.

We are also grateful to the Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin for funding ECNT.

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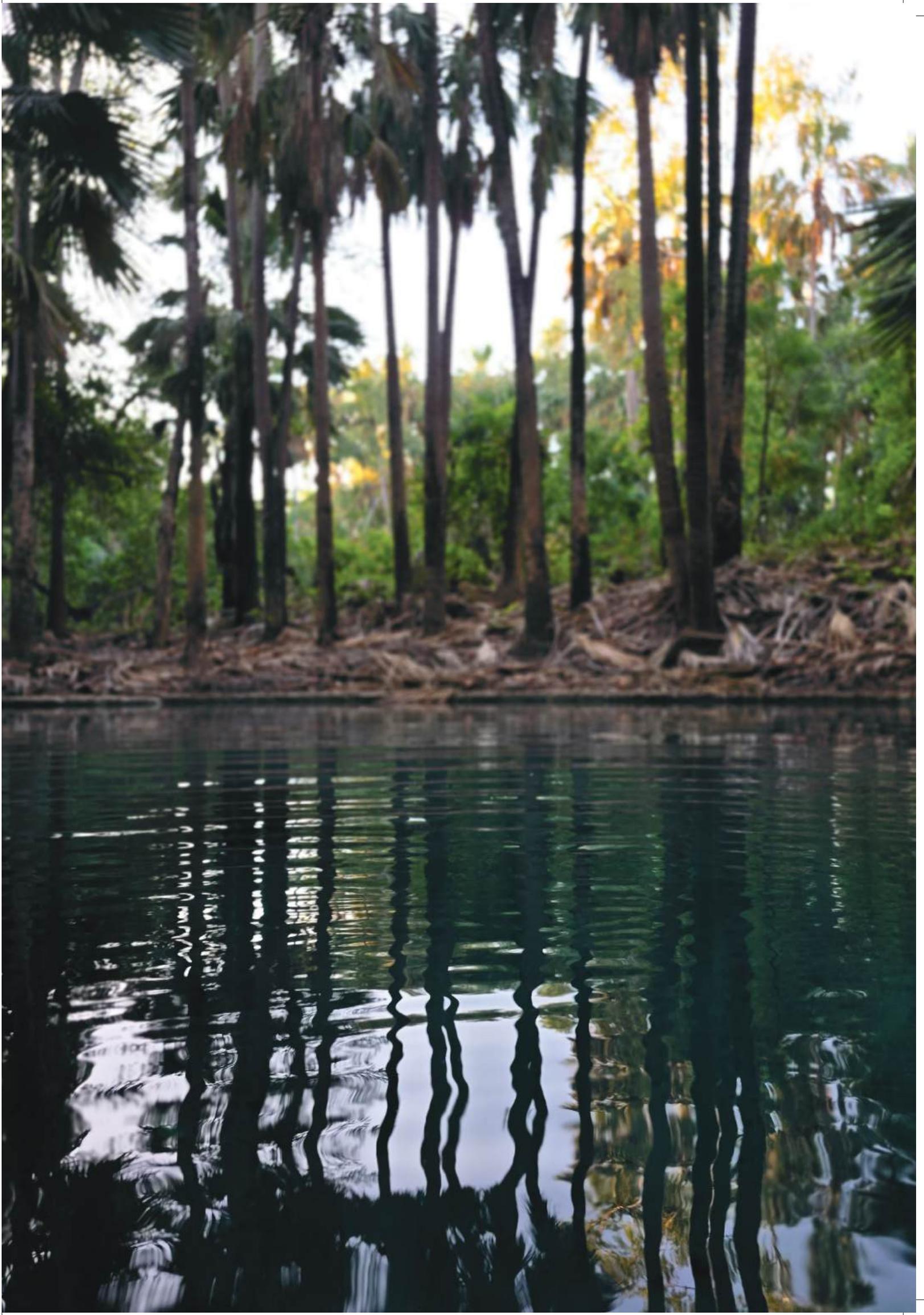
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