

Response to AFANT policies questionnaire - NT election 2024

I am standing as an Independent candidate in the electorate of Johnston. If elected, I will not have responsibility for funding allocations, but I intend to advocate on the following points relevant to AFANT's policy questionnaire:

One of my key platforms is increasing opportunities for community participation in politics. As such, I support having stakeholder advisory bodies informing policy decisions, including:

- the appointment of fisheries Management Advisory Committees (2.1)
- oversight of the development and implementation of water allocation plans by Water Advisory Committees made up of stakeholder groups (6.1)

I see protection of the NT's rivers, water systems and wetlands as a priority and I support:

- precautionary water planning, continuing the 80/20 groundwater and 5% surface water rules as a minimum (6.2); as well as prioritising better data to inform water management decisions, and the long-promised review of the Water Allocation Framework
- a ban on damming the NT's free flowing rivers (6.3)
- strategies to improve wetland management, including active control of aquatic weeds (7.5)

In addition:

- I was pleased to see both major parties have now declared they will phase our commercial gillnetting, a commitment that I also support (1)
- I recognise the importance of an adequately resourced fisheries compliance unit and will support maintaining (and potentially expanding) this unit (2.7)
- I strongly support continuing the ban on seabed mining (7.4)

I recognise recreational fishing as an important component of the Territory lifestyle and I appreciate its value to our tourism industry.

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