



Monday 8 December, 2008

## FERAL CAMELS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Media are invited to the launch of "Managing the impacts of feral camels in Australia: a new way of doing business" by Jan Ferguson, Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, at 10 am on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at the Marque Hotel, 102 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra.

"More than a million camels are roaming through Australia," says Ms Ferguson. "Most Australians are unaware of the devastation, and the cost to the whole community caused by these imported pests. A massive reduction in the population of feral camels has become unavoidable. The report spells out the extensive damage that camels do – and what we can do about it."

The Marque Hotel is the venue for a conference bringing together more than seventy camel experts from around Australia and overseas on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

The Report was prepared by a team led by Dr Glenn Edwards and Professor Murray McGregor of the Desert Knowledge CRC.

More information from:

Dr Glenn Edwards, DKCRC and Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment, the Arts and Sport, 08 89518239, 0401 115 726

Prof. Murray McGregor DKCRC and Curtin University, 0418 462 011

Jan Ferguson, Managing Director, DKCRC, 08 8959 6041 or 0401 719 882

Nick Goldie (media), 02 6235 9190 or 0417 299 586

[www.desertknowledgescrc.com.au](http://www.desertknowledgescrc.com.au)

MEDIA NOTE: The full report, a map of camel distribution across inland Australia and images of camels and the damage they cause are available at:

<http://www.desertknowledgescrc.com.au/news/media.html>