Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program

The importance of protecting EPBCA species whilst undertaking construction works related to the Tarkine Drive project.

The **Tarkine Drive** (TD) project was approved by the Commonwealth Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA) approval process on 27 March 2013 as a controlled action. The approval consists of 24 Conditions with which DIER, and its contractors, must comply in regard to the construction, maintenance and operation of TD. Conditions 1, 2, 9 and 11 require that anyone involved in construction-related activities working on the TD project site must be trained on a range of aspects relating to *Matters of National Environmental Significance*; specifically those outline by Condition 1 of the EPBCA Approval. Training must be undertaken <u>before</u> each person is involved in construction activities, with <u>monthly</u> 'refresher' training thereafter.

To meet these Conditions, an Environmental Induction Training and Awareness Program has been developed, which includes <u>three courses</u>:

Course A: Induction Training	Course B: Detailed Training	Course C: Refresher Training
 All contractors involved in construction activities; 3 hours; Delivered by PWS rangers; Sessions each month as required. 	 For contractors required to record and identify species; 8 hours; Delivered by Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary; Delivered once or as required. 	 All contractors involved in construction activities; 3 hours; Delivered by DIER and PWS rangers; Sessions each month.

The Program will:

- Educate workers in the identification of native animals;
- Identify 'exclusion zones': Areas of high sensitivity where vehicles and personnel cannot enter;
- Include maps identifying areas within the project area with high levels of native animal activity;
- Instruct on methods for avoiding and reducing incidences of roadkill;
- Outline responsibilities for reporting and managing injured wildlife or roadkill; and
- Detail the importance of adhering to the EPBCA Approval Conditions, and penalties for breaching these Conditions.

