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## **MARIA MANN HONOURED BY CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF WA**

Environs Kimberley congratulates Maria Mann for her inclusion in the Conservation Council's Honours List for 2009. Conservation Council Director, Piers Verstegen, presenting the awards, said:

"All recipients this year are outstanding leaders in our community and have shown qualities of strength, dedication and commitment towards protecting WA's natural environment as well as providing invaluable support and guidance for future generations to do the same."

Ms Mann's citation mentioned her leadership as Director of Environs Kimberley for the first twelve years, taking us through many major campaigns, including the protection of the Fitzroy River from damming, and the west Kimberley from broadscale landclearing for irrigated agriculture and GM cotton. She was also recognized for her efforts as a member of the Northern Development Taskforce, bringing an environmental voice to the difficult discussions about proposed LNG developments on the Kimberley Coast. The citation continued:

"Maria has engaged fearlessly with politicians, government department bosses, mining directors, would-be land despoilers and many others. As a result Maria became a well-known figure in government and industry circles and on committees as well as within the Australian environment movement.

It is not easy to summarise Maria's wide-ranging contribution to EK and the Kimberley environment. However her legacy is a lasting one and she is a very worthy recipient of this award."

Environs Kimberley Director Martin Pritchard said "Maria's contribution to the Kimberley environment has been outstanding and she richly deserves this award."

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