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## Environmental Assessment Update

On Thursday 24 June, members of the Environmental Assessment Team delivered an update of the study to the community at Christian's Cave. The information session was well attended with a number of questions about how the key findings from the assessment may be carried forward. While the Environmental Assessment report is not yet finalised, NIRC has made available the presentations on the Council website - <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/environmental-assessment>. It is important to note that these presentations are for the community's reference, while the assessment reports are still to be finalised.

The main areas of the assessment focussed on Climate and Land Use, Hydrology, Biodiversity and Sustainability focussing on food, energy and waste. A number of preliminary findings have been made and some recommendations have been proposed. Some of these relate to harvesting rainwater, wastewater management, waste management improvements and food security.

NIRC expects that the Environmental Assessment report will be finalised in the coming weeks, including additional information collected by the assessment team on their recent visit. Once finalised, the full report will be made available to the community, along with a summary document of the key findings and recommendations. There will be an opportunity for the community to comment on these documents once available.

NIRC thanks the community for their interest in the Environmental Assessment to date and look forward to providing the final report and summary in the near future.

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