Co-management of National Parks

• National Parks and Wildlife Act amended in 2005 to provide a framework for co-management of parks
• Co-management Agreements between Government and Native Title Groups
• Boards and Advisory Committees
Boards vs Committees

• Boards have the authority to make wide ranging decisions relating to park management

• Advisory Committee’s provide advice to the Minister for Environment to support park management
Delivery

• New Management Plans – cultural focus
• New Interpretive Plans – cultural focus
• Traditional Use Zones
• Aboriginal Employment
• Cultural Tourism
• Land Acquisition
Benefits

• Legislative base for Aboriginal people to manage their country
• Recognition, protection and interpretation of cultural values
• Economic participation – Board membership, commercial markets
• Reconciliation – Government and Aboriginal communities, broader community
• Traditional knowledge and modern science come together