

Key ag policy makers head to the Cape

Cape York producers will have a rare opportunity to meet with some of the agricultural industry's key decision makers at a Cattle, Heritage and Technology forum in Coen on Monday 10 October.

AgForce president Brent Finlay will join speakers from the National Farmers Federation (NFF) and NRM groups at the event which is free and open to all producers.

Mr Finlay said the field day is an excellent opportunity for northern producers to speak with senior policy advisors as they discuss issues affecting the Cape.

"I am looking forward to speaking to Cape York producers about what AgForce can, and is achieving on their behalf on a range of key issues," Mr Finlay said.

"You will also have the opportunity to hear from AgForce policy director Drew Wagner and AgForce Cattle policy director Andrew Simpson as they discuss key issues affecting the region including grazing, heritage listing, nature refuges, bio-security, natural resource management of the Cape and the Carbon Farming Initiative."

NFF environment liaison officer Jol Taber will outline the impacts of heritage listing and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Other speakers and topics include:

- **Cape York Natural Resource Management CEO Bob Frazer:** "What is this 'Healthy Country' stuff all about?", natural resource management on Cape York.
- **AgForce policy and project officer Tamara Badenoch:** Nature Refuges, how they can work for you.
- Management of biosecurity issues and the role of graziers in protecting the Cape.
- **Cape York Natural Resource Management Andrew Hartwig:** Overview of the Carbon Farming Initiative.
- **AgForce Projects technical leader Graeme Bell:** Farming technology overview (GPS and computer mapping).

Field days are delivered free to all landholders through AgForce and AgForward, an initiative of AgForce within its project division, funded by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government's Caring for our Country initiative.

To find out more or to register for these events please contact Paddy Roe on (07) 3238 6048 or email roep@agforward.org.au.