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Appropriate Economies Roundtable

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Northern Australia is an area of great natural diversity and beauty that has been largely spared the worst impacts of land clearing and over development. Tropical savannas and forest communities and the adjacent sea environs remain interconnected and largely intact. Indigenous peoples continue to fulfil custodial obligations towards their traditional lands. However, Northern Australia is facing increasing development pressures and urgent conservation challenges. The region is seriously disadvantaged compared to other parts of Australia - indicators such as employment, health status, average incomes and life expectancy underline the urgent need to improve the quality of life.

The overall goal of the Appropriate Economies Roundtable is to develop models for culturally and environmentally appropriate economic activity in Northern Australia and Cape York Peninsula, i.e. economic activity that will provide for ongoing protection of cultural and natural diversity, while improving the quality of life of people, particularly Indigenous peoples.

POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

Sherry MARCHAND (ANU) PhD

Land management negotiations in the Queensland Wet Tropics World Heritage Area

Leah TALBOT (JCU) Masters

Indigenous land management techniques of the Djabugay people

Renee VAN DER ZIJDEN (JCU) Hons

Mamu canopy walkway in the Wooroonooran National Park

Patricia WORBOYS (JCU) Hons

Mamu and cultural values of rainforest plants: an environmental and oral history of important rainforest plants