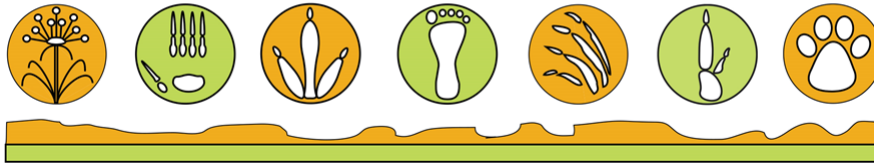


BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Changing of the guard

Barkly Regional Council has announced that the CEO Marion Smith is no longer working for the Council.

Council terminated Ms Smith's employment at a special meeting last week on the grounds that the CEO's performance had not been to the satisfaction of the Council.

"Having conducted a probation period performance assessment of Ms Smith, having considered feedback received from Councillors, staff and external stakeholders and having considered responses to that feedback provided by the CEO, Council chose to terminate her employment," said a Council spokesperson.

"We would like to thank Marion for all the effort she put into working with the team to finalise the draft Regional Plan & Budget 2016-17 and wish her well in all future endeavours."

As an interim measure, Chris Wright has been appointed to Act as Chief Executive Officer for the period to 31 August 2016 while the Council considers its options for the longer term.

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