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**Toon Buffet Environment Trust grants
- second round applications close soon**

The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare, the Hon Stephanie Jack MLA, has encouraged community members to act quickly if they wish to be considered for funding in the second round of grants to be issued by the trust established to honour the memory of the late Ivens (Toon) Buffett. She said that there had been significant interest from applicants, resulting in the extension of the closing date to 12th October.

The Trust has invited members of the community to lodge applications for grants of up to \$25,000. Activities which can be considered for funding include initiatives relating to environmental protection, heritage protection, natural resources management and land management. Existing projects are not eligible.

Mrs Jack said that projects which could be eligible included areas such as native vegetation planting to stabilise soil or control active erosion or initiatives to protect habitats, to manage access to coastal areas, or to improve public reserves.

The Trust has produced detailed funding guidelines and a list of eligible activities. Full details and application forms for grants are available from the Acting Conservator, Alan McNeil, at the Land Use and Environment Office, 11 Quality Row. Mr McNeil can also be contacted by telephone on 23588 or by email on amcneil@admin.gov.nf. Applications for funding close at 4.30 p.m. on Friday 12th October 2007.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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