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Media Release and Photo opportunity

On Wednesday 1st November, FNQROC in collaboration with FNQNRM Ltd will be hosting a Local Government Climate Change Conference.

Local Governments recognise that Climate Change is an issue that needs to be addressed.

Cr Jim Chapman, Chair of FNQROC stated “The problem that we are all facing is who and what do we believe? Scientists and organisations have been publicly fighting this issue for sometime. As a consequence there is confusion and mistrust within the community on this issue.”

“It is likely there is an element of reality in all these arguments. Our aim is to identify these. We will then be working collectively on actions to help mitigate Climate Change and its effects”

Dr Allan Dale, EO, FNQNRM Ltd affirms “FNQNRM Ltd is enthusiastic about working with Local Governments on this issue. Together we will be identifying resources and funding to ensure the enthusiasm and momentum is not lost after this conference”

Presenters and topics covered include:

Dr. Graeme Pearman, Sustainability Science Program, Monash University on Climate Change projections and impacts.

Ms. Lynette Thorstensen, Sustainable Business practices – Insurance Australia Group on Insurance, Risk and Climate Change.

Dr Philippa England, School of Law – Griffith University on Local Governments legal liability/risk from planning decisions in context of climate change and severe weather events.

Dr. Jacqui Willcocks, Department of Natural Resources and Water on Climate change projections available for Queensland and

exploration of some of the changes we might have to make to the way we currently do things.

Mr. Martin Brennan, Partnerships and Political Support on the Climate Protection program.

Assoc. Prof. Tim Smith, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems on Coastal Management and risk interconnectedness of coastal systems and the need to plan regionally.

FNQROC members include the following Local Governments; Atherton, Cairns, Cardwell, Cook, Douglas, Eacham, Herberton, Hinchinbrook, Johnstone and Mareeba.