



## Far North Queensland Regional Road Group

### AGENDA

#### TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No.68

to be held

2.00pm on Wednesday 15 May 2013

at

Cook Shire Council, Corner of Hope and Furneaux Streets, Cooktown

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1. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**

2. **Apologies**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

3.1 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.67 held on 15 March 2012 in Cairns

A copy of the minutes is attached for confirmation as a true and accurate record.

3.2 Minutes of RRG Meeting No.37 held on 15 April 2013 in Cairns

A copy of the minutes is attached for information.

4. **Business Arising out of Minutes**

4.1 FNQROC Joint Reseal Contract

Tenders were advertised on Saturday 4 May 2013 for the 2013/14 FNQROC Joint Reseal Contract and for the establishment of a Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for the provision of other road construction/maintenance activities. Tenders close at 2.00pm on Tuesday 4 June 2013. A tender briefing meeting was held in Cairns on Tuesday 7 May 2013.

Steve Cosatto and members of the Project Steering Committee may provide a further update at the meeting.

4.2 ABM Study Report Review

**PREVIOUS ACTION REQUIRED**

- **The activities table (Appendix F) is to be updated. (Gerard Read)**
- **The cost/benefit analysis (Appendix J) is to be checked and updated if necessary. (Steve Cosatto)**
- **The balance of the report is to be updated. (Darlene Irvine / Gerard Read)**

4.3 Bridge Asset Management – Alternative Timber Bridge Manual

**PREVIOUS ACTION REQUIRED (ongoing)**

**Other RRGs to be approached regarding support for the manual. (Gerard Read)**

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#### 4.4 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Woobadda Creek Crossing

##### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**Cairns is to provide an update on progress at the meeting.**

#### 4.5 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Bloomfield River Crossing at Wujal Wujal

##### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**TMR and/or Cairns are to provide a brief update at the meeting.**

#### 4.6 Kirrama Range Road

##### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**Cassowary Coast is to provide a brief update at the meeting.**

#### 4.7 NHVR Pilot

LGAQ has advised ARRB will soon be requesting evaluation on the PBS Route Assessment Tool and is encouraging comment. LGAQ is particularly keen to understand whether the tool is practical for FNQ, which will help inform their ongoing discussions with the NHVR.

#### 4.8 Roads Alliance TIDS – Budget Cuts Methodology

A response has been received from the RAB to FNQRRG's letter highlighting the issues where FNQRRG has been penalised due to the methodology applied for the budget cuts and TMR administrative problems. A copy of this response is attached.

There is an incorrect statement in the Roads Alliance Board response. The 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence of the first paragraph under "TMR administrative problems causing additional cuts to funding" of stated, "Unfortunately these variations were not identified before 30 June 2012 and, as a result, the funds were not carried over to the current financial year and are no longer available." The variations were notified in February 2013 as stated in FNQRRG's letter.

#### 4.9 Statements of Intent

##### **PREVIOUS ACTION REQUIRED**

- **Cairns to develop the alternative SOI for one of its LRRS. (Sam Wakeford / Gerard Read)**
- **TMR to forward planning documents for its LRRS network. (Brett Martin)**
- **All members are to commence work on updating the SOIs for their LRRS network.**

#### 4.10 Traffic Counts

##### **PREVIOUS ACTION REQUIRED (ongoing)**

- **All members are to forward any updated traffic count details to Gerard Read.**
- **All members are to schedule traffic counts where required.**

### 5. **Update from the Roads Alliance**

#### 5.1 TIDS "One Bucket" Funding Model

The RAB released a discussion paper pertaining to the proposed "one bucket" model for TIDS funding on 14 March. This was emailed to all members on 4 April with proposed comments. FNQRRG submitted these comments to the RAB for consideration.

The RAB then held a workshop on the issue in Brisbane on Tuesday 23 April. In general, the proposal is positive and a beneficial move for RRGs and Councils however there were a few points of conjecture.

- Regional Airport projects will be eligible for funding from TIDS which sounds logical – however the former RADS (Regional Airport Development Scheme, formerly \$2.9m) has been cut completely. This is a subtle shift of cost and responsibility to RRGs.
- There is now no guaranteed funding or annual allocation for TMR LRRS (apart from routine maintenance). Furthermore there is no requirement for projects on the TMR LRRS network to be included in an RRG's project prioritisation and program development process. They can be included at the discretion of the TMR Regional Director, however there is no incentive to do this as there would be a risk of losing 20% of the project funding to higher ranked projects. This is a distinct change in Roads Alliance policy however in practice this has not been occurring in FNQRRG anyway.

## 5.2 Roads Alliance Board

The composition of the RAB has changed recently from TMR's perspective. Director-General, Neil Scales and Executive Director (Strategic Policy), Jim Groves have agreed to join the RAB. They replace Michael Caltabiano and Josh Hannan, who has recently accepted a role as Executive Director (Planning Management). Miles Vass remains as the third member on the RAB from TMR and Greg Hallam, Greg Hoffmann and Simone Talbot remain as the 3 members from LGAQ.

## 5.3 Comparison of 2012/13 Roads Alliance TIDS Expenditure

The comparison table of expenditure for RRGs to the end of March 2013 is shown following.

Regional Road Group	Revised Budget (\$'000)	Forecast Expenditure at 30/6/13 (\$'000)	Revised Budget v Forecast Expenditure	Actual Expenditure (\$'000)	Percentage of Budget Spent
Northern SEQ	3,678	3,678	100%	2,856	78%
Outback	2,407	2,278	95%	1,676	70%
<b>Far North Queensland</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,942</b>	<b>69%</b>
North Queensland	2,288	2,288	100%	1,534	67%
CHIRRP	1,633	1,633	100%	1,020	62%
Whitsunday	1,967	1,939	99%	1,209	61%
Wide Bay Burnett	3,213	3,212	100%	1,847	57%
Eastern Downs	2,520	2,736	109%	1,369	54%
Southern Border	1,301	1,302	100%	588	45%
South West	1,787	1,785	100%	655	37%
North West Queensland	2,938	2,938	100%	1060	36%
Banana	323	347	107%	100	31%
Brisbane Metro Alliance	1,270	1,271	100%	382	30%
Rockhampton	974	974	100%	210	22%
Western Downs	845	846	100%	168	20%
ROCCY	219	219	100%	19	9%
Gladstone	755	830	110%	56	7%
Scenic Valleys	1,186	937	79%	10	1%
Southern	1,351	1,351	100%	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,478</b>	<b>33,387</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,701</b>	<b>50%</b>

## 5.4 Other

## 6. 2012/13 Works Program – Progress Review

A copy of the current works program and expenditures is attached.

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**All Councils will be required to give an accurate report on progress and forecast progress on all projects at the meeting.**

## 6.1 2013/14 Roads Alliance TIDS

The current expenditure for the 2012/13 Roads Alliance TIDS is now at **65%**. This is due to the transfer of \$289,073 from 2013/14 into 2012/13 for 214/LGSB/4 (Barron Gorge Road) which has not been claimed to date but is expected to be in the next week. This was a result of a “swap” with a Gladstone RRG project which was transferred from 2012/13 to 2013/14.

Burke (NWQRGG) has also advised they would like to do the same thing with a \$300,000 project they currently have allocated in 2012/13 but will be unable to complete.

## 6.2 2012/13 and 2013/14 SafeST TIDS

### **PREVIOUS ACTION REQUIRED**

**TMR to investigate additional funding internally for the shortfall on SafeST projects that have been completed and had expenditure claimed / committed. (Brett Martin)**

The current expenditure for the 2012/13 SafeST TIDS is now at **130%**.

To date, there has been no additional SafeST TIDS funding offered from the RAB or TMR, therefore the following revisions were made to the program to balance against the reduced allocations.

- Tablelands 264/LGSH/6 (Patrick Street, Malanda SHS) - \$30,000 deleted in 2012/13.
- Tablelands 264/LGSH/8 (Atherton SHS) - \$60,000 deleted in 2013/14.
- Tablelands 264/LGSH/9 (Millaa Millaa SHS) - \$40,000 deleted in 2013/14.
- Cassowary Coast 216/LGSH/1 (Flying Fish Point Road, Innisfail State College) – reduced from \$300,000 to \$159,099 in 2013/14.

Tablelands completed and claimed 264/LGSH/5 (Euluma Creek Road) with a \$31,375 Roads Alliance TIDS funding surplus in 2012/13. This has been transferred to SafeST TIDS project 264/LGSH/7 (McIver Road, St Stephens School) in 2012/13. This project was originally deleted (\$40,000) in 2012/13

## 6.3 2012/13 and 2013/14 RSDP

The current expenditure for the 2012/13 RSDP is at **29%**. There are two RSDP projects – Ootann Road and Woobadda Creek.

Woobadda Creek originally had \$900,000 allocated in 2012/13. \$850,000 has been transferred to 2013/14, although \$208,574 has been claimed and paid.

Ootann Road had \$205,316 claimed and paid to 30 June 2012. This left \$1,044,684 allocated in 2012/13 and a further \$750,000 allocated in 2013/14. This \$750,000 in 2013/14 has been transferred forward to 2012/13 – although it is unsure where the request for this change emanated.

## 6.4 2012/13 Capability (RAB Funded)

The current expenditure for the 2012/13 Capability (RAB Funded) is at **86%**.

## 6.5 TMR LRRS Works Program

### **ACTION REQUIRED**

**TMR is to provide a brief summary of 2012/13 and 2013/14 scheduled projects (if any) at the meeting.**

## 7. **Capability Agreement & Action Plan - Progress Review**

A progress review has been carried out and a copy is attached for information and discussion.

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**8. Asset Management**

**9. Road Safety**

**10. General Business**

**11. Next RRG Meeting (*for information*)**

Date Monday 3 June 2013  
Venue Civic Reception Room, Ground Floor, Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, Cairns  
Time 1.30pm (following the FNQROC Board Meeting)

**12. Next Technical Committee Meeting**

With Croydon and Etheridge joining FNQRRG, the next Technical Committee was tentatively scheduled for the week of 15-19 July 2013 in Georgetown. It is proposed this could be held in conjunction with an inspection of the Etheridge LRRS network meaning a 2 day trip. Friday 19 July is the Cairns Show public holiday.

Etheridge has the following LRRS network:

- Forsayth-Einasleigh Road – 68.1km, approximately 40km sealed (Council)
- Undara Road, GDR to the resort – 14.12km, all sealed (Council)
- Forsayth Road, Georgetown to Forsayth – 40.45km, approximately 23km sealed (TMR)
- Gregory Developmental Road, GDR to Hann Highway – 119.82km, all unsealed (TMR)

Etheridge are also in the process of nominating the North Heads Road – Agate Creek Road link to the LRRS network. The lengths of these are unknown and surface conditions are unknown.



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