

Water Security for the Region – Tablelands Irrigation Project

Northern Australia Priority: Developing the North’s water resources / Our business, trade and investment gateway / Infrastructure to support growth

State Electorate: Hill

Federal Electorate: Kennedy

Council: Tablelands Shire Council

Priority Recommendation

FNQROC seek Queensland Government support to undertake a business case once the priority option is identified for the Tablelands Irrigation Project

Project Overview

A \$750k Preliminary Business Case is currently being undertaken by Aurecon, Psi Delta and PWC.

The Preliminary Business Case is expected to be completed by the end of August 2018 and an Investment Prospectus will be linked to it.

Nine (9) policy reform options and six new asset (6) options have been reviewed down to three (3) options, considering new off stream storages, weirs and medium sized dams.

The Preliminary Business Case has been undertaken on the preferred location of each of these three (3) options and State support will be sought on the preferred option identified.

Key Strategic Drivers

Economic	Supports long-term water security which underpins the sustainability and capacity for growth of regional industry. Secure access to irrigated water supply supports the regions agricultural sector.
Social Enterprise	Supports long-term water security for urban and regional community use and population growth.
Employment	Generates employment during construction and post-completion.
Tourism	Development of recreation and tourism ventures.