




Strategic Economic Advocacy Update Report


State or Federal	State
Date of Delegation	16-18 October 2018
Delegation Members	<p>Cr Gilmore, FNQROC Chair + Mayor Mareeba</p> <p>Cr Scott, FNQROC Deputy Chair + Mayor Cook</p> <p>Cr James, Deputy Mayor Cairns</p> <p>Cr Bawden, Mayor Carpentaria</p> <p>Cr Kimberley, Deputy Mayor Cassowary</p> <p>Cr Pickering, Mayor Croydon</p> <p>Cr Paronella, Mayor Tablelands</p> <p>Cr Leu, Mayor Douglas</p> <p>Cr Devlin, Mayor Etheridge</p> <p>Cr Andrews, Mayor Yarrabah</p> <p>Ms Darlene Irvine, FNQROC Executive Office</p>


Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Andrew Powell MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
Delegation Members	Cr's Pickering, Bawden, Andrews, Scott and James
Topics of Discussion 	<p>Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Waste Levy Impacts on Councils</p> <p>National Partnership on Remote Housing</p> <p>Yarrabah Social Housing</p> <p>Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project</p> <p>Cairns City Deal</p> <p>Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project</p>
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inability of LG to meet 20% of ROSI nominated roads • Waste areas should be regional, not LG defined • Need for Bi-lateral approach to NPRH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for volunteer and NFP housing organisations • Gilbert River – completely aware of Project • Cairns City Deal – supportive • Fibre Optic – FQNROC should pressure Telstra (Countrywide Director) • Kuranda Range – supportive • Dams - supportive
Follow Up Actions	Send thank-you letter from Chair, with specific invitation to attend FNQROC Board Meeting (10 Dec)

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP
Portfolio	Minister for Natural Resources, Mines & Energy
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Devlin, Paronella, Kimberley and D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	<p>Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Update – Gilbert River & Tablelands Irrigation Projects</p> <p>Update - Water Security in the Region</p> <p>Cardstone Energy Project</p> <p>Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry</p>
Additional Attendees	Josh Lockyer, Executive Assistant & Office Manager
Discussion Summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the role of FNQROC • Johnstone/Barron River diversion • Tablelands Irrigation Project • Diversification of the sugar industry • Mareeba Airport opportunities • Cardstone Energy Project Services
Follow Up Actions	Thank you letter from Chair with specific invitation to visit the region.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP
Portfolio	Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	<p>Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Update – S165 IR Act 2016 – Impacts</p> <p>Waste Levy Impacts on Councils</p> <p>National Partnership on Remote Housing</p> <p>Yarrabah Social Housing</p> <p>Cooktown 2020</p> <p>Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project</p> <p>Cairns City Deal</p> <p>Management of the Future of GBR</p> <p>Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project</p> <p>Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry</p>
<p>Discussion Summary</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants Reform, particularly assets underground / getting efficiencies / new ways / regional collaboration • Electoral Reform • Gulf Development Road • Tully Multi-Sport facility and Grandstand • NPRH • Management of social housing • Balcarra • S165 Impacts • Shared Vision for Cairns • Kuranda Range Road • Gilbert River Project and Business Case • Waste Levy impacts • Panama T4
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair re meeting and attending Cocktail Reception, with standing invitation to engage when in FNQ.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Steve Minnikin MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to role of FNQROC • Discussions re road funding / ROSI • Gilbert River Bridge (\$22m / State involvement \$28m) • Kuranda Range Road • Shared Vision for Cairns • Gilbert River Project • Mossman Mill & Transitioning the Sugar Industry • S165
Follow Up Actions	<p>Cr Scott as Chair of TCICA to send invitation to attend next meeting.</p> <p>Cr James to send copy of Shared Vision of Cairns once released.</p> <p>Thank you letter from Chair with standing invitation to engage when in FNQ.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Mark Bailey MP
Portfolio	Minister for Transport and Main Roads
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ
Additional Attendees	Finn and Sanjay (Advisors)
Discussion Summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to role of FNQROC • Discussion re ROSI and the roads we are nominating • RRIS – Kuranda Range Road / If we get \$800m federal commitment will State commit \$200m • Gulf Development Road • Shared Vision for Cairns • State & National projects impacting on LG roads • RMPC and lack of increase to LG – funds to Roadtec • Yarrabah Range – discussions re widening (dangerous) + Yarrabah Jetty • Social Housing + NPRH + Yarrabah • Mossman Mill and transitioning the sugar industry • Tolga Scrub Area (Kennedy Highway) • Tolga Kairi Road – Double route + cyclist training route (safety issue) • Boat ramps and erosion – wanting more input (local) • Rail Trails funding (\$4m/year) • Tourism Transport funding (\$10m) • Dredging in Karumba • Innisfail bypass not on the radar • TMR – discussions re engagement issues and difficulty with getting responses
Follow Up Actions	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair including standing invitation to engage when in FNQ region.</p> <p>Cr Leu to send brief re Miallo carpark.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Kate Jones MP
Portfolio	Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development Minister for the Commonwealth Games
Additional Attendees	Alex Dickson, Assistant Policy Advisor
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Cooktown 2020 Cairns City Deal Management of the future of the GBR Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to FNQROC • Minister stressed the opportunity of ROC and appreciated the meeting • Karumba Air service under review – is critical for tourism. Trial has come to an end no clarity on future. • Gulf Development Road – conflict between industry and tourism vehicles / single lane Gilbert River Bridge • World White Water Rafting Championship and Cardstone Village • Cassowary Coast Tourism Strategy • Dunk Island sale and land tenure issues • Potential for subsidy for transitioning to LED lights • \$1m for Fishing Strategy • TCICA • Backhaul capacity of state infrastructure • Potential for Cape Passport to fund infrastructure for visitors • Cooktown 2020 • Croydon concept plan for inland MTB trail (\$2m construction) • Atherton MTB Park (\$2m) • Priors Creek development • Milla Milla Waterfall Circuit • Geo Tourism – trails and park • Kuranda Range Road <p>Potential visits to FNQ or future engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cairns next week for TEQ Baord Meeting • Destination Q – 16 November in C • Opening of Barramundi Centre (April 2019) • Golf Course event (potential)



Follow Up Actions

Cr James to send a copy of Shared Vision for Cairns when released.

Cr Andrews to liaise direct re direct engagement.

Thank you letter from Chair with standing invitation to meet with FNQROC when in the region.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr David Crisafulli MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Environment, Science and the GBR Shadow Minister for Tourism
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ Waste Levy Impacts on Councils Cooktown 2020 Cairns City Deal Management of the GBR Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Mossman Mill & Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intro to the role of FNQROC • Mr Crisafulli pushed that we need to 'hunt' in a pack – it is important! • Cooktown 2020 • Social Housing in Yarrabah • Croydon MTB Trail and roads to get there • Gulf Development Road • Gilbert River Project and Bridge • Cairns Shared Vision • Dunk Island • River Trusts – funds cut and water quality • Normanton to Karumba Fibre Optic link • Tablelands MTB Park – raise to gold standard • Priors Creek development • Milla Milla Water Falls Circuit • Kuranda Range Road • Particularly interested in City Deals, Waste Levy and GBR Management • Gave commitment to attend Cooktown 2020
Follow Up Actions	<p>Cr Scott to extend formal invitation to attend Cooktown 2020.</p> <p>Cr Bawden to send information re Normanton to Karumba.</p> <p>Cr James to send copy of Cairns Shared Vision once released.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair with standing invitation for further engagement in FNQ.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Curtis Pitt MP Hon Craig Crawford MP Mr Michael Healy MP Ms Cynthia Lui MP
Portfolio	Speaker of the House (Pitt) Minister for Emergency Services (Crawford) Members for Cairns, Cook, Barron River and Mulgrave
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ Update – S165 IR Act 2016 – Impacts Waste Levey Impacts on Councils National Partnership on Remote Housing Yarrabah Social Housing Cooktown 2020 Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project Cairns City Deal Management of the GBR Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Mossman Mill & Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	Roundtable luncheon held with Members to provide an overview of the role of FNQROC and discuss the above priorities. Additional project discussions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kuranda Range Road • Gulf Development Road and Gilbert River Bridge • Cairns Shared Vision • Rex – Transport subsidy • TCICA • Jobs and Regional Growth Fund
Follow Up Actions	Cr Bawden to contact Michael Freeman re subsidy trial (Kurumba). Thank you letter from Chair with standing invitation to attend FNQROC Board meeting and request to assist with facilitating meetings when Ministers in region.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Mick de Brenni
Portfolio	Minister for Housing & Public Works Minister for Digital Technology Minister for Sport
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Pickering, Andrews, James & Bawden
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ National Partnership on Remote Housing Yarrabah Social Housing
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sympathetic and supportive of roads partnership to secure ROSI funding • Intergenerational contribution to equity for home ownership. Renovate homes to enlarge. NPRH Guidelines softened. Verify rent-roll contribution. 25% household income. • Community sports facility. Minister advocates targeted regional sports funding. Grant reform.
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair including standing invitation to engage further when in region.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Dr Steven Miles
Portfolio	Minister for Health Minister Ambulance Services
Delegation Members	Cr's Paronella and Kimberley
Topics of Discussion	Boil water notices and implementation of health based targets

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Michael Hart MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Housing & Public Works Shadow Minister for Energy Shadow Minister for Innovation & Digital Economy
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Devlin and D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ National Partnership on Remote Housing Yarrabah Social Housing Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardstone Energy Project • Hellsgate (1200MW pumped hydro) • Gilbert River Project • Gulf Development Road / Kuranda Range • Tablelands Irrigation Project • Aged Care Facilities
Follow Up Actions	<p>Advised his office once Tablelands Irrigation Project Business Case has been sent to the Minister.</p> <p>Follow up opportunity to host Opposition Shadow Ministers in region during road trip. Planned for June/July 2019 (between Budget and Estimates) x 1 week in region.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair including standing invitation to further engage when in region.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr John-Paul Langbroek MP Mr David Batt MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Sport & Racing Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs Shadow Minister for the Commonwealth Games Shadow Assistant Minister for State Development
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Pickering, Andrews, Bawden and James
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ National Partnership on Remote Housing Yarrabah Social Housing Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project Cairns City Deal Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROSI need to State contribution of 80% of 20% • Kuranda Range Road imperative – supported by all. Key priority in study of geo-tech, design, planning from ROSI • NPRH – needs continuation with redo of guidelines. Home ownership is key to avoid \$90m pa repair bill. • Cairns City Deal • Dams are supported – Gilbert, Nullinga, Tully, Lakeland
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Leeanne Enoch MP
Portfolio	Minister for Environment and the GBR Minister for Science Minister for the Arts
Other Attendees	Angus Sutherland, Senior Policy Advisor
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project Cairns City Deal Management of the Future of the GBR Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided overview of the role of FNQROC • Weipa Port opportunities • Kuranda Range Road • Shared Vision for Cairns (Draft enabling projects) • Water Quality/Security for the region • Gilbert River Project • Campaign – Preserving the Wonder
Follow Up Actions	<p>Cr Andrews to invite Minister to Yarrabah region (03 Nov).</p> <p>Advisor to provide FNQROC with a copy of the Transhipping Policy.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair, including open invitation to visit the region</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Brent Mickelberg MP
Portfolio	Shadow Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Cooktown 2020 Cairns City Deal Management of the Future of the GBR Digital Connectivity / Fibre Optic Project Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the role of FNQROC • Kuranda Range Road • Croydon MTB Trails (\$2m) • Cooktown 2020 • Tablelands MTB to gold standard • Priors Creek Development • Milla Milla Waterfall Circuit • Normanton to Karumba Fibre Optic Project • Shared Vision for Cairns Regional Council • Yarrabah Social Housing • Gilbert River Project • Building Chalston Dam and laying fibre optic cable at same time
Follow Up Actions	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair including standing invitation to engage further in region.</p> <p>Send copy of Shared Vision for Cairns once released.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Ms Deb Frecklington MP Mr Tim Mander MP Mr Dale Last MP Ms Ann Leahy MP
Portfolio	Leader of the Opposition Deputy Leader of the Opposition / Shadow Treasurer Shadow Minister for Northern Queensland Shadow Minister for Local Government
Additional Attendees	Ian Andrew, Senior Policy Advisor
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Update – Road Planning and Investment in FNQ Update – S165 Industrial Relations Act 2016 Impacts Waste Levy Impacts on Councils National Partnership on Remote Housing Yarrabah Social Housing Cooktown 2020 Update – Gilbert River Irrigation Project Cairns City Deal Management of the Future of the GBR Digital Connectivity – Normanton to Karumba Fibre Optic Project Mossman Mill and Transitioning the Sugar Industry Tully Grandstand
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to FNQROC and the role of the organization • ROSI – 20% contribution, asking State to find • Kuranda Range Road – interested to know how many deaths on the range road • Yarrabah Social Housing and the management of social housing and supporting those community groups • Waste Levy • Normanton to Karumba fibre optic network • S165 Act impacts on councils • Shared Vision for Cairns • TCICA • Objection to Cape York Ore claim and Palmer futures • Gilbert River Project and Bridge + Gulf Development Road • Noted current State have five (5) new taxes (\$2.2B/year) • Opposition team happy for us to use them to leverage priorities. • Ms Frecklington in Cairns next week
Follow Up Actions	Thank you letter from Chair, including invitation to future FNQROC meetings.

	<p>Cr Scott as TCICA Chair to invite Ms Leahy MP to next meeting in Cairns (09 Nov)</p> <p>Send information relating to reality cases of implementing Waste Levy.</p> <p>Engage opposition team when additional leverage required per priority.</p>
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Executive	Ms Tania Hall
Title / Organisation	Director, Partnerships, Arts Queensland
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	Regional Arts Services Network (RASN)
Discussion Summary	<p>Roundtable discussions re RASN which is a result of state government funding commitment of \$6.5 million over four years from 2017-18, and is a new and innovative approach to delivering statewide arts services that will drive local priorities, boost local jobs and provide greater input and options for arts investment at a local level.</p> <p>The initiative has been designed with consideration of how arts can contribute to regional development across the state.</p> <p>More info: https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/regional-arts-services-network-outcomes</p>
Follow Up Actions	Ms Hall will be meeting with individual Council CEO's in region next week to discuss individual opportunities.

Executive	Mr Tim Dunn, Manager Ms Kim Mahoney, Executive Director Grants Review
Organisation	Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs
Contact Details	Tim.dunn@dlgrma.qld.gov.au Kim.mahoney@dlgrma.qld.gov.au
Delegation Members	ALL MAYORS
Topics of Discussion	<p>Workshop re Electoral Reform and Future Amendments to Balcarra.</p> <p>Workshop re Local Government Grants Reform</p>
Follow Up Actions	Obtain copy of presentation for wider circulation and future reference as needed.

