

MINUTES

Meeting No	20
Meeting	Regional Waste Management Group
Date	7 December 2018
Time	10:00 am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Committee Room, Level 3

1. Attendance

Name	Organisation
Morris Hamill	Mareeba Shire Council
Steve Cosatto	Cairns Regional Council(Arrived 10.55am)
Nigel Crumpton	Cairns Regional Council
Paul Hoye	Douglas Shire Council
Abbey Hastie	Douglas Shire Council
Lachlan Rankine	FNQROC

2. Apologies

Name	Organisation
Garry Pickering	Croydon Shire Council
Ben Hill	Carpentaria Shire Council
Amy Yates	Mareeba Shire Council
Jon Turner	Tablelands Regional Council
Gavin Rowan	Tablelands Regional Council
Gavin Hammond	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mike Haywood	Carpentaria Shire Council
Jim Straker	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Mark Wuth	Cairns Regional Council
Victor Mills	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Dawn Lake	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Jim Doidge	Cook Shire Council
Katherine Wiggins	Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

3. Guests

Name	Organisation
Rosie Savoca	Department of Environment and Science (Waste Levy Taskforce) – Via Conference Call
Ariane Milinovich	Department of Environment and Science (Waste Levy Taskforce) – Via Conference Call
Julian Chan	Department of Environment and Science

4. Draft Far North Queensland Waste Infrastructure Plan - Update

Mr Julian Chan updated the group on the status of the Draft Far North Queensland Waste Infrastructure Plan. The intent of the document was to provide better strategizing and planning in waste, with funding support. It was noted that this document will form a significant reference document for funding applications for infrastructure into the future.

Julian advised that he will send through an email requesting validation of the data and assumptions used/presented in the report to each of the councils to ensure the integrity of the report.

Action Item 20.1: Julian to send an email requesting validation of the data and assumptions used/presented in the Draft Far North Queensland Waste Infrastructure Report. Additionally, it was requested that councils confirm all connections/flow chart arrows/paths/directions etc. are correct for each relevant council.

Julian noted the report identifies top-down outcomes, recommending council officers utilise the report (and the abovementioned funding considerations) to support business cases/projects that have been previously considered, but capped/unsuccessful.

Action Item 20.2: Julian to send the final draft copy of the Draft Far North Queensland Waste Infrastructure Report to council officers for final review, and subsequent recommendations made to respective council management.

Subject to any changes/recommendations by councils, it is expected that DES will request in principle support of this document from the FNQROC Board in Late February/Early March.

5. Waste Levy Implementation Discussion

Rosie Savoca of the Levy Ready Taskforce was available to answer any queries relating to the implementation of the levy. It was noted that there was to be an announcement to be made around the Levy Ready Grants imminently. Funding media releases to include further detail on construction and demolition and the Transport Subsidy Program. For program queries, contact Marina Lusher, for MSW queries Ariane Milinovich and Michael Palandri and for Operational implementation queries, please contact Ariane Milinovich and Rosie Savoca.

Action Item 20.3: Arianne to send initial media release to Lachlan for re-distribution (noting further detail will be released Feb/March).

It was noted by councils that councils need time/timelines (i.e. surety to allow local governments to plan and develop and make investment decisions).

The department noted that councils will be required to begin providing Data/Quantities of general waste streams to allow DES to liaise with QTC to be ready for the disbursement of the 105% rebate.

Action Item 20.4: All councils to begin providing Data/Quantities of general waste streams to allow DES to liaise with QTC to be ready for the disbursement of the 105% rebate.

Other items also identified/discussed:

- Rebate calculation now calculated on financial year basis.
- Bill (Waste Levy and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018) to be debated in parliament in February
- Levy implementation date change – **Commencement to be 1st July 2019**
- Requirement for large sites to have weighbridges now to be by the **1st July 2019**
- Stage 1 Changes to ERA 53, ERA 60 and ERA 62 are now in place (introduced 23 November 2018)
 - Detail on these changes will be distributed via a fact sheet to be distributed with the minutes. **It is noted that stage 2 of these changes are required to be in place by 1st July 2019.**

6. Container Refund Scheme Implementation Discussion

Informal discussion was undertaken between council and the State. The following points of interest were noted:

- 51 million containers collected in 1 month (for comparison, NSW took approximately half that)
- Approx 3 billion containers used in Queensland a year.
- As of 1st November, 232 collection sites in operation.
- Significant issues have been experienced around communication/ consultation between COEX and the public (and consequently Councils). At a minimum, it was requested that the Container exchange website requires more information for the public, i.e., simple data:
 - Where can I return my containers(with accurate maps)?
 - Opening times and details of sites needs updating.

Action Item 20.5: Councils to provide FNQROC with feedback/requests for changes and Lachlan to collate and make a submission to DES on implementation/consultation issues.

7. General Business

7.1. Department of Environment and Science

- New department to be established : Department of Resource Recovery
- Department is also currently working on developing indigenous waste strategy. To be a combination of state and regional infrastructure plans. Announcement of the plan to be prior to March 2019. DES intention is to operate as the secretariat, facilitating councils ownership of the plan/works.

8. Acceptance of Previous Minutes – Meeting 19, 11 September 2018

No objections raised.

9. Actions arising from Previous Minutes – Meeting 17 (5 September 2017)

No.	ACTION	OWNER	STATUS	
19.1	Lachlan to raise the inclusion of recycled glass sand/aggregate in the next FNQROC development manual review.	Lachlan Rankine	Re-glass specified in Water/Sewer only(non-mandatory). Request put in for agg.	Complete
19.2	Lachlan to distribute the FNQ Waste Infrastructure Plan (PowerPoint) presentation to member Councils.	Lachlan Rankine	See Email- 11 Sept 2018	Complete
19.3	DES to provide formal correspondence to the intent, structure and timing for the feedback/consultation process. FNQROC to distribute this correspondence on receipt.	Julian Chan/DES	Current Meeting	Not Applicable. See item 20.2
19.4	Lachlan to distribute further information on the \$5million 'Levy Ready' funding and the \$100million Resource Recovery Industry Development Fund.	Lachlan Rankine	See Email- 11 Sept 2018	Complete
19.5	Lachlan to distribute the links to the containers for change website, and the current list of refund points.	Lachlan Rankine	See Email- 11 Sept 2018	Complete
19.6	Lachlan to review the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.	Lachlan Rankine	Amendments to advocacy briefs/efforts. Followed up during last Brisbane Delegation	Complete

10. Actions arising from this meeting

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20.2	Julian to send the final draft copy of the Draft Far North Queensland Waste Infrastructure Report to council officers for final review, and subsequent recommendations made to respective council management.	Julian Chan (DES)
20.3	Arianne to send initial media release to Lachlan for re-distribution(noting further detail will be released Feb/March).	Arianne Milinovich (DES)
20.4	All councils to begin providing Data/Quantities of general waste streams to allow DES to liaise with QTC to be ready for the disbursement of the 105% rebate.	All Councils
20.5	Councils to provide FNQROC with feedback/requests for changes and Lachlan to collate and make a submission to DES on implementation/consultation issues.	All Councils Lachlan Rankine

11. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

None

12. Next meeting

To be Advised – Late February.

13. Meeting Closed: 1pm

Unconfirmed