



## Strategic Economic Advocacy Update Report

<b>State or Federal</b>	Federal
<b>Date of Delegation</b>	17-20 September 2018
<b>Delegation Members</b> 	Cr Gilmore, FNQROC Chair + Mayor Mareeba Cr Scott, FNQROC Deputy Chair + Mayor Cook Cr Manning, Mayor Cairns Cr Kremastos, Mayor Cassowary Cr Paronella, Mayor Tablelands Cr Leu, Mayor Douglas Cr Devlin, Mayor Etheridge Cr Andrews, Mayor Yarrabah Cr Bawden, Mayor Carpentaria Cr Pickering, Mayor Croydon Mr Steven Linnane, CEO Hope Vale Ms Darlene Irvine, FNQROC Executive Officer

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry Shadow Minister for Rural and Regional Australia
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering and Bawden
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Water Security for the Region
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IQ-RAP - good project and discussing further with Hon Anthony Albanese MP</li> <li>• Good overview of Gilbert River Irrigation Scheme + highlighted Tablelands Irrigation Project</li> <li>• Spoke about Gulf Roads and Hann Highway</li> <li>• Discussed the need for reliable power and the infrastructure for power</li> <li>• Discussed Fibre Optic Project</li> <li>• Discussed Live cattle exports - assured us it's all</li> </ul>

	<p>good and they are not looking at ceasing them, however looking at putting a stop to Sheep exports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New system Livestock Global Assurance Program (LGAP) will replace ESCAS (existing protocols but there are problems with it)</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank-you letter from Chair


<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Hon Jason Clare MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos, Scott, Andrews Mr Linnane
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Water Security for the Region</p>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Ben (Advisor)
<b>Discussion Summary</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed Bruce Hwy extension</li> <li>Ageing Infrastructure</li> <li>Northern Australia implementation - ALP have intentions to do an update of the White paper.</li> <li>Blockage between Canberra and Brisbane</li> <li>Yarrabah and Hope Vale housing issue - skilled up - labor hope to have an announcement about this in the near future.</li> <li>Banks reluctant to lend in our region.</li> <li>Not recognizing local government elected representatives and Fed and State going to non-elected individuals/organisation for consultation rather than LG's.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Send FNQ Regional Roads Investment Strategy</p> <p>Thank you letter from Chair with specific invitation to visit the region.</p> <p>Explore suggestion to showcasing the region at a dinner etc. (i.e. Showcasing the North (NT) which is happening in parliament tonight and a variation of the planned FNQROC cocktail function in Brisbane)</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Senator Patrick Dodson
Portfolio	Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Andrews and Mr Linnane
Topics of Discussion	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>TCICA</p> <p>Social Housing – Yarrabah and NPRH</p> <p>Cooktown 2020</p>
Additional Attendees	Mr Kevin Keith (Advisor)
Discussion Summary	<p>Meeting limited to 10 minutes with key discussions on the above-mentioned topics, plus land tenure.</p> <p>Senator keen to attend a future TCICA meeting.</p>
Follow Up Actions	<p>Cr Peter Scott as secretariat of TCICA to invite Senator Dodson to a future meeting.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Warren Entsch MP
Portfolio	Federal Member for Leichhardt
Delegation Members	<p>Cr's Leu, Kremastos, Scott, Andrews, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Paronella</p> <p>Mr Linnane and Ms Irvine</p>
Topics of Discussion	<p>Introduction to FNQROC Delegation</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FAGS - directed us to continue discussions with Hon Michael McCormack MP</li> <li>Member raised Gilbert river progression</li> <li>Side stepped new 10-year program for NAPRH focused on annual allocation to the state to be used for this. Non-remote communities of Cherbourg, Yarrabah and Torres council will be included in any new program.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requested Housing and Growth figures from the State, but these have not been provided to date.</li> <li>• \$3.7 billion roads allocation - want designs and costings for SMITHFIELD bypass, Kuranda, Cairns port dredging and further PDR work. Asked for a costing on the Jardine Bridge as well.</li> <li>• Noted that Aged care funding is available</li> <li>• Cooktown 2020 – the Member has spoken to the Prime Minister who is a history buff and the PM wants to visit Cooktown. Funding application is being assessed.</li> <li>• Cr Scott asked the Member to match the State funding for 2020, David Kempton (RDA Chair) should be following this up.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Continue discussions re FAGs with Hon McCormack MP as directed by Member.</p> <p>Follow up opportunity for Prime Minister to be part of Cooktown 2020 and Cr Scott to follow up RDA Chair re matched funding.</p> <p>Send costings and designs for road works, including Jardine Bridge.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair.</p>

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Minister Michael McCormack MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Deputy Prime Minister Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Leu
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Mossman Mill / Sugar Mill
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Hon Bill Shorten MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Leader of the Opposition Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Mr Guy Ragen, Policy Adviser
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Manning, Kremastos, Scott, Andrews Mr Linnane / Ms Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ TCICA Social Housing – Yarrabah and NPRH Cooktown 2020
<b>Discussion Summary</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNQ RRIS complimentary to IQRAP</li> <li>• Social housing</li> <li>• NAPARI -they will match the State and Labor will support LNP on NAPARI</li> <li>• FAGS - can't sit there and say they'll go to 1% but they do support an increase.</li> <li>• What they need are our priorities - what we are currently doing is the right thing.</li> <li>• Hon Shorten MP is interested in regional airports, noting Mundoo needs an extension - needs to be put on a FNQROC wish list.</li> <li>• ALP is looking at the NAIF concept and developing something different.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Develop brief on regional airports (Mundoo extension) Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Pat Conroy MP
Portfolio	Shadow Assistant Minister for Infrastructure Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy
Delegation Members	Cr's Manning, Kremastos
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Water and Energy Security
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNQROC region</li> <li>• GBR</li> <li>• Infrastructure and tourism spend</li> <li>• FAGs</li> <li>• Renewable energy opportunities</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Ms Lisa Chesters MP
Portfolio	Shadow Assistant Minister for Workplace Relations Shadow Assistant Minister for Rural & Regional Australia
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden and Leu and D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary	<p>Overview of FNQROC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed Roads, Water and Communications</li> <li>• Ms Chester asked if we have done any economic modelling of these. We advised we are working on this now, including the FNQ regional roads investment strategy</li> </ul> <p>Overview of FNQ Region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Chester confirmed her knowledge of the region and her focus on workforce development in agriculture, delivery of services, including cost factors and strategies to get the population to stay</li> </ul> <p>Overview of TRC</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• overview of agriculture and cattle fattening</li> <li>• Agreed water storage is an issue, discussed Tablelands Irrigation project</li> </ul> <p>Overview of Croydon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 300 people and the size of Tasmania (500 people per week during tourist season)</li> <li>• 30km of single lane bitumen and single lane bridge at the Gilbert</li> <li>• Live cattle exports</li> <li>• Ms Chested noted that we should thank Hon Snowden MP as we will now never see a ban on live cattle exports again)</li> </ul> <p>Overview of Douglas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed potential closure of Mossman Mill, new proposal and the impact on the community if it does close</li> <li>• Lisa advised Labor has 2 funding opportunities available if elected (around Food and Fibre manufacturing). Ms Chester advised Cr Leu to approach Senator Carr and Mr Mark Buttler MP to try and get a commitment from Labor and then ask LNP to match it. Ms Chester will send undying information to Cr Leu.</li> </ul> <p>Overview of Carpentaria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Norm Anton to Karumba fibre optic - looking for \$1mil. Ms Chester will provide Briefing Note on Karumba Fibre Optic to Mr Steven Jones MP who had to cancel today's meeting due to unforeseen circumstances.</li> <li>• Labor has a fund focused on fishing for the upgrade of facilities etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Follow Up Actions</b></p>	<p>Cr Leu to approach Hon Mark Butler MP, Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy and Senator the Hon Kim Carr to get a commitment from Labor and then ask LNP to match. (Ms Chester to provide info).</p> <p>Ensure briefing note re Karumba Fibre Optic supplied to Mr Stephen Jones MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Communications + Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Minister Peter Dutton MP
Portfolio	Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Andrews and Mr Linnane D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Additional Attendees	Advisor (Sandy)
Discussion Summary	<p>Overview of the region and why we are all here</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of FNQ RRIS and communication blackspots</li> <li>• Discussed Mossman Sugar Mill proposal</li> <li>• Discussed FAGS and reasoning</li> <li>• NAPHA - impact on Yarrabah, Cherbourg and Torres housing and not being considered remote. Highlighted two (2) issues to take to the Prime Minister. (1) needs to be a 10-year program not year to year and (2) Include Yarrabah, Cherbourg and Torres.</li> <li>• 51st battalion in Cairns is recruiting indigenous which is congratulated. Advancing surveillance up North using indigenous areas is also great.</li> <li>• Capacity for Defence in Weipa.</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair



Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Shayne Neumann MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Immigration and Border Protection
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Andrews and Mr Linnane
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Cape specific border protection issues
Additional Attendees	Jesse Northfield, Chief of Staff
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAGS - supportive of 1% increase</li> <li>• Indigenous LG - supportive of capacity building</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAPRHI - supportive - minimum 5-year commitment and should be inclusive of non-remote regions (Yarrabah, Cherbourg, Torres)</li> <li>Border Security - Keen on traditional owner rangers and Weipa Naval Base</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Hon Mark Butler MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore Manning, Kremastos and Leu
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Water and Energy Security for the Region</p>
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair


<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Senator David Fawcett</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Assistant Minister for Defence
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos + D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vast amount of work is done in the committees - don't look at question time and think that is how it is.</li> <li>Spoke about Defence in Cairns and port expansion</li> <li>FAGS - his response is that 1% of the pie 20 years ago is significantly more than 1% of the pie today - perhaps look at the \$value.</li> <li>Discussed Mossman Mill project</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send information re Cairns and PNG Rugby, as may be

	<p>linkages with Defence industry.</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair, including open invitation to visit the region</p>
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Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Chris Bowen MP
Portfolio	Shadow Treasurer
Delegation Members	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos + D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided Cassowary overview and the impact of panama TR4, particularly on the Banana industry</li> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Mossman Mill Project</li> <li>• GBR (ALP will take back whatever funding hasn't been committed and invest it into the GBR in other ways)</li> <li>• HMAS Cairns</li> <li>• Cardstone project</li> <li>• Nullinga Dam project</li> <li>• Shaping Cairns</li> <li>• Cairns Gallery Precinct</li> <li>• Labor will have NAIF for tourism Infrastructure</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Warren Snowdon MP
Portfolio	<p>Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Health</p> <p>Shadow Assistant Minister for Northern Australia</p> <p>Shadow Assistant Minister for External Territories</p> <p>Shadow Assistant Minister for the Centenary of ANZAC</p>
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Scott, and Andrews + Mr Steve Linnane
Topics of Discussion	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>

<b>Discussion Summary</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreed to attend if possible the joint meeting of ROC and the Torres Councils when arranged.</li> <li>• Spoke in support re the need for better infrastructure – Roads, Water etc.</li> <li>• Very interested in our ROC and asked the right questions.</li> <li>• Very much in favor of IQ-RAP and developing North Australia.</li> <li>• Discussed Nullinga Dam, Gilbert Dam, Tableland Irrigation Project, Water Security for the region, Normanton to Karumba telecommunication, and Beef Road funding (Ootan Road).</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Thank you letter from Chair, including invitation to future FNQROC meetings.


Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Tony Burke MP
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Environment & Water
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Scott and D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Water Security for the Region Yellow Crazy Ants Urban Reef Rivers (Requested by MP)
<b>Discussion Summary</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed Nullinga Dam</li> <li>• CSIRO report on Mitchell catchment</li> <li>• Gilbert River irrigation scheme</li> <li>• Gilbert River Bridge</li> <li>• Tourist impacts on infrastructure on the likes of Georgetown and Croydon. Croydon pop is 300, however they get 300 tourists a night during tourist season and they need to provide infrastructure to support them.</li> <li>• Road network in the region</li> <li>• Use of river ports for container freight (i.e. Weipa)</li> </ul> <p>Summary points from Shadow Minister:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Never been more approvals (value) than when ALP was in government</li> <li>• LNP haven't built a dam, but ALP has (look at Tasmania)</li> </ul>

	Cape York world heritage- entirety is not their intention, ALP only looking at a small area.
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan MP</b>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Ms Anne Stunzner, Senior Advisor
<b>Portfolio</b>	Minister for Resources and Northern Australia
<b>Delegation Members</b>	ALL MAYORS + Mr S Linnane and D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
<b>Discussion Summary</b>  	<p>Provided an overview of the FNQROC region and key priorities as outlined above.</p> <p><u>Roads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ROSI consultations in TOWNSVILLE (Oct/Nov) need to put roads forward by all, including FNQROC priority roads. Keen to get ROSI allocated. Invitation to be extended to D Irvine.</li> <li>• Discussions re Kuranda range road, Gulf Development Road, Ootann Road and Gilbert River bridge</li> <li>• Infrastructure Australia doing a review - need to get our priorities included in this review.</li> <li>• 80/20 - councils struggle to match the 20% particularly smaller councils (Canavan suggested getting the State to contribute the 20% if it is a road).</li> <li>• FNQROC questioned if we need to keep pushing the PDF? Minister's office to advise further.</li> <li>• Extension of the national highway</li> </ul> <p><u>Water:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSIRO study into Mitchell Catchment - nation building projects</li> <li>• Nullinga Dam coming to end of business case, hoping the report will be released soon for funding.</li> <li>• Tablelands irrigation project</li> <li>• Johnstone river diversion 1-2km pipeline - no costings - need to do feasibility study.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gilbert River Irrigation Project</li> <li>• Lakeland</li> <li>• Northern water fund is exhausted; Minister is trying to get this replenished. Loan facility is still available.</li> <li>• Story re ABS value on agriculture - study in central highlands discovered the study was out by 85% (\$1.5b vs \$47b)</li> </ul> <p><u>Mossman Mill Proposal</u> - Minister is aware. They are currently assessing Building Better Regions shortlist, but they don't make the final decision. Should consider going through NAIF.</p> <p><u>Cassowary Coast</u> - diversification and developed strategies to do this, tourism, world rafting championships May 2019</p> <p><u>Energy</u> - Cardstone Project. Minister is concerned that FNQ doesn't have base load power. What he wants to see are generational projects - if we can't produce cheap energy we can lift manufacturing. PNG hydro project (Fred Moule) wants to generate there and send to Australia. Cobalt and Nickel are burgeoning. Cr Bawden spoke about our transmission infrastructure is substandard.</p> <p><u>Yarrabah Projects</u> - Cr Andrews spoke about the Yarrabah jetty, tourism, Safety of the range (Yarrabah) Road and social housing.</p> <p>TCICA and its legitimacy</p> <p><u>Hope Vale</u> - Hope Vale social housing and digital connectivity - 2 megabits/sec in council, 1300 people and 34megsbits per second. Tried twice with Building Better Regions.</p> <p><u>Northern Australia</u> Having difficulty with Queensland State Government - have been rolling out projects in NT and WA but not Qld.</p> <p>Minister is getting frustrated with the negativity around Northern Australia white paper and delivery, noting it is a 30-year plan and some projects have been actioned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hann Highway</li> <li>• PDR</li> <li>• Others</li> <li>• Obtained \$1.5bil of the \$3.5bil for ROSI (Southern counterparts are not happy about this).</li> </ul>
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	Queensland Native Vegetation laws are a big frustration.
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Follow up Anne Stunzner to obtain invite to ROSI Consultation in Townsville for Darlene to attend (Oct/Nov)</p> <p>Follow up Anne Stunzner re Infrastructure Australia Audit to ensure FNQROC priorities are included.</p> <p>Follow up Anne Stunzner re Johnstone Diversion Pipeline federal information and have sent to Cr Paronella.</p> <p>Follow up Anne Stunzner to see if FNQROC need to continue to push PDR</p> <p>Cr Scott to send Anne Stunzner information relating to sea freight costs.</p>

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Hon Anthony Albanese MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development Shadow Minister for Tourism
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Manning, Leu, Kremastos, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Paronella and D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Management of GBR into the Future</p> <p>Cairns specific projects</p>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Phoebe (Adviser)
<b>Discussion Summary</b> 	<p>Discussion re:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNQ RRIS</li> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Mossman Mill proposal (Shadow Minister advised he would try to progress announcements / decisions)</li> <li>• Shadow Minister will be in Cairns 8-9 October</li> <li>• GBR and indigenous involvement</li> <li>• Normanton to Karumba fibre optic project</li> <li>• Gilbert river irrigation project</li> <li>• Cairns gallery precinct</li> <li>• Cardstone project</li> <li>• Cairns Port master plan</li> <li>• Nullinga dam</li> <li>• Gilbert river bridge and gulf development road</li> </ul>

<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair</p> <p>Send Briefing Notes to Phoebe</p> <p>Follow up Shadow Minister re Mossman Mill</p> <p>Follow up further engagement with Shadow Minister whilst in Cairns 8-9 October – invite to Board meeting.</p>
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<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Mr Lachlan Hunter</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Communications Adviser to Senator McKenzie, Minister for Regional Services, Sport, Local Government and De-centralisation
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	<p>Mr Simon Furey, Adviser</p> <p>Ms Catherine Bergin, Chief of Staff</p>
<b>Delegation Members</b>	<p>Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden and Kremastos</p> <p>D Irvine</p>
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistant Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Normanton to Karumba Fibre Optic Project</p> <p>Regional Communications (other topics within the Minister's portfolio can be raised and Lachlan will take to the Minister)</p>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Minister may join meeting if time allows
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<p>Round 4 blackspot announced. LG, State Government to upload black spots into spreadsheet. State has to be supportive as well. NBN Sky-muster not working.</p> <p>Government services good to use to understand network issues.</p> <p>Mobile black spot in Gilbert (Round 1) - huge money invested but only 2-3km radius and in a 'hole'. Lachlan advises it should be 35km radius and would like the information on this one to be sent to him.</p> <p>\$10mil provided for dam (Forsyth to Georgetown) will pay for fibre optic while they are doing the works but Telstra says no, it won't use it. Answer, engage with NBN as well.</p> <p>Any tower build issues send to Lachlan, they want to know; especially if they can use existing Infrastructure but want to build another.</p> <p>VAST commonwealth funding will continue and include</p>

	<p>addition HD. Only 2 issues identified - problem for hotels (as they need one for each room and they blew up in a lightning storm). Lightning issue can be sorted through special arrangements just need details of this and send to Lachlan.</p> <p>TULLY Multiuser Sporting Complex \$500,000 application Johnston River Revitalisation Program - funding for study.</p>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Cr Devlin to send to Lachlan Hunter details about Gilbert box and location an issue with VAST boxes.</p> <p>ALL Mayors to advise Lachlan Hunter if your region is having tower issues (i.e. new tower when existing Infrastructure could be used or the telco is being difficult).</p> <p>Send thank you letter from Chair</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Richard Marles MP
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Defence
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos + D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Cairns Defence interests</p>
<b>Discussion Summary</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to FNQROC and region</li> <li>• FAGs</li> <li>• Asked about Advance Cairns relationship</li> <li>• Ports and Defence in Cairns</li> <li>• In the diary for him to come up to Cairns (Nov)</li> <li>• The Pacific has come back into vogue - he asked about our relationship with PNG</li> <li>• Discussion re PNG League</li> <li>• Cairns is a huge part of the PNG Story</li> <li>• Likely Cairns will be used as a base for APEC</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Thank you letter from Chair</p> <p>Follow up engagement opportunity with Shadow Minister for November 2018.</p> <p>Opportunities for Economic Development focused around APEC base.</p>



<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Mr Matt Williams (Adviser to Minister Birmingham)</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Manning and Kremastos
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Management of the GBR into the Future
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair


<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Assistant Minister Michelle Landry MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Assistant Minister for Children and Families
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden + D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Local stories form remote Qld
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair


Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Senator Anthony Chisholm
Portfolio	Queensland Senator
Delegation Members	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos + D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Roads</li> <li>• Feral pigs through senate yesterday</li> <li>• Senator expects to be in the region in October</li> <li>• GBR Management</li> <li>• Mossman Mill Project - funding application in but timing of advice for 1st round EOI has been pushed out likely due to election the project needs support earlier than this. Is there any other funding? Senator will work with Cr Leu to put some pressure on Shadows to get the government to act.</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair.</p> <p>Follow up opportunity to engage in October in region.</p> <p>Cr Leu to follow up with Senator re Mossman Mill project.</p>

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Stephen Jones MP
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for Regional Communications Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Senator Claire Moore
Portfolio	Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific
Delegation Members	Cr's Manning, Leu, Kremastos and D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p> <p>Cairns and Cassowary specific issues / opportunities</p>
Discussion Summary	<p>FAGS - Senator understands Councils don't have the rates base and suggested it would be good to build relationship with Hon Mark Butler MP.</p> <p>Water security - important and impacts on community when allocation to agriculture reduces by 50%</p> <p>Mossman Mill proposal - alternative funding avenues; Senators advice is to focus on Joel Fitzgibbon MP as Shadow.</p> <p>Panama t4 and world rafting championships 2019</p> <p>Cooktown 2020 event - Senator is happy to support</p> <p>Linkages to PNG and Vanuatu.</p> <p>Senator is concerned about Backpackers being forced into country areas for visas but acknowledged our region was a bad place for this.</p> <p>Senator advised the support networks in our region were good.</p>
Follow Up Actions	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair.</p> <p>Follow up Joel Fitzgibbon re Mossman Mill as suggested by Senator.</p> <p>Cr Scott to invite Senator to Cooktown 2020 event.</p>




<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Senator Murray Watt</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Senator for Queensland
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden and D Irvine
<b>Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
<b>Discussion Summary</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• 20% contribution to funding grants - inability for small councils to contribute 20% for big projects</li> <li>• Nullinga dam</li> <li>• Tablelands irrigation project</li> <li>• Gilbert river irrigation project</li> <li>• Genex</li> <li>• The senator has been trying to get to an FNQROC meeting</li> <li>• Will have a senator in NQ after the next elections</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	Send thank you letter from Chair and extend invitation to attend FNQROC meeting.

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Nigel Scullion MP
Portfolio	Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Delegation Members	Cr's Scott, Andrews and Mr Linnane
<b>Topics of Discussion</b> 	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ TCICA Social Housing – Yarrabah and NPRH Cooktown 2020
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FNQROC ROI</li> <li>• TCICA alignment with FNQROC</li> <li>• Support of LG</li> <li>• NAPHARI - LGAQ has information</li> <li>• \$140m in forward payment - State has until 2020</li> <li>• NAHA has 10%</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair Follow up Minister re brief to FNQROC re NAPHARI

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Mr Steve Irons MP
Portfolio	Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister
Delegation Members	Cr Scott, Cr Andrews, Mr Linnane
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Hon Darren Chester MP
Portfolio	Minister for Veterans Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel Deputy Leader of the House
Delegation Members	Cr Manning, Cr Leu, Cr Kremastos
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Discussion Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future of HMAS Cairns as a base and Cairns as the ideal location for Defence families</li> <li>• Tourism and sugar industry</li> <li>• Mossman Sugar mill funding</li> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Importance of road investment to tourism and economic development</li> <li>• Minister suggested the region shouldn't be worried about funding in Defence</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Minister Angus Taylor MP
Portfolio	Minister for Energy
Delegation Members	Cr Manning + Cr Kremastos
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ Water & Energy Security for the Region
Discussion Summary	Awaiting summary of meeting notes
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Senator the Hon Mathias Cormann
Portfolio	Minister for Finance & Public Service
Delegation Members	Cr's Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden, Scott and D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ
Additional Attendees	Catherine (Advisor)
Discussion Summary	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normanton to Karumba fibre optic Project</li> <li>• Gulf development road and Gilbert river bridge</li> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Gilbert River Irrigation Project</li> <li>• Roads and impact on cattle, produce and efficiency</li> <li>• TCICA - Palmer futures, NAPHARI, need to support and encourage indigenous LG not erode.</li> <li>• Beef roads funding</li> <li>• 80/20 funding and impact on smaller councils to provide 20% on big projects</li> <li>• ROSI</li> <li>• Kuranda range road</li> </ul>
Follow Up Actions	Send thank you letter from Chair Send details on Gulf Development Road and Gilbert River bridge (if possible, include turnover details that Hon Warren Entsch MP spoke about)

Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator	Simon Frost, Senior Advisor to Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Treasurer
Portfolio	Treasurer
Delegation Members	Cr Gilmore, Paronella, Devlin, Pickering, Bawden D Irvine
Topics of Discussion	Introduction to FNQROC Financial Assistance Grants Digital Connectivity Road Planning & Investment in FNQ

<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Simon Frost is a new addition to the team</li> <li>• Introduction to FNQROC and 5 priority areas</li> <li>• FAGS</li> <li>• Gilbert River Irrigation Project</li> <li>• Mitchell River</li> <li>• Supporting infrastructure – roads and water</li> <li>• Digital connectivity</li> <li>• IQRAP</li> <li>• Normanton to Karumba Fibre Optic Project</li> <li>• Our dependency on water and changing climate having an impact on water storage.</li> <li>• Nullinga Dam</li> <li>• Tablelands Irrigation Project</li> <li>• Noted that need to see the region for themselves and will work with Hon Frydenberg's office to arrange</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair</p> <p>Follow up with invitation for Mr Frost and Hon Frydenberg to visit region and engage with FNQROC.</p>

<b>Minister/Shadow Minister/Senator</b>	<b>Mr Mark Butler MP</b>
<b>Portfolio</b>	Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Energy
<b>Delegation Members</b>	Cr Gilmore, Manning, Kremastas and D Irvine
<b>Proposed Topics of Discussion</b>	<p>Introduction to FNQROC</p> <p>Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Digital Connectivity</p> <p>Road Planning &amp; Investment in FNQ</p>
<b>Additional Attendees</b>	Tom Skladdzien (Advisor)
<b>Discussion Summary</b>	<p>Energy</p> <p>Tourism</p> <p>GBR</p> <p>Cardstone Project</p>
<b>Follow Up Actions</b>	<p>Send thank you letter from Chair</p> <p>Cr Gilmore to send Briefing Note re Cardstone project</p>



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