

MINUTES

Meeting No.	1
Meeting	Navua Sedge Select Committee
Date	12 December 2018
Time	11:00am – 12:00 pm
Venue	Teleconference

Attendees: Tudor Tanase TRC, Cr Jeff Baines CCRC, Rebecca Morello BQ, Matt Buckman HSC, Cr Wally Skinner HSC, Scott Morrison TRC, Travis Sydes FNQROC.

- 1. Apologies:** Wayne Vogler BQ, Rob Cobon BQ, Cr Kate Milton HSC, Damon Sydes CCRC,
- 2. Introductions:**
- 3. 2019 sitting dates and format:** The planned sitting of the committee was discussed in more detail (including setting a date and venue for 2019).
 - Session one (day one) will focus on better understanding the invasive biology and physiology of Navua sedge and how that influences the management options which are available across the range of situation where it occurs.
 - Session two (day two) will focus on better understanding the impacts on a range of land uses and sectors through land owners, managers and subject experts providing testimonials of their experiences

Key discussion points:

There was consensus that the proposed format and content of the two day format was suited to the purpose of the committee. A back to back date was agreed to.

Actions:

Dates: Proposed dates in the week beginning March 18 – March 19-20

Venue: Innisfail was selected as the most central location (TRC also offered to host).

- 4. Benefit/cost analysis** - Develop the project deliverables/specifications for FNQROC Board action #3, commission an appropriately qualified consultancy to collate a benefit/cost analysis to better understand the resource and economic implications of managing Navua sedge within council controlled lands. (Draft scope of works attached).

Key discussion points:

The value of synthesising what we already know into one location was identified as a high priority of the committee and reporting process. It was agreed that the proposed benefit/cost/optimisation study was an appropriate investment for the purpose; and could form a key element of due diligence for decisions relating to Navua sedge and related issues. The base data provided by TRC provides a

valuable insight into current management practice and it is therefore useful to consider how the scope of works can include a review/analysis of this works program as a case study. Other important considerations included;

- Results need to be designed in such a way they can to be integrated into both decision making and operations.
- Findings and recommendations need to be transferrable to other councils.
- The processes and products used/developed in the delivery of the select committee need to be transferable to other biosecurity scenarios (species, situations and locations).
- Results could be well suited to optimising the delivery of current works as well as providing guidance to decisions relating to future or planned works.
- Two key products which could be packaged within the brief were identified; a framework which could guide decision making in new locations/situations; and a guide for sustainable investment via a clearer understanding of the management considerations and options.
- The successful consultancy would most likely play a role in the design of the final brief in line with their expertise.

5. Chairing of the committee (Terms of reference attached)

After some discussion it was agreed a chair is required for the select committee; and was recommended that the chair for the committee be provided by FNQROC to maintain independence from any single council. Secretariat support for the minuting proceedings would be required and could be provided by FNQROC or participating council.

Actions:

Chair: Chair of the committee will be provided by FNQROC (Travis Sydes).

Minuting: ascertain if this can be provided by FNQROC and if not then support to be provided by a participating council.

Communications to council: committee members will be responsible for communicating the outcomes of the select committee process to their respective council (with support from the chair).

Reporting and authoring of select committee outcomes: principal authoring of reports will be provided by FNQROC with the expectation that committee members contribute as co-author.

6. Invited guests and stakeholder conversations

Key discussion points:

The stakeholders and contributors considered important to the select committee process were discussed, the following expertise were identified;

Session one

Expertise	Recommended delegate/agency/industry
Biocontrol	Dhileepan BQ
Herbicide	BQ research team (Wayne Vogler)
Pasture management	ASQ science team- QDAF
Council operations	TRC
Roadside management and planning	DTMR

Session two

Expertise	Recommended delegate/agency/industry
Grazing (fattening)	
Grazing (dairy)	
Sugar production	
Banana production	

Actions:

Committee members to sound out potential delegates prior to them being formally invited to participate (requests will need to be sent in the first week of March, following meeting #2 of the committee by teleconference)

7. Land Protection Fund EOI for research project (2017-18 application attached).

Key discussion points:

There was consensus that a submission to the LPF (or other research program) would be better made once the outcomes and key recommendations of the select committee are finalised.

Actions:

Gap analysis: complete gap analysis via the benefit/cost consultancy and the compile key recommendations from the select committee process prior to seeking resources to conduct further research.

8. General Business

9. Next meeting

Next meeting (via teleconference) in first week of March
Proposed sitting of the select committee - March 19-20

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