

MINUTES

Meeting No.	37
Meeting	Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
Date	21 March 2019
Time	9:00am – 2:00 pm
Venue	Committee Room, level 3, Cairns Regional Council

- Attendance:** Jade Monda CRC, Leah Nugent CRC, Lewis DeFranciscis CRC, Dave Vettoretto HSC, Matt Buckman HSC, Damon Sydes CCRC, Max Grimbacher CCRC, Peter Logan DSC, Brad Everett DSC, Amy Yates MSC, Scott Morrison TRC, Bart Dryden Terrain NRM, Michael Graham BQ, Travis Sydes FNQROC
- Apologies:** Cr Kate Milton, Darryn Higgins CSC, Cr Jeffery Baines, Rob Cobon BQ, Darlene Irvine FNQROC, Ken Golbey TRC
- Guests:** Rebecca Morello BQ (by phone for item 7), Tony O'Malley Terrain NRM
- Acceptance of previous meeting minutes**
Mover: Scott Morrison
Seconder: Damon Sydes

5. Actions from Previous Meeting

No.	ACTION	OWNER	COMPLETE?
36.1	<p>Technology and tools for vertebrate pest management</p> <p>NAMAC to consider in more detail how to develop training packages and skill sharing to further enabling the uptake of technologies and tools which assist operations.</p>	NAMAC	N – discuss in agenda item relating to Our Natural Assets strategy implementation
36.2	<p>1080, previous submission</p> <p>Travis circulate previous communications regarding 1080 regulation to NAMAC</p>	1. FNQROC	Y
36.3	<p>Land Protection Fund - upcoming submissions</p> <p>1. Prepare revised Aleman grass herbicide tech. application;</p> <p>2. Utilise Navua sedge select committee process to further refine application relating to herbicide and adjuvant tech. for sedge</p>	1. FNQROC 2. FNQROC and NSSC	Underway (updated in the agenda)
36.4	<p>'Our natural assets'– Submit regional natural asset management strategy to FNQROC Board for endorsement at December meeting.</p>	1. FNQROC	Y

- Correspondence - Communication from Northern Gulf RMG regarding participation and engagement with NAMAC
- Biosecurity Queensland – LPF, policy and programs update – Rebecca Morello, BQ

Ms Morello provided an overview of projects funded under the Better Partnerships and Queensland Feral Pest Initiative.

- Better Partnerships is delivering two pilot projects – Dry Tropics and WBBROC. Project will expand in latter stages to develop guidance around the governance structures and process.
- QLD Feral Pest Initiative Round #1 is now wrapped up. FNQROC councils were not eligible for round #2 (drought declared and cluster fencing focus)

...& delivered a detailed overview of the Land Protection fund history and develop of the co-investment model including the calculation methodology. Key points for councils were:

- Original calculation method was developed in 2000/2001. The calculation result (not the calculation method) from 2001 + CPI was then used to calculate annual contributions up until present. i.e. the contributing elements have not been updated for 17 years, only the CPI
- The 2001 calculation methodology was derived from 75% gross value of production (GVP) and 25 % Rates revenue for each LGA
- After evaluating a range of parameters the State Oversight Group (SOG) consented on a revised calculation methodology of GVA 57.5%, general rates 32.5%, current infestation 10% & potential infestation 0% (potential infestation is not yet developed)
- A \$20 per capita contribution cap was also introduced
- A 3 year staged transition was agreed to – it is now proposed to begin in next financial year with 100% new method introduced at end of three years
- Give the delay in recalculation the contribution, rates for next financial year is maintained at previous year +CPI.

The increase in previously consulted figures is driven by two elements:

- The on ground rabbit research component was erroneously omitted from the calculation consulted on in 2018 report provided to councils
- The GVA contribution was recalculated when the new data from ABS was released (previously this was based on 2011 data)

What councils need to know?

- There is 12 month period in which to further consult with councils regarding the LPF contribution. Contributions and methods adopted are not set in stone
- The state welcome feedback from concerned councils or councils particularly where significant changes in their contribution has occurred
- If warranted the SOG may requested to revise the calculation methodology or address issues raised

Action: FNQROC provide updates on any alterations or consultation planned through the SOG

8. Taskforce update – taskforce planning for 2019

YCA taskforce target and scheduling will be determined once program funding is identified

Action: FNQROC prepare pro-forma for regional taskforce submissions prior to next NAMAC meeting.

9. LPF projects and preparation of proposals for next round of EOI's- Aleman grass control efficacy project EOI approval for the Land Protection Fund. An update was provided and discussed.

- The Aleman grass control efficacy project will be the single application that to be lodged this year
- The Navua sedge control tools application will be held over to next round so it can incorporate the R&D recommendations from the Navua sedge select committee process
- More lead-in time is required to develop the proposed feral cat proposal

Action: FNQROC circulate final Aleman grass project proposal to NAMAC out of session

10. NLP II and NRIP investment strategies – Terrain NRM

- Two projects under NLP II, Woodlands and Rainforests
- Woodland project underway responding to mahogany glider and fire ecology
- Rainforest project focused on Cassowary, Mabi and Littoral Rainforests
- Project consultation and development for the NLP II investments will commence post July

NRIP project (DNRM)- condition and extent of native vegetation

- Pilot project approach to address native vegetation target via priority weeds
- Terrain and FNQROC collaborating with the NAMAC to develop the decision support and project prioritisation (*the process itself is an outcome the project)
- Single day workshop planned for week of the 13th May (15th or 16th)
- Project is funded for 4 years
- Draft conceptual framework discussed

Action: 1. Develop and circulate framework for projects 2. Set date for project workshop 3. Individual councils development project proposals to be tabled at the workshop

11. Regional feral pig management, update on CCRC program – Max Grimbacher CCRC

Mr Grimbacher provided an overview of the CCRC feral pig program

12. Board Directed Projects update - AMWS and Weed Spread Prevention network update, Navua sedge select committee

Mr Sydes provided an update on Board directed projects including planned sitting dates for the Navua sedge select committee and Animal Management (local laws) technical committee

13. Our natural assets strategic framework – adopted by FNQROC

http://www.fnqroc.qld.gov.au/files/media/original/004/470/b1b/241/FNQROC_Our-natural-assets_regional-strategic-framework-2018_version-1.6.pdf

14. General business

- QLD Pest and Weeds Symposium <https://event.icebergevents.com.au/paws-2019>

15. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

16. Next meeting (date clash with PAWS means next meeting will require rescheduling)

NAMAC dates for 2019 - March 21, ~~May 25~~ (to be rescheduled), August 22, and November 21.

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37.2	Taskforce proposal pro forma Prepare pro-forma for regional taskforce submissions prior to next NAMAC meeting	FNQROC
36.2	LPF EOI's FNQROC circulate final Aleman grass project proposal to NAMAC out of session	FNQROC
36.3	NRIP NRM investment 1. Develop and circulate framework for projects 2. Set date for project workshop 3. Individual councils development project proposals to be tabled at the workshop	1 FNQROC/Terrain 2 FNQROC/Terrain 3 NAMAC

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