



## MINUTES OF THE 138TH BOARD MEETING

MONDAY 14 October 2019 @ 09:00am at

Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council, Cairns

REPRESENTATIVES:	Cr Tom Gilmore, Mayor, <b>Chair</b>	Mareeba Shire Council
	Cr Bob Manning, Mayor	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Jack Bawden, Mayor	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr John Kremastos, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Julia Leu, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Warren Devlin, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Ramon Jayo, Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
	Cr Joe Paronella, Mayor	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
CEO'S:	Mr John Andrejic, CEO	Cairns Regional Council
	Mr Mark Crawley, CEO	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
	Mr Mark Stoermer, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
	Mr David Munro, CEO	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Leon Yeatman, CEO	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
OBSERVERS:	Cr Bradley Hawkins	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr Craig Young	Carpentaria Shire Council
	Cr Ted Loudon	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Tony Gallagher	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Mary Brown, Deputy Mayor	Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Cr Lenore Wyatt

Mareeba Shire Council

Ms Jennifer McCarthy

Mareeba Shire Council

**INVITED GUESTS**

Ms Wendy Hughes

Advance Cairns

Mr Robert Poole

KPMG (via Tele-call)

Ms Georgie Aley

KPMG (via Tele-call)

Mr Andrew Kulic

KPMG (via Tele-call)

Mr Scott Britton

LGAQ

Ms Georgia Stafford

LGAQ

Mr Graham Quick

SEQ Council of Mayors

Mr Scott Smith

SEQ Council of Mayors

Ms Melissa Fitzgerald

SEQ Council of Mayors

**FNQROC STAFF:**

Ms Darlene Irvine

Executive Officer

Ms Linda Richardson

Office & Project Coordinator

Ms Amanda Hancock

Procurement Coordinator

Mr Travis Sydes

Natural Assets & Sustainability Coordinator

Mr Lachlan Rankine

Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator

**APOLOGIES:**

Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk MP

Queensland Premier

Senator Nita Green

Labor Senator for Qld

Ms Linda Cardew, CEO

Cook Shire Council

Mr Alan Rayment, CEO

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Cr June Pearson, Mayor

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

Mr Steve Linnane, CEO

Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council

Mr Peter Franks, CEO

Mareeba Shire Council

Mr Justin Commons, CEO

Tablelands Regional Council

Cr Desmond Tayley, Mayor

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Ms Jo Stephenson

DLGRMA

Mr Luke Hannan

LGAQ

Ms Sarah Webster

QTC

Ms Diana Lollato

QTC



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## **2682 Chair's Welcome & Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

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The meeting commenced at 08:50am.

Cr Tom Gilmore, Chair opened the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, paying respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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## **2683 Apologies and welcome to guests**

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Apologies as noted. The Chair welcomed invited guests providing presentations to the Board.

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## **2684 BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

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### **3.1 FNQ Ag Supply Chain Study, Ms Wendy Hughes (Advance Cairns) and Mr Robert Poole, Mr Andrew Kulic & Ms Georgie Aley, KPMG**

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- Ms Wendy Hughes, Advance Cairns provided a brief introduction to the project, funding and handed over to KPMG to provide an update.
- Mr Robert Poole, Mr Andrew Kulic and Ms Georgie Aley, KPMG provided a presentation to the board linked to the FNQ Ag Supply Chain Study currently led by Advance Cairns focussed on opportunities and issues within the region.

#### **Key presentation points included:**

- Overview of the project as per the commercial in confidence pre-reading circulated
- Overview of the Project Plan & Timelines, including the following Project Phases: 1 - Literature Review, 2 - Data, 3 - Detailed Analysis, 4 - Interim Report, 5 -Final Review and 6 - Final Report
- D Irvine noted that as part of the Steering Committee, the Regional Road Investment Strategy will inform the FNQ Ag Supply Chain Study.
- Noted that further consultations will take place in region next week with a number of producers and an invitation was extended to those councils that would like to be involved.
- Compelling future report critical to disrupting current Brisbane supply chains (which will always be difficult). Noting this, Advance Cairns have been working with the Cairns airport to identify target markets re air route attraction to build a 'tourism/agriculture' story per market. Big picture would be matching buyers/sellers per market. Additionally, speaking with Townsville Enterprise re Burdekin product currently travelling South with a view to aggregate upwards instead.
- Report is due for release March 2020.

#### **The Chair asked for feedback from the floor to understands restraints within the region:**

- Roundtable opportunities raised included:
  - Dry Cropping Supply at Etheridge Shire Council (Variation to traditional crops)
  - Live Seafood Supply via Cook Shire Council (Bill Cummings study into the value of the Cooktown Harbour / Skytrans considering routes back into Cooktown)
  - Perishable fruit Supply within Douglas Shire Council (was profitable during Ansett times)
  - Alternate logistics hub (Mourilyn Harbour/Mundoo Airport) via Cassowary Coast Regional Council and currently undertaking a Transport Logistics study.
  - Aggregated Product Precinct based in Mareeba to take pressure off Cairns airport (Biosecurity & Customs not an issue / Need to consider Kuranda Range Road access)

**ACTION:** FNQROC to provide contact details to Advance Cairns re councils that may be interested in further consultation re Supply Chair opportunities.

**ACTION:** P Scott to provide a copy of the Bill Cummings study in relation to the value of the Cooktown Harbour re live seafood for sharing with Advance Cairns/KPMG research.



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### 3.2 SEQ Olympics Proposition - Mr Graham Quirk, SEQ Mayors

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- Mr Graham Quirk, accompanied by Mr Scott Smith, provided an overview of the SEQ Olympics Proposition to the board.

#### Key presentation points included:

- The journey to date in investigating a potential 2032 Olympic Game bid
- Overview re rationale behind of the concept, games operations, infrastructure (venues/training) and proposed costs and revenue. Noting Infrastructure (transport) based on population growth (not Olympic specific), they would just be bringing forward what would be needed.
- Economic benefit usually experienced 2 years prior to Games and tourism gains pre/post. Example re Sydney Olympics demonstrating flow-up economic benefit to Queensland (cross State)
- Opportunities to leverage Sister City international relationships for team training or regional heats
- Event locations/venues will be a IOC decision (generally based on logistics), not a political decision
- Australian Government Bid / Regional Bid now in IOC Constitution / Possible proposal decision @ 2021 IOC Athens meeting (providing 10 Year lead up timeframe)

#### The Chair asked for comments from the floor:

- Query raised re opportunities to host in region based on Kayaking on Tully River (following World Rafting Championships & Red Bull Endurance events, noting this river as technically challenging) and/or Mountain Bike in Cairns (following World Mountain Bike Championships). Mr Quirk advised that the reality is that the IOC will decide where events will be hosted; however a big factor is the logistics and technological support around international media. The best opportunity for regions would be focussed around training sessions and/or heats.
- Query raised re project scope for pre/post visitation into the region, particularly the Outback. Mr Quirk advised that at this stage the proposal based on direct costs associated with the Games (no estimate of impact yet).
- Opportunities for regional contracts / procurement in lead-up to Games
- Noted opportunities for the State to be 'on show' and regional linkages will include re-establishing the brand/reputation of the GBR and showcase high value tropical foods (ie seafood, fruit, etc). Need for a campaign via RTO/LTO's to maximise pre/post tours to the region.
- Opportunities to build healthier communities encouraging today's youth to train for Games
- Concern raised re infrastructure costs focussed on SEQ, with the need for infrastructure upgrades to meet IOC standards.
- Potentially a 10 Year lead up time to enable the region to gear up to maximise opportunities. Planting the seed as to what opportunities the FNQROC Board can consider in relation to tourism visitation, pre-game training/heats, procurement contracts, etc.

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## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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### 2685 Confirmation of Minutes

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**MOVED:** Cr Scott

**SECOND:** Cr Leu

*That the minutes of the 137th FNQROC Board Meeting held on 12 August 2019 be confirmed.*

**CARRIED**

## **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

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### **2664 Minute – B Down to provide more information regarding Thriving Communities meeting and participation**

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Complete.

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### **2669 Minute – D Irvine to advise Advance Cairns that FNQROC will not be participating in the TNQ Convoy to Brisbane (Feb 2020)**

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Complete.

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### **2672A Minute – T Sydes (in conjunction with Cr Kremastos) to develop an Animal Stewardship Public Statement and an 'accord' to be tabled at the October FNQROC Board meeting for endorsement**

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Complete. See Item 7.2

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### **2672B Minute – D Irvine to consider timeframes to undertake a review of the 5 Strategic Priorities**

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Suggested addressing this item post LG Elections to be adopted by the new FNQROC Board

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### **2681A Minute – D Irvine to draft submission to the Senate Inquiry into Northern Australia and share with members and LGAQ for comments**

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Complete

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### **2681B Minute – D Irvine to develop a submission in relation to tight timeframes around mandated public consultation of council budgets and in particular 2020 LG elections**

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Complete

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### **2681C Minute – L Hannan to advise FNQROC when the Belcarra Mandatory Training will be available and who the point of contact should be for this training**

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Complete

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## **ADVOCACY**

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### **2686 Advocacy Update from Council Members**

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Cr Scott extended a vote of thanks to the board re support extended for Cooktown 2020 across the FNQROC Mayoral delegations. The State have confirmed a further funding of \$400k (total \$800k State), however more funding is required and will continue to on the agenda at the upcoming Federal delegation.

Cr Paronella travelled with Hon Shane Knuth MP to meet with Minister Lynham to discuss the Johnstone Barron diversion, an alternate Tableland based water security project following the decision recently made re Nullinga Dam. TRC will be advocating further.



Cr Gilmore has written to the State re North Johnstone diversion clarifying re Building Qld and State previous statements and has requested information. Information is being delivered by Sunwater for delivery next year.

Cr Manning noted that Ms Deb Frecklington recently announced her support for Nullinga Dam. It was good to see this announcement made in region and receive good media coverage. Cr Manning noted that the advocacy role behind this project should be with Local Government and encouraged FNQROC to continue supporting.

Cr Bawden noted that a government decision had been made (post-flood event) to install additional Doppler radar coverage points in Charters Towers and outer Richmond with Mornington Island to be upgraded however this will still leave the Gulf without sufficient coverage as Mornington always goes out in a wind.

Cr Devlin supported the need for coverage within the Gulf region and re-enforced the critical requirement for a Weather Doppler Station positioned in either Normanton or Croydon. Continued advocacy required.

Cr Gilmore noted last night, the Deputy PM announced that he wants to be known as the Minister who leaves a legacy of building dams. Discussions re developing a FNQROC Regional Project researching the ROI of existing dams Australia-wide, including data/infographics demonstrating the economic growth, agriculture (high yield crops) and flow-on tourism impacts.

We need to change the requirement for full cost recovery over 30 years for dams, should be similar to roads.

**MOVED:** Cr Paronella

**SECOND:** Cr Scott

*"That D Irvine develop a Study Scope for approval by the board in respect of ROI over the life of existing dams, including industry value to state and national economy and impact of water facilities/activities to the growth of the regional tourism industry."*

**CARRIED**

**ACTION:** D Irvine to develop a Study Scope for approval by the board in respect of ROI over the life of existing dams, including industry value to state and national economy and impact of water facilities/activities to the growth of the regional tourism industry.

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## **2687 In region Engagement**

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It was noted that in region engagement had been undertaken with the following members: -

- Ms Ann Leahy MP, Shadow Minister for LG (Townsville 03 Sept)
- Ms Deb Frecklington MP, Leader of the Opposition (Cairns 08 Oct) re Nullinga Dam

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## **2688 FNQROC Federal Delegation Planning (26-28 Nov 2019)**

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Appointment requests are in process with Ministers/Shadow Ministers holding portfolios as aligned with identified FNQROC Federal Priorities.

D Irvine advised that the review of the FNQROC Federal Priorities is currently underway however should not vary too much change to the current list, which demonstrates that we have started to consolidate the regional list. D Irvine will circulate the DRAFT Briefs for comment, noting that individual councils will still need to produce full project briefings to be presented at each Ministerial meeting.

**ACTION:** D Irvine to circulate DRAFT Federal Priorities for feedback and finalisation.

**ACTION:** ALL Councils to review and finalise full Briefing Papers on agreed priority projects.

## STRATEGIC OPERATIONAL PLAN

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### 2689 Regional Resource Sharing MOU between NAMAC & AMWS (For Endorsement)

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This document has been developed in consultation with member councils of the FNQROC, the FNQ NAMAC and the FNQ AMTC and designed as a tool to be used in the ongoing regional capacity and service delivery in the field of natural asset and animal management.

This document has been endorsed by the Natural Assets and Animal Management Technical Committees and now seeking adoption from the FNQROC Board.

**MOVED:** Cr Leu

**SECOND:** Cr Paronella

*"The FNQROC Board endorse the Regional Resource Sharing MOU (NAMAC & AMWS)"*

**CARRIED**

### 2690 AMWS Report Card (Public Statement)

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Cr Kremastos provided an overview of the AMWS Report Card (Public Statement) as developed in conjunction with T Sydes and tabled to support the Natural Assets Stewardship Accord (For Endorsement).

### 2691 Natural Assets Stewardship Accord (For Endorsement)

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Cr Kremastos noted that in 2016, when joining the FNQROC Board, it was highlighted the need for the region to take a 'stewardship approach' to assets and wildlife and is now pleased to table the Natural Assets Stewardship Accord for adoption by the board.

Cr Kremastos extended his sincere thanks to the Chair for support and to T Sydes for the hard work in managing this project.

**MOVED:** Cr Kremastos

**SECOND:** Cr Leu

*"The FNQROC Board endorse the Natural Assets Stewardship Accord"*

**CARRIED**

### 2692 Mobile Blackspot & Crash Incident Spatial Data Presentation

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D Irvine provided a presentation detailing the overlay of spatial data relating to Mobile Blackspots and Crash Incidents across the FNQ region and demonstrating the layers of data/information that will be included.

This overlay of data enhances the "advocacy story" in relation to the regional road networks as individual councils and a collective. Data can be manipulated to tell individual regional stories. It was noted that the roads included in the RRIS relate to advertised Tourism and HV routes only.

Cr Devlin questioned the inclusion of emerging industries. D Irvine advised that we would need to work through a business process to determine how to identify and add into the mapping.

This mobile black spot data is now available for FNQROC Councils to access via [this link](#) and clicking on *FNQROC Federal & State Advocacy Priorities/FNQROC Mobile Testing Spatial Data (August 2019)*.



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## 2693 Regional Road Investment Strategy (RRIS) Update

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D Irvine provided an update on the status of the RRIS Project noting that the DRAFT RRIS Report will be available November/December. She also presented the spatial data collated to date associated with this project.

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## DISCUSSION TOPICS

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## 2694 CORRESPONDENCE

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As noted.

Cr Pickering thanked the FNQROC Board for ongoing support in relation to the demolition of vacant housing in Croydon. Continuing community issue and a motion will be tabled at the LGAQ Conference and meeting request with Hon Michael Sukkar MP, Minister for Housing during the upcoming Mayoral delegation.

The Chair requested the board support the LGAQ motion and agreed for FNQROC to write a Letter of Support.

**ACTION:** D Irvine to write a Letter of Support in relation to Croydon Housing

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## FNQROC POLICY REVIEW

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Nil

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## FNQROC REPORTS AND MOU

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 2695 Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet Financial YTD

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**MOVED:** Cr Pickering

**SECOND:** Cr Bawden

*That the Profit and Loss Reports for the financial year to date be accepted.*

**CARRIED**

**MOVED:** Cr Paronella

**SECOND:** Cr Leu

*That the Balance Sheet Reports for the financial year to date be accepted.*

**CARRIED**



## ATTENDANCE & MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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### 2696 Meetings Attending by Executive Officer

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Noted

### 2697 FNQROC Advisory Committee Minutes (26 July – 30 Sept)

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Noted

### 2698 Confidential Meeting Minutes (26 July – 30 Sept)

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Noted

### 2699 FNQROC Western Council Forum Minutes & Resolutions

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Minutes and resolutions as per Western Council Forum #6 held 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019, highlighting agreed Action Items.

Cr Bawden requested that *Action #6: Location of Microwave Towers* be included in the agenda for the upcoming FNQROC Federal Mayoral Delegation (26-28 Nov).

**ACTION:** D Irvine to develop a briefing note in conjunction with Cr Bawden re Location of Microwave Towers ahead of the upcoming FNQROC Mayoral Delegation to Canberra.

## 2700 LGAQ POLICY EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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Mr Scott Britton, LGAQ provided an overview of the tabled Executive Summary, highlighting the following:

- **Zonal Tax** – LGAQ Teleconference scheduled for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October tele-call (Details to follow)
- **Drought Action Plan** – Circulated for comment and nominations for reference group. Considered and endorsed yesterday at LGAQ Council meeting yesterday (13 Oct)

Ms Georgia Stafford, LGAQ provided an update on matters relating to Belcarra noting:

- Belcarra 2 (lighter version) will be heard in Parliament this Wednesday (16 Oct) with Belcarra 3 anticipated in December 2019
- LGAQ will advise councils further as soon as final information is available from the State
- An APP has been developed to lodge issues/queries to support councils

## 2701 GENERAL BUSINESS

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### Annual Statement of Developing Northern Australia (26 Nov)

- An invitation has been extended from Hon Matthew Canavan MP, Minister for Northern Australia to attend an event hosted by NAA in relation to the Annual Statement of Developing Northern Australia in Canberra (26 Nov). D Irvine advised that this would be a great opportunity for networking during the FNQROC Mayoral Delegation.

**ACTION:** L Richardson to RSVP to the NAA Invitation for all participating Mayors

## Mareeba Dimbulah Irrigation Area Council Meeting

Cr Gilmore noted that both Cr Manning and he had attended the Mareeba Dimbulah Irrigation Area Council Meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> October with discussions focussed on Nullinga Dam. The 4 identified pillars to proceed with government advocacy discussions in relation to Nullinga Dam are *Affordability, Reliability, Quality and Equity (equitable distribution of water)*.

### Gilbert River Irrigation Project

Cr Devlin noted that the building of the Charleston Dam has commenced and designed to provide a local water supply to Georgetown and Forsyth. The project has received \$10m Federal support to date (nil from State), however will require an additional \$3m to deliver in entirety. Ongoing FNQROC advocacy support requested and invitation for the board to view the construction phase.

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## 2702 Next Meeting

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The Chair advised the next FNQROC Board meeting is scheduled for the **9<sup>th</sup> December 2019** in Cairns

Meeting Close: 11:25 am



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Cr Tom Gilmore  
Chair



## ACTION ITEMS

<i>Minute Number</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Responsible Person(s)</i>	<i>Status</i>
2672B	ADD 5 Strategic Priorities review to post-LG Election agenda 2020	FNQROC L Richardson	Pending
2686	D Irvine to develop a Study Scope for approval by the board in respect of ROI over the life of existing dams, including industry value to state and national economy and impact of water facilities/activities to the growth of the regional tourism industry.	FNQROC D Irvine	
2688a	D Irvine to circulate DRAFT Federal Priorities for feedback and finalisation.	FNQROC D Irvine	
2688b	ALL Councils to review and finalise full Briefing Papers on agreed priority projects.	ALL Councils	
2694	D Irvine to write a Letter of Support in relation to Croydon Housing	FNQROC D Irvine	
2699	D Irvine to develop a briefing note in conjunction with Cr Bawden re Location of Microwave Towers ahead of the upcoming FNQROC Mayoral Delegation to Canberra.	FNQROC D Irvine	
2701	L Richardson to RSVP to the NAA Invitation for all participating Mayors	FNQROC L Richardson	Complete

