

# MINUTES

<b>Meeting No.</b>	41
<b>Meeting</b>	Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee
<b>Date</b>	27 February 2020
<b>Time</b>	9:30am – 2:30 pm
<b>Venue</b>	CCRC- Disaster Coordination Centre – Flying Fish Point Road, Innisfail

- 1. Attendance:** Jade Monda CRC, Darryn Higgins CSC, Leah Nugent CRC, Brad Everett DSC, Damon Sydes CCRC, Matt Buckman HSC, Scott Morrison TRC, Travis Sydes FNQROC, Tony O'Malley Terrain NRM  
- Michael Graham BQ, Dave Green BQ (item 8 only)
- 2. Apologies:** Darlene Irvine FNQROC, Ken Golbey TRC, Caleb Zaicz CRC, Kate Milton HSC, Cr Jeff Baines, Dave Vetoretto HSC
- 3. Guests:** Chelsy Maloney, Cassowary Credits Project Officer, Terrain NRM,  
- Rob Cobon BQ, Michelle Smith BQ (item 8 only)
- 4. Acceptance of previous meeting minutes:**  
Moved: Damon Sydes Seconded: Dave Green

- 5. Correspondence** – Travis provided an overview of the communication from BQ regarding the decision to abandon the EOI process for the Land Protection Fund and instead develop a research prospectus approach.

**Important note in the communication** – all current EOI's are now obsolete and no projects will receive funding for the foreseeable future until internal BQ projects come to an end and free up resources.

**Action:** FNQROC include existing project EOIs in upcoming research prospectus

- 6. Biosecurity Queensland – general update and 2020 compliance workshop and training** – Dave Green, Michael Graham

Dave provided an update on the biosecurity training workshop. The agenda has been revised to include a pre-course work task for participants. Councils indicated the number of staff who would be in attendance

**Action:** 1. Circulate date claimer and draft agenda. 2. Develop course work and circulate to councils. 3. Councils provide final number of participants

#### **1080 minor use permit Michael Graham BQ**

Michael provided an update on the progress of the minor use permit for fruit based 1080 baits. Key points discussed included the permit conditions and requirements for notifications. Many of the included recommendations align with best management practice guidelines recently developed and adopted by management programs in the far north.

**Action:** councils provide edits and comments to Michael by weeks end.

- 7. FNQROC procurement contract project** –review/adoption of draft biosecurity provisions. Key requirements for Biosecurity Risk Management Plan.

Final wording of biosecurity consideration for inclusion in GENERAL SPECIFICATION document (for adoption this meeting)

#### 4.10 Biosecurity Management

As part of the Environmental Management Plan, a Biosecurity Risk Management Plan (BRMP) shall be prepared by the contractor to ensure reasonable and practical steps are taken to adequately address biosecurity risks and the contractor delivers their General Biosecurity Obligation. A biosecurity risk is the risk that exists when you deal with:

- any pest, disease or contaminant (including seeds, spores or eggs),
- something that could carry a pest, disease or contaminant (e.g. animals, plants, soil, equipment—known as 'carriers').

The primary purpose of the Biosecurity Risk Management Plan is to address both potential risks and known site-based risks.

Management of **potential biosecurity risks** will assist to ensure the contractor meets their General Biosecurity Obligation as required by the Queensland Biosecurity Act 2014. ~~This broadly~~ **As a minimum this** includes the following considerations:

- (a) Sourcing of materials free of invasive biosecurity matter.
- (b) Machinery hygiene provisions including sourcing, transporting and routine maintenance of hygiene standards (commensurate with risk).
- (c) The location and design of wash down or clean down facilities.
- (d) Responding to invasive biosecurity matter detected or introduced during works.
- (e) The disposal and management of green waste.

**Known biosecurity risks** include those that are recorded within the footprint or proximity of the work site; or places related to the work site such as hard stands, borrow pits, water points, compounds and storage facilities. These risks are those identified within.

- (f) Biosecurity plans or programs active for the area

In all circumstances, the contractor should seek guidance from the biosecurity management unit of the relevant Local Government Authority/s during development and at completion of the Biosecurity Risk Management Plan to the satisfaction of the *Superintendent*. This must be done prior to the *Contractor* being given possession of *site*.

**Action:** 1. compile draft considerations for Biosecurity Risk Management Plan and circulate for comment. 2. Develop action plan/process for integration of biosecurity considerations at a council-to-council level

#### 8. Rainforest Projects overview Tony O'Malley Terrain NRM

Tony provided an overview of the rainforests project key points for discussion included opportunities and approaches to facilitate LG involvement in the next round project EOI.

#### Funded Rainforest projects:

- Mabi revegetation by BCC at Wongabel;
- cassowary habitat protection by KCons at Kuranda;
- cassowary habitat revegetation by QPWS with TOs at Eubenangee;
- cassowary habitat revegetation by C4 at Smiths Gap.

No littoral rainforest projects funded. No local government projects funded.

Two local government projects received. One was not approved by TOs. One was a good concept but needed more work.

Budget	2019-2020 (\$)	2020-2021 (\$)	2021-2022 (\$)	2022-2023 (\$)	Total (\$)
Revegetation	82,500	112,500	142,500	112,500	450,000
Weed management	31,250	62,500	93,750	62,500	250,000
Habitat protection	12,500	25,000	37,500	25,000	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,250</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>273,750</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>800,000</b>

Tony outlined the Littoral Rainforest planning tools which can assist project designs more information can be found here:

- Fact sheet – <https://www.nespnorthern.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Mapping-to-manage-littoral-rainforest-wrap-up-factsheet.pdf>
- Report - <https://www.nespnorthern.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Mapping-to-underpin-management-of-tropical-littoral-rainforest-Report-Feb2017-WEB.pdf>
- Data set – (enter "littoral rainforest" in the search bar in the CSIRO data access portal) - <https://data.csiro.au/dap/home?execution=e1s1>
- National littoral rainforest [recovery plan](#)
- The CSIRO mapping can be also accessed through Terrain's Wet Tropics Plan/Mapping/Biodiversity Mapping Tool/zoom into your area of interest/Layer List/click on "Littoral Rainforest Wholly" & "Littoral Rainforest Potential". The information icon provides info on the Littoral Rainforest mapping. Here's the [direct link](#).

**Actions:** 1. Councils consider project opportunities for next round of EOI and get in touch with Tony to discuss

## 9. Cassowary Credits Project – Chelsy Maloney Terrain NRM

Chelsy provided an overview of the Cassowary Credits Project underway. Key points:

- Funded as a pilot project by [Queensland Governments LRF program](#)
- 6 months into a 12-month project
- Testing the concept of a measurable biodiversity credit which can be delivered by a landowner/manager and traded on an investment market
- A credit would be based on an improvement in habitat extent or condition – the improvement will be required to be a measurable unit of improvement which can be audited.
- First areas of focus have been to establish what a measurable unit would consist of; how it would be measured/accounted for
- Next steps are investigating the market and understanding the needs and expectations of investors and landholders across the entire transaction.

Chelsy fielded a range of questions and queries from councils about where and how projects might take place.

**Action:** 1. Councils interested in the upcoming workshop to contact Chelsy. 2. Interested councils can also arrange for Chelsy to address the relevant staff from across each council as required.

## 10. Electric Ant Eradication Program update – sentinel sites, luring kits & communication plan

There has been a change-over in personnel in the program's communications role so the adoption of the communications plan will recommence once the incoming communications coordinator has a chance to review the draft comms. Plan

**Action:** FNQROC to meet with new NEAEP comms. Coordinator and report back to NAMAC with revised plan and next steps

**11. Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce 2020, update** – The YCA team are currently considering the most strategic activity the taskforce can undertake this year, previous operations to date have included

April 2014	Delimitation surveys in Bentley Park forest and Sawmill Pocket hills
March 2015	Delimitation surveys in Bentley Park forest and Sawmill Pocket hills
March 2016	Delimitation surveys in Bentley Park forest and Sawmill Pocket hills
July 2017	Treatment of Riparian areas
August 2018	Survey Riparian and mangrove areas
August 2019	Survey PNQ Mt Peter quarry

**Action:** FNQROC meet with YCAEP to develop taskforce concept for 2020 and report back to NAMAC next meeting

**Taskforce update** – reminder to tune up any taskforce ideas for 2020

**Action:** individual councils consider taskforce operations for 2020 and complete an EOI to table to NAMAC

**12. NRIP native vegetation project updates** – update on projects (CCRC, TRC, DSC)

Reports from the project are attached to these minutes

CCRC – Nyleta Creek

- Site prep for reveg undertaken – RTG on planting,
- Bio cat undertaken,
- First haloxyflop selective grass control run should be conducted this week.

TRC – South Cedar Creek

- We have spot sprayed and also slashed where possible (to form a mulch bed)
- When it rains, we will plant (plants are ready, and sun hardened)
- Discussions are ongoing with Ngyangabarra Traditional Aboriginal Group re assisting with on ground activities
- Firebreaks are in place. Lantana was planned to be burnt in early Jan but was foiled by wet conditions
- Some additional Lantana and guinea grass have been controlled

### 13. Board Directed Projects – Regional report card, Natural Assets Stewardship Accord

Travis discussed the workplan and timeline for 2020 projects

- Natural asset planning – planned works and projects for 2020
- Stewardship Accord and report card – timeline for mid-year release

**Action:** 1. FNQROC compile key attributes for report card and circulate. 2. councils to provide key contacts from media for development of report card.

### 14. General Business

**15. Mangrove watch pond apple data** – Travis met recently with CAFNEC to discuss the inclusion of pond apple mapping into the Mangrove Watch volunteer program. All councils agreed to share data

**Action:** FNQROC compile and share 1km Grid data with the project and provide contact details for relevant councils.

**16. Progress to eradication reporting** – HSC tabled a request to develop progress to eradication reporting for local biosecurity plans. All councils agreed the progress of this would be useful and provided examples of the reporting systems they are currently or planning on using for reporting.

**Action:** HSC and FNQROC meet to establish key parameters for reporting (in discussion with Simon Brookes, Biosecurity Queensland)

### 17. Points for noting to the FNQROC Board

### 18. Actions arising from this meeting

No.	ACTION	OWNER
41.1	<b>Land Protection Fund.</b> FNQROC include existing project EOIs in upcoming research prospectus	FNQROC
41.2	<b>2020 Biosecurity Compliance training workshop</b> 1. Circulate date claimer and draft agenda. 2. Develop course work and circulate to councils. 3. Councils provide final number of participants	1. FNQROC 2. BQ/FNQROC
41.3	<b>1080 minor use permit</b> Councils provide edits and comments to Michael by weeks end.	All
41.4	<b>FNQROC procurement contract project</b> 1. compile draft considerations for Biosecurity Risk Management Plan and circulate for comment. 2. Develop action plan/process for integration of biosecurity considerations at a council-to-council level	1. FNQROC 2. NAMAC
41.5	<b>Rainforest Projects overview</b> Councils consider project opportunities for next round of EOI and get in touch with Tony to discuss	All
41.6	<b>Cassowary Credits Project</b> 1. Councils interested in the upcoming workshop to contact Chelsy. 2.	1. All 2. All

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<b>41.7</b>	<b>Electric Ant Eradication Program</b> FNQROC to meet with new NEAEP comms. Coordinator and report back to NAMAC with revised plan and next steps	FNQROC/ NEAEP
<b>41.8</b>	<b>Yellow Crazy Ant Taskforce 2020</b> 1. FNQROC meet with YCAEP to develop taskforce concept for 2020 and report back to NAMAC next meeting. 2. individual councils consider taskforce operations for 2020 and complete an EOI to table to NAMAC	1. FNQROC 2. All
<b>41.9</b>	<b>Board Directed Projects – Natural Assets Stewardship Accord report card 2020</b> 1. FNQROC compile key attributes for report card and circulate. 2.councils to provide key contacts from media for development of report card.	1. FNQROC 2. All
<b>41.10</b>	<b>Mangrove watch pond apple data</b> FNQROC compile and share 1km Grid data with the project and provide contact details for relevant councils.	FNQROC
<b>41.11</b>	<b>Progress to eradication reporting</b> HSC and FNQROC meet to establish key parameters for reporting (in discussion with Simon Brookes, Biosecurity Queensland)	HSC and FNQROC

**19.**Next meeting the full round of date claimers for 2020 NAMAC meetings will be circulated in December

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