

FNQROC PLANNERS GROUP ACTION REGISTER & BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS



Meeting No.	63
Meeting	FNQROC Planners Group
Date	16 April 2021
Time	10.00am
Venue	Cairns Regional Council – Committee Room (Level 3)

Meeting Opened

The Chair welcomed attendees and conducted roundtable introductions.

1. Attendance/Apologies

Name	Organisation
Brett Nancarrow	DSDILGP
Joanne Manson	DSDILGP
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Bryan Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Carl Erwin	Mareeba Shire Council
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Dylan Thomas	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Garred Martin	Cairns Regional Council
Liz Taylor	DSDSATSIP
Paul Want	Tablelands Regional Council
Paul Cohen	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Travis Sydes	FNQROC
Paula Power	FNQROC
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Nikki Huddy (Consultant)	Yarrabah Shire Council
Kelly Reaston (Consultant)	Terrain (Presenters)
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Sophie Barrett	Cairns Regional Council
Lisa Miller	Croydon Shire Council
Gerhard Visser	DSDSATSIP
Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council
Paul Cohen	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Crystal Baker	LGAQ
Rebecca Taranto	Douglas Shire Council
Apology	Organisation
Alex Bowen	DSDSATSIP
Luke Hannan	LGAQ
Ian Elliott Smith	Cairns Regional Council
Louise Cameron	Cairns Regional Council
Michael Fallon	Cook Shire Council
Dan Lamond	Douglas Shire Council
Neil Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Denise Knudsen	Croydon Shire Council
Isabell Newman	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Jennifer Godin	Cook Shire Council

Name	Organisation
Mark Crawley	Carpentaria Shire Council

2. Actions from Previous Meeting No. 62: 7 August 2021

ITEM #	ACTION ITEM	OWNER	STATUS
62.2	P Cohen to share Planning & Development Templates for circulation	CRC D Wellington	In Progress
62.6	CRC, Grassroots Connections and Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to explore the concept for WWASC and YASC to run a Paper Pilot Project – <i>Project finalised.</i>	CRC (P Cohen) Grassroots DSDMIP	Complete
62.7	FNQROC Planners Group to identify projects to explore/scope out that Terrain could provide technical support and/or funding (immediate or future x 2 years) <i>Funding received and out for quotes.</i>	ALL	Complete
62.8	CRC to present findings of small allotment & density project once complete <i>Looking to have workshop in coming weeks. Illustrative toolkit.</i>	CRC P Cohen	In Progress
62.9	Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to present at the next FNQROC Planners Group meeting on Torres Shire Masterplan (20 Mins) <i>For presentation at FNQROC Planners Meeting</i>	DSDSATMIP	In Progress

Kelly Reaston and Nikki Huddy

1. Terrain – Threatened Species and Ecological Communities (50 Mins + 10 Mins Q&A)

Kelly and Nikki provided an overview of the vegetation management and habitat protection processes and measures in planning in regional Queensland. FNQROC and Terrain are seeking a contemporary and practical Planning response to ensure the ongoing habitat protection for three habitat/ecological communities.

- Cassowary Habitat
- Mabi Forest; and
- Littoral Rainforest

A range of obstacles, issues and options around an appropriate/effective planning response were discussed. A Planning options and approaches framework will be compiled and circulated to the group for consideration as the project progresses.

The project will run through to June; given the short timeframes the consultants have requested that queries, recommendations or case studies be provided as soon as possible to help frame the work. They will also communicate directly with individual councils or representatives regarding points of discussion in the meeting. Relevant updates and drafts for comment will be circulated prior to the next planners meeting.

FNQROC is conducting GIS analysis as part of the project to identify/quantify relevant land tenures and regional distribution of the subjects to provide guidance on the engagement and planning approaches required. This work is to guide the project only and is not intended to be used for any statutory purpose.

ACTION 1: - FNQROC Planners provide case studies or details of relevant planning approaches or challenges to Kelly/Nikki for consideration in the project.

ACTION 2: FNQROC Planners Provide comment/feedback on project related flying minutes as they are circulated.

2. LGAQ Update re LGAQ Conference Motions and General Business

Crystal Baker, LGAQ provided an update.

- **State and regional infrastructure plans** - The State Government has [announced](#) it will be preparing a new State Infrastructure Strategy (SIS) will be supported by seven Regional Infrastructure Plans (RIPs) and delivered later this year – a regional infrastructure plan is proposed for the FNQ region. DSDILGP has released an [online survey](#) seeking feedback on regional infrastructure priorities which is currently open until 31 May 2021 – see LG Online [here](#) (login required) for further information also.
- **Expressions of interest for LGAQ technical working groups** - LGAQ is currently seeking expressions of interest from council officers to establish two technical working groups – we've asked for EOIs by COB today but if extra time is needed until next week for any FNQROC councils interested in nominating that is not a problem – it would be wonderful to have representation from a council in FNQROC for each of the below:
 - Building Policy & Reform – see [here](#) (login required) for further information and details regarding how to submit an EOI. Terms of Reference attached.
 - Infrastructure Planning and Charging – see [here](#) (login required) for further information and details regarding how to submit an EOI. Terms of Reference attached.
- **Draft Queensland Development Code for Public Cyclone Shelters** - LGAQ has received an extension of time for a response to this survey by COB this Friday 30 April 2021 – if any councils in the FNQROC have already made a submission to the draft QDC and/or would like to contribute feedback to inform LGAQ's response, could this please be sent through to Crystal by 29 April 2021.
- **On-site sewage management in Queensland** – LGAQ made a submission to the QBCC in mid April on the QBCC Consultation Paper regarding On-site sewage management in Queensland (copy of LGAQ submission attached). Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to inform our LGAQ submission - we received substantial feedback from councils and continue to receive feedback from members so will be looking to provide supplementary feedback to the QBCC as well.
- **LGAQ 2020 Annual Conference resolutions and Advocacy Action Plan** – LGAQ has written to relevant Ministers seeking a response to resolutions from last year's Annual Conference and those contained in the [LGAQ 2021 Advocacy Action Plan](#) that relate to legislative reform. A complete list of all resolutions from the LGAQ 2020 Annual Conference can be found on LG Online [here](#) (login required).
- **LGAQ 2021-22 State Budget Submission** – LGAQ made its State Budget Submission in March 2021. There are 5 budget asks directly related to planning and development matters relating to trunk infrastructure funding, social housing funding, planning innovation and improvement, local development activity monitoring and funding to upgrade public buildings to meet current accessibility design standards.
- **LGAQ staff changes** – Dorean Erhart is no longer working at the LGAQ but is still managing the QCRC program and contracting back to the LGAQ for this. For any climate change (mitigation or adaptation) related advocacy matters, I will be the LGAQ contact for this moving forward.
- **Vegetation clearing exemptions for fire breaks and fire management lines** – LGAQ has been made aware of a number of examples from councils where the vegetation clearing exemptions for bushfire preparedness under the Planning Regulation 2017 appear to be being misused. LGAQ is undertaking advocacy with the State Government to address this matter including to seek further clarification regarding 'necessary clearing'. If FNQ councils have examples or concerns in relation to these vegetation clearing exemptions, could these examples please be sent through to Crystal?

3. FNQ Regional Plan Update (10 Mins)

Recommendation to the Board – Set scope for Regional Plan

- Regional planning committee – views of mayors carry significantly more weight.
- Working groups – Strategic discussion and agreement to get policies at right level.
- Interactive experience compared with old plans.
- Contemporary regional plan – powerful tool when seeking grant funding.
- Current regional plan – restricts councils' freedom of planning for community.

ACTION: Scope and clarity around the process of the FNQ Regional Plan. Feedback to D Irvine by Friday 14 May 2021. Seeking recommendation to put to FNQROC Board on 14 June 2021.

4. General Business Updates (30 Mins)

a. Update from LGAQ Advisory committee (General Planning Projects)

- Peter attended first meeting. Key outcomes and endorsed working groups. Gap in membership of Advisory Group.

b. Update from PIA TNQ Branch

- No updates

c. Update from Brett Nancarrow – DSDILGP

- HR changes in Regional Offices.
- Brett Nancarrow acting as the Regional Director, North Region until 11 October 2021.
- Joanne Manson acting as Manager, Far North Queensland Office until 11 October 2021.
- Robin Clark retired.
- The Covid-19 applicable event provisions under the *Planning Act 2016* ends 30 April 2021. The applicable event is not expected to be extended. If required, planning approvals should be in place. The temporary use licence register is available at <https://planning.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/planning/better-planning/covid-19-response>
- Rural workers accommodation. Looking at getting consistent rural workers standards. Farmers looking at accommodating seasonal workers in work camps rather than houses around town. Quarantine – isolate in one area.
- Growth area teams announced. Focusing on South East Queensland. Same issues across the board with infrastructure and position may change to include other regions.

ACTION: N Huddy to provide DSDILGP Seasonal Workers Data Report.

ACTION: FNQROC Planners group to provide DSDILGP feedback on growth issues in the region.

d. Update from FNQROC Council Members

- Dams Study – FNQROC Board received and adopted Dam Study. Not to be released currently.
- 3 technical docs presented to FNQROC Board
 - Tourism Roads – value of tourism network
 - Heavy Vehicle Freight Networks
 - Tourism Routes
- Summary strategy will be sent out that overarches technical documents going to Mayors and will be released.

- Mobile communication black spot audit
- New Chair and Deputy Chair appointed. Mayor Michael Kerr (Douglas Shire Council) and Mayor Angela Toppin (Mareeba Shire Council) Deputy Chair

5. Next Meeting

To be advised.

MEETING CLOSE: 1.05pm

Agreed Actions from Meeting: 16 April 2021

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62.9	Gerhard Visser (DSDMIP) to present at the next FNQROC Planners Group meeting on Torres Shire Masterplan (20 Mins)	DSDSATMIP	Next meeting tbc
63.3	FNQROC Planners Group to look at overarching strategy and analysis.	FNQROC Planners	In progress
63.4	Scope and clarity around the process of FNQ Regional Plan. Feedback to D Irvine by Friday 14 May 2021	D. Irvine FNQROC	In Progress
63.5c	N Huddy to provide DSDILGP with Seasonal Workers Data Report	N Huddy YASC	In Progress
63.5c	FNQROC Planners Group to provide DSDILGP feedback on growth issues in the region.	FNQROC Planners	In Progress