

# Minutes of the 73<sup>rd</sup> FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

<b>Meeting No</b>	73
<b>Meeting Name</b>	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
<b>Date</b>	7 April 2022
<b>Time</b>	9.30am – 10.30am
<b>Venue</b>	Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Centre and via 'Go To' Meeting

## REPRESENTATIVES

<b>CHAIR</b>	Cr Peter Scott, Mayor	Cook Shire Council
<b>DEPUTY CHAIR</b>	Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
	Cr Terry James, Councillor	Cairns Regional Council (Proxy)
	Cr Mark Nolan, Mayor	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering, Mayor	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr, Mayor	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Steve Wilton (proxy) Bradley Creek, Mayor	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Mr Darryl Jones	TMR (Proxy)

## OBSERVERS

Mr Andrew Graffen, CEO	Cassowary Coast Shire Council
Mr Bill Kerwin, CEO	Croydon Shire Council
Ms Rachel Brophy, CEO	Douglas Shire Council
Cr Wayne Bing Chew, Deputy Mayor	Croydon Shire Council

Mr Gary Rinehart, CEO	Tablelands Regional Council
Mr Steve Wilton, CEO	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Ms Tanya Lindenberg	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Mr Robert Ferguson	LGAQ

## **FNQROC STAFF**

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Ms Darlene Irvine	Executive Officer
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Mr Travis Sydes	Regional Natural Assets and Sustainability Coordinator
Ms Michelle O'Loughlin	Climate Resilient Alliance Coordinator
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support Officer (Minutes)

## **370 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS**

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The meeting commenced at 9.36am.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

## **371 APOLOGIES**

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Mr Sanjay Ram, Regional Director NQ	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Mr Ross Hodgman, District Director	Department of Transport and Main Roads
Mr Robert Chow	LGAQ
Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor	Mareeba Shire Council
Ms Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Bradley Creek	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

## CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

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**MOVED: Cr Michael Kerr**

**SECOND: Cr Ross Andrews**

*“That the minutes of the 72nd FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 3 February 2022 be confirmed.”*

**CARRIED**

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
361	Bamaga Road to be reconsidered by the RRTG TC and if deemed to be LRRS, re-submitted as a recommendation to the RRTG in April.	RRTG TC	Complete
362a	RRTG TC to investigate what impact projects on State-controlled LRRS roads would have on the forward 4-year program for FNQ and present this back to the RRTG in April.	RRTG TC	Complete
362b	RRTG TC to Invite Ross H to the Tech Committee to clearly map the implications of funding projects on State LRRS roads	RRTG TC	Complete
365	R. Hodgman to provide the Cairns Harbour Master contact details to Cr Andrews for marine harbour safety information.	R. Hodgman/ Cr Andrews	Complete
366a	R. Hodgman to discuss eastern side of Savannah Way with Cr Hughes.	R. Hodgman/ Cr Hughes	Complete
366b	R. Hodgman to provide a recent example of a PPR so councils can commence the process to access ROSI funding on Ootann Road.	R. Hodgman	Complete

## 372 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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**Action 361 – Bamaga Road to be reconsidered by the RRTG TC and if deemed to be LRRS, resubmitted as a recommendation to the RRTG in April.**

**Recommendation 1** - It is recommended to the FNQRRTG board that Bamaga Road be a Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS)

**MOVED: Cr Peter Scott**

**SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes**

*“That Bamaga Road be a local road of regional significance given it is a significant tourist road to the tip of Australia.”*

**CARRIED**

**Action 362a – TC to investigate what impact projects on State-controlled LRRS would have on the forward 4-year program and present this back to the April RRTG.**

We would like collaborative management of the regional road network – more involvement in the development and prioritisation. The following recommendation is made as a trial:

**Recommendation 2** - That TIDS funding be prioritised for investment in local government controlled LRRS and any investment on State LRRS to have matched funding be capped at 10% of the annual program.

There was significant discussion around funding on a state road. Key considerations included:

- Concern over state investment on state LRRS roads
- \$900mil maintenance backlog on State Roads meaning it was unlikely some of these roads will see any upgrades in the near future
- Need to ensure the \$ investment in the region remains at least double the TIDS amount
- Consideration of the network tenure blind and if important enough for the LG to match the funds
- The need for TMR to work collaboratively with councils (through the RRTG) in forward planning for the network.
- The below resolution is a trial and can be amended in future.

**MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes**

**SECOND: Cr Peter Scott**

*“That TIDS funding be prioritised for investment in local government controlled LRRS and any investment on State LRRS to have matched funding and be capped at 10% of the annual program.”*

**CARRIED (Wujal Wujal and Croydon Against)**

**Recommendation 3** - That the TIDS allocation on Project 293 (1953389) - Sluice Creek Road be increased from \$267,500 to \$357,833.

**MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes**

**SECOND: Cr Peter Scott**

*“That the TIDS allocation on Project 293 (1953389) – Sluice Creek Road be increased from \$267,500 to \$357,833.”*

**CARRIED**

**Flying recommendation 29/03/2022** – That the FNQRRTG adopt the amended 4 year program.

**MOVED: Mr Steve Wilton**

**SECOND: Cr Mark Nolan**

*“That the FNQ RRTG adopted the amended 4 year program as recommended by the technical committee 29/02/2022.”*

**CARRIED**

## **373 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE**

- TIDS works program update was provided as part of discussions above.

## 374 UPDATE FROM THE ROADS & TRANSPORT ALLIANCE.

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- State-wide TIDS expenditure to end 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter is 45% compared to 54% at the same time last year.
- FNQ program is 53% spent which is lower than the same time last year (78%).
- T Lindenberg thanked the committee for working through the variations to help manage underspends and reallocate to other projects. It helps to demonstrate good management of the program.
- An announcement on ATSI TIDS applications will be made soon.
- In relation to the SCDF mid-year review, additional funding was made available to both Doomadgee and Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Councils.
- Look forward to the Yarrabah Transport Network Plan being completed this financial year with support from SCDF.
- Black Spot Funding nominations are being requested by mid-July for delivery in 2023-24. None of the 53 recently announced funded projects were within FNQ member councils (3 on Thursday Island).
- T. Lindenberg thanked Cook and Cairns representatives for agreeing to submit stories for the next annual progress report.

## 375 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCE SHARING

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- 6 councils agreed to 2022/23 Regional Bitumen Reseal contract going to market. Group didn't want to rollover existing contract.
- Cr Scott – signed MOU with Lockhart River so can undertake work on behalf of Cook Shire Council.
- A. Graffen – Disposing of materials from sites. DTMR asphalt product can be recycled and reused, wanted to know what DTMR's strategy was for the mill stockpiles – can we access it/use it?

**ACTION 375: D Jones to advise what the strategy is for the mill stockpiles and if councils could access/use it.**

## 376 ROAD SAFETY

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- Cr Andrews – range to Yarrabah cut off for a few days due to trucks that couldn't get up the hill. There is no alternative access to Yarrabah.

## 377 GENERAL BUSINESS

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- Supply issues - Cr Scott advised projects on hold because there is a lack of trades people and materials. Cr Scott asked if there was consideration to extend TIDS funding? T Lindenberg advised that currently this is not an option as TIDS funding is a Grant. Has been discussed with DTMR several times. All councils to date have advised 100% spend within the financial year. The case will be pushed through LGAQ, via Cr Scott.
- Pull over areas and facilities - Cr Scott raised a lack of pull over areas and toilets. Encouraging tourists to go out Australia wide, however, there is a lack of facilities. The few roadhouses available are getting frustrated with visitors using their facilities and not purchasing anything causing an increase in waste disposal costs and cleaning costs. This is something that needs to be pushed and kept to the forefront.

- Cr Scott – also asked about recharging stations for electric vehicles – within the region and particularly out west and the Cape there are few to no facilities which will limit potential visitors into the future.

**ACTION 377 – T. Lindenberg to provide information on the Qld Electric Super Highway and recharging stations in Queensland.**

### 378 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 121

- 19 May 2022 – Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Centre

### 379 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 74

- Thursday 2 June 2022 – Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Centre

### 380 CONCLUSION

The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 10.30am.

#### AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday 7 April 2022

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375	D Jones to advise what the strategy is for the mill stockpiles and if councils could access/use it.	D Jones	
377	T. Lindenberg to provide information on the Qld Electric Super Highway and recharging stations in Queensland.	T Lindenberg	Complete

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**Cr Peter Scott**

**FNQ RRTG Chair**