

Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No.64

Meeting Details

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Meeting Name	FNQROC Planners Meeting
Date	10 June 2022
Time	10am to 1pm
Venue	Committee Room Level 3

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Ed Johnson	Cairns Regional Council
Isabella Newman	Cairns Regional Council
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Louise Cameron	Cairns Regional Council
Bryan Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Lisa Miller (online)	Cook Shire Council
Jennifer Elphinstone (online)	Douglas Shire Council
Rebecca Taranto (online)	Douglas Shire Council
Tony Croke	DSDILGP
Liz Taylor	Etheridge Shire Council
Paul Cohen	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Crystal Baker (online)	LGAQ
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Carl Erwin	Mareeba Shire Council
Paul Want (online)	Tablelands Regional Council
Tudor Tanase (online)	Tablelands Regional Council
Nikki Huddy	Yarrabah Shire Council

FNQROC Attendees

Name	Title
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC Executive Officer
Paula Power	Executive Support Officer
Travis Sydes	Regional Natural Assets and Sustainability Coordinator

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Brett Nancarrow	DSDILGP
Gerhard Visser	DSDSATSIP
Dylan Thomas	Cassowary Coast Regional Council

1. WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting opened at 10.00am.

2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM #	ACTION ITEM	OWNER	STATUS
62.9	Gerhard Visser (DSDSATSIP) to present at the next FNQROC Planners Group meeting on Torres Shire Masterplan (20 Mins)	DSDSATMIP	10 June 2022
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	Complete
63.5c	N Huddy to provide DSDILGP with Seasonal Workers Data Report	N Huddy YASC	Complete
63.5c	FNQROC Planners Group to provide DSDILGP feedback on growth issues in the region.	FNQROC Planners	Complete

3. THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE PRESERVATION AND RECOVERY OF THREATENED SPECIES AND ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

- T Sydes presented the final scope of works for a joint FNQROC and Terrain NRM project investigating the role of LG in the preservation and recovery of threatened species and ecological communities.
- Key findings are that one size doesn't fit all.
- Recommendation – tabling for your noting . Toolkit for councils to use will be posted on FNQROC website.

T Sydes thanked Kelly Reaston and Nikki Huddy and Terrain for their work on the project.

Changes that could be made now:

- N Huddy – Mapping. Trying to get the state to work with us. Place based planning. Smaller test cases with a place base planning project on each of your councils. It is about working with community and relevant stakeholders. What it looks like now and in the future.

Action 64.1: Convene a Regional Biodiversity in Planning Workshop run by PIA in partnership relevant regional stakeholders – N Huddy to initiate conversation with PIA, FNQROC to liaise with Terrain NRM and regional partners. Date to be set after the next FNQ Planners meeting.

4. DSDILGP UPDATE

- Regional Director Planning – recruitment process underway, however no outcome to date.
- Covid-19 temporary use licences and currency periods. T Croke to liaise with Brisbane and send D Irvine updates and fact sheets.
- Amendment to Planning Regulation 18 February 2022. Assessment provision version 3 has commenced. Consolidated into one definition. Workforce accommodation/non-resident workforce accommodation – most of schemes relate to both.

Comment from Jenny Elphinstone, Douglas Shire Council

- The DA Rules state what must be included on a public notice, which refers to submissions to be properly made, must be received by a certain time.
- However, the DA Rules also refer to the definition of a properly made submission to Schedule 2 of the Planning Act. The definition has a few more requirements that the time of the submission lodgement eg. the residential or business address is required.
- It would be better that the public notice refers to Schedule 2 of the Planning Act when discussing third party appeal rights and properly made submission.

Action 64.2: T Croke to provide further information on regulation amendments.

Action 64.3: T Croke to provide updates and fact sheets on temporary use licences and currency periods.

Action 64.4: N Huddy (Planz) to forward 'Assessment of the Tablelands Seasonal Worker Industry Report' provided to TRC in 2016 for comparisons.

5. LGAQ UPDATE – CRYSTAL BAKER

- Growth Area Committee – any feedback or issues forward to C Baker.
- Additional funding for Infrastructure funds.
- Housing – advocacy and work being done. LGAQ trying to amplify.

6. FNQROC UPDATE

FNQROC Update

- Housing .id – training by Glen Capuano, Economy.id on Thursday 16 June 2022.
- Regional Waste Strategy – Pre contract meeting on Monday 13 June 2022. Strategy to be completed by December 2022. FNQROC will invest \$150,000 towards implementation.
- FNQROC State Delegation (May 2022) – 25 meetings completed over 2 days. Delegation Report available on the FNQROC website. [link](#)
- FNQ Regional Plan – Minister advised he will call the first meeting in August 2022. Will include Cook and Etheridge in the boundaries.
- FNQROC Federal Delegation - 15-18 August 2022.

7. FNQ REGIONAL PLAN

- D Irvine advised that in preparation for the first meeting with the Minister we needed to provide advice to the mayors on our regional Plan expectations.

- The group discussed main priorities
- Issue with current regional plan – no economic development component. Failure that the outdated FNQ Regional Plan has been used for Cairns to Tablelands access study which was based on future economic growth. Modelling was all based on that which had a huge impact on the outcome of the report.
- Economic strategy
- LGAQ – Regional Infrastructure Plans – State one came out Thursday 9 June 2022.
- Success of regional plan – actions, climate, housing, water, waste and transport infrastructure piece. Cairns barrier to delivery of supplies.
- Strong Community Engagement – make it as commonsense for the community. Language to be used to make it contemporary.
- Input from all levels, State, Federal, Regional, industry groups and community at large.
- Awaiting Ports North Strategic Plan – look at what the transport impact will be.
- Comprehensive approach rather than going down a narrow path.

Action 64.5: D Irvine to share her initial draft with all councils to then input their thoughts regarding expectations of the Regional Plan and current/in development strategies and plans which can help inform it.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

- D. Wellington and T Sydes presenting at Urban heat Seminar on **Friday 8 July 2022**. Cairns heatwave event, bats etc. considerations that effect service delivery, animal management, disaster recovery, Climate Alliance Strategy. Davina Hickley from St Vincent de Paul will be presenting on housing and the implications of heatwaves.

Liz Taylor, Etheridge Shire Council

- Genex Project
- Cotton gin. No industrial land. Transport depot options. Cotton gin needs 50 hectares. Important to be part of the Regional Plan.
- Kuranda and other towns stagnant. Mareeba town growing and going along steady.

Brian Millard – Mareeba Shire Council

- Service Stations – problem with industrial, not enough land developed.
- Applications consistent. 2006 applications on books. Agricultural land – contentious one.

Bryan Jones, Cassowary Coast Regional Council

- New sub-division application.
- Mill in Tully has commenced.
- Consolidated the scheme document – taken out 180 pages
- Infrastructure charges – maintaining discount until next year until further notice.

Paul Want, Tablelands Regional Council

- Very busy currently - 220 lots in last 8 months. Another 200 on the books. Biggest problem is Ergon. Stifling development on the Tablelands. At design stage – not approving the designs. Trying to seal lots, but no electricity in ground. Ergon holding them up and developers angry and council unable to do anything.
 - **LGAQ is being raised through various channels.**
- Wind farms. Councillors had a tour of the infrastructure. Breaking ground to finish.
- Planning scheme amendments - RV's accepted development on rural parcels. Caravan industry made submissions against having rural parcels for RV's.

Jenny Elphinstone, Douglas Shire Council

- Fair number of applications coming through.
- 32 rain gauges around shire which will measure volume of water as it falls. Algorithms will predict.
- Wangetti Trail Report in July 2022 for next stage.
- Soy sauce production (Kepis Manus) continuing.

Ed Johnston, Cairns Regional Council

- Appeals – Trinity Beach Woolworths – has been 4 years in court and will now go ahead.
- Smithfield Shopping Centre upgrade got upheld – no economic need.
- Service Station – Yorkey's Knob – refusal upheld. Landgate values a significant factor. Service station on rural zoned land.
- Northern Sands Service Station – hearing late July 2022.
- Subdivision in Redlynch.
- Ergon – new requirements of clearance around pad mount. Lots and in buildings. Will take up a lot of area – the alternative is putting everything overhead which is not the preference.

Darlene Irvine, FNQOC

- FNQ Development Manual – review every 2 years, the last one 2019. Proposed process commencement in July 2022.

Meeting closed at 1.17pm

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Friday 10 June 2022

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