

Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No.66

Meeting Details

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Meeting Name	FNQROC Planners Meeting
Date	23 June 2023
Time	10am to 11.30am
Venue	Committee Room, Level 3, Cairns Regional Council / Teams

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Fleur Anderson	Cairns Regional Council
Byron Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Teresa Schmidt	Cook Shire Council
Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council
Rebecca Taranto	Douglas Shire Council
Lynda Brown	DSDLGIP
Brett Nancarrow	DSDILGP
Tony Croke	DSDILGP
Ryan Longland	DSDILGP
Liz Taylor	Etheridge Shire Council
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Paula Power	FNQROC
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Carl Erwin	Mareeba Shire Council
Kelly Reaston	Tablelands Regional Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Sean Lisle	Cairns Regional Council
Claire Simmons	Cairns Regional Council
Ed Johnson	Cairns Regional Council
Dylan Thomas	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Lisa Miller	Cook Shire Council
Neil Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Dan Lamond	Douglas Shire Council

Althena Davidson	DSDILGP
Gerhard Visser	DSDSATSIP
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Nikki Huddy	Yarrabah Shire Council

1. WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting opened at 10.00am.

2. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
65.1	M Reason to seek opportunity for the planning committee to review the RIP before release	M Reason	Underway
65.2	M Reason to speak with DGs on pathways to explore land tenure.	M Reason	Commenced.
65.3	FNQROC Planners to provide data and information to T Croke, DSDILGP by Thursday 15 June 2023.	All	Email from Tony Croke sent 8 June requesting information
65.4	D. Irvine through DSDILGP to set up meeting with Articulus and the Consortium as soon as possible.	D Irvine	Commenced
65.5	D. Irvine to set up additional FNQROC Planners meetings so the meetings are fortnightly.	D Irvine	Complete
65.6	D Irvine to identify representatives put forward to LGAQ and call a meeting in approximately 1 month to start the local housing action plan development process.	D Irvine	Ongoing
65.7	D. Irvine to find original legal advice regarding the Development Manual and requirement for it to be a planning scheme policy or not.	D Irvine	Included with minutes
65.8	K Reaston to forward paper to FNQROC on 'workers accommodation'.	K Reaston	Ongoing

Action Item 65.1 – IRS working on a feedback mechanism to engage with Local Governments on the FNQ Infrastructure Plan. Contact hasn't been made to date. FNQ Regional Planning Committee (FNQ RPC) meeting coming up 18 July 2023 and will be presenting at that meeting.

Action Item 65.2 – This is part of a much broader conversation across Queensland Government. Will require some time to return with a response. Work currently being done by the policy area of Planning Group, DSDILGP.

Action Item 65.3 – Some stakeholders asking for data agreements. Email sent on 8 June 2023 with relevant information. Some Councils still outstanding ie. Cairns Regional Council, Cook Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council and FNQROC (Natural Assets side). Concerns how the data is shared. Looking at all parties to sign a data sharing agreement. DSDILGP looking at SharePoint and how can manage that to ease concerns.

Action Item 65.4 – Attendance from consultants likely to be next meeting. DSDILGP to present draft material on behalf of consultants at that meeting. Further updates coming today and will share detail at next meeting.

Action Item 65.6 – D Irvine advised she has had a number of conversations with councils, particularly those less resourced. A meeting date will be identified shortly to commence the process.

Action Item 65.8 – K Reaston will try and send through today (noting it is her last day before Sean Lisle takes over)

Minutes were declared correct with the addition of Liz Taylor who attended on behalf of Etheridge Shire Council.

3. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FNQROC PLANNERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- FNQROC Planners Group agreed with the Terms of Reference (TOR) making one minor change. The document is now ready for signing by the Group. Expectations are that DSDILGP will be excluded from signing. DSDILGP will have their own TOR for the Regional Plan project and will be streamlined so it is similar to ours with regard to confidentiality and conflicts of interest.
- Conflict of Interest will be a standing item at all FNQROC Planners meetings going forward and will be recorded in the minutes.
- It was noted that the group is an advisory group to the FNQROC Board. The FNQ Regional Plan is a project under the FNQROC Planners Group and information will be fed to the Board.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- K Reaston – She was engaged with Articulous to prepare the original engagement strategy however she isn't engaged in the implementation stages. No conflict of interest was determined.

5. ARTICULOUS AND SMEC DRAFT SCHEDULING

- State is meeting with SMEC and Articulous on Monday 26 June 2023 to discuss alignment between the work streams and engagement. It is expected the draft scheduling will show an extension of 1 month (from September to October) to allow better analysis.
- A detailed work schedule is being worked through with the consultants on Monday 26 June 2023. Once DSDILGP approval has been sought, this will be sent to the Planners group for comment by 30 June 2023. It is expected that the draft schedule will be discussed at our next Planners meeting 7th July 2023.

66.1 ACTION: Detailed schedule will be forwarded by DSDILGP by 30 June 2023, with feedback requested ASAP from the Planning Group.

- Looking at standing up working groups.
- Late July, early August workshops with these groups to work through findings.

- Key focus areas, mid-September workshop to work through draft. The last deliverable is a suite of policy and land use to test and work through.
- Meeting invite has been sent to Mayors and CEOs for RPC meeting 18 July 2023 in Cairns.
- FNQROC Planners meetings fortnightly proposing through until December starting back up around April 2024.
- April, May, June to align with final approvals for delivery of final plan around July 2024.
- The Deputy Premier has requested Cape York RPC meeting for 20 July 2023 in Cooktown.

Questions/discussion

- D Irvine – Should have Planners meetings during Local Government Election cycle so fully informed of potential issues. February 2024 to May 2024, can have meetings in March as long as no decisions are made whilst in caretaker mode. Good strategy in case anything blows up.
- D Irvine – Key focus needs to be on stakeholder engagement with key industry groups.

6. STATE AGENCY ENGAGEMENT

- DSDILGP Deputy Director General Group – broader Regional Plan Program looks at all Regional Plans at a high level. Formal agency working groups are soon to be established. Informal agency briefing session in next few weeks to brief together agency representatives. Will look at overview of schedule and technical work and will meet every month to discuss all Regional Plans and work through issues from a state perspective.
- Looking at standing up other working groups ie. Industry, community, environmental, and First Nations groups.

Questions/discussion

- D Irvine – Local Housing Action Plans. Concerns the review of Indigenous Councils like Wujal Wujal is taking too long. Still in draft form after a January review and draft release May 2022. Seems to be missing a vital piece being land availability. Broad hectare review last time excluded Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah. Biggest issue is land and availability for housing stock.
- LTaylor – land tenure important issues for alternative land use.
- R Longland – challenge to see what can be included in Regional Plan and understand the information to get better outcomes.
- D Irvine – Indigenous housing issues will be the forefront of ROCS advocacy linking that to the legacy issues of 2023 Olympic Games. State and federal focused on culture and heritage but indigenous living standards are sub-par. Softly approach in the beginning but will ramp up.
- J Elphinstone – Affordable and Indigenous housing concern for region and where it is directed. Should be understood is not a secondary issue.

7. RPC MEETING – 18TH JULY 2023

- The Deputy Premier has sent invitation to Mayors and CEOs and FNQROC Executive Officer. Gazette notice ready to go. Date is 9am to 10.30am on 18 July 2023. Venue to be confirmed, currently looking at options. Prefer in person attendance but will make online for those unable to attend in person.
- Councils may be able to bring technical representatives with them but this is dependent on the available room size.

- FNQ RPC will provide an overview from State on FNQ RIP and discussion on the Regional Plan. Waiting for direction from the Deputy Premier.

Discussion:

- D Irvine advised that the Infrastructure Plan may cause contention.

66.2 ACTION: F Anderson to forward contact details for the Botanical Gardens venue run by Cairns Regional Council for the RPC Meeting to B Nancarrow for consideration.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- Presentation at next FNQROC Planners meeting. D Irvine has arranged Scott Buchanan from WTMA to give an overview of federal funding for Eastern Kuku Yalanji Return to Planning. Potential links to bush living that has been spoken about before.
- J Elphinstone – Looking at land tenure issues and red tape. 4wd access and standards for shelter onsite including water and waste. Claims on land - who gets to build on that area. Looking at how many houses could go in certain areas. Prefer to have an outstation developed initially. Putting caretakers in there so can act as a ranger station. Great case study – what happens when lands are handed back.
- B Nancarrow - other planning exercises in Cape York and planning for land handed back in Yarrabah and Hope Vale.

66.3 ACTION: B Nancarrow to present on additional planning exercises occurring in the region similar to that of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji project after Scott Buchanan.

Roundtable

- **J Elphinstone** – permanent plantation signing - 15 year agreement. Creating an issue with these lands being taken out of rural production area.
 - T Croke/B Nancarrow – was an issue years ago. Two definitions under the regulation. Permanent plantation or under cropping it is considered agricultural.
- **B Jones and D Horton** – CHAS endorsed at last council meeting, done after 6 years. Slow-down in development currently.
- **K Reaston** – Sean Lisle starts on Monday. Large rural holding - planning regulation for workers accommodation haven't seen any instruction, causing some issues. **B Millard** - Mareeba having problems with the fire overlay related to this.
- **T Croke** thanked the group for getting their data in and acknowledged some councils needed more time to get the information to DSDILGP. T Sydes FNQROC will send data next week, CRC has signed data release agreement and will send next week. L Taylor will follow-up with ESC.
- **F Anderson** – Growth strategy towards 2050 – emerging risks; looking at program and drafting up what an alternative program looks like - rescoping exercise.
- **D Irvine** - FNQROC Mountain Bike Strategy. Taking strategy to a deeper level this time. First steering Committee Group meeting will be held on 3 July 2023. Accessible mountain bike trails and management requirements with tracks 91km or longer are some of the issues we're looking at.
- **D Irvine** has organised meetings with councils to deliver Development Manual Training in early July 2023.

Next meeting: Friday 7th July 2023, Cairns Regional Council, Level 3 Committee Room. Agenda and minutes to be sent out Monday of meeting week.

Meeting closed at 11.10am

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

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