

Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No.66

Meeting Details

Meeting No	67
Meeting Name	FNQROC Planners Meeting
Date	7 July 2023
Time	10am to 2pm
Venue	Committee Room, Level 3, Cairns Regional Council / Teams

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Byron Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Teresa Schmidt	Cook Shire Council
Neil Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Lynda Brown	DSDLGIP
Brett Nancarrow	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
Mary-Ellen	SMEC (presentation only)
Sean Lisle	Tablelands Regional Council
James Ross	WTMA (presentation only)
Nikki Huddy	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Claire Simmons	Cairns Regional Council
Fleur Anderson	Cairns Regional Council
Ed Johnson	Cairns Regional Council
Dylan Thomas	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Lisa Miller	Cook Shire Council
Rebecca Taranto	Douglas Shire Council
Dan Lamond	Douglas Shire Council

Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council
Athena Davidson	DSDILGP
Tony Croke	DSDILGP
Gerhard Visser	DSDSATSIP
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Kelly Reaston	Tablelands Regional Council

1. WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting opened at 10.00am.

2. PRESENTATIONS

Scott Buchanan (WTMA) – provided an overview of federal funding for Eastern Kuku Yalanji Return to Country Planning and potential links to bush planning.

- Returning to country streamline approach to get back onto country. Body of work already happened. How can WTMA facilitate return to country – finding suitable areas. First step looking at land assessment and determine what is suitable land and what isn't.
- Joint management tenure. Cape York Land Council looking at legal side.
- What they want and how it fits in with planning scheme. Working group to reach out to councils. Cook Shire and Douglas Shire have existing local plans for these areas.
- A cross-departmental working group may be convened to identify pathways in resolving intersecting legislation, and planning and development schemes.
- Queensland government funding \$1m
- Identifying areas within the Aboriginal freehold land that are suitable for EKY Peoples to return to Country and carry out self-determined domestic, community and/or commercial uses.
- No guarantees that funds will be available for construction of infrastructure to enable return to country.
- Would like interest from DSDILGP and LG Planners Group. ie. codes, acts impacting etc.

Questions/discussion

- Would like to see local government planning schemes facilitating this type of development.
- Local plan – Major amendment and improvements to scheme. Looking at local plan aspect to build up more as part of current scheme. Fine tune mapping and development in those precincts.
- Cook Shire scheme similar to Douglas Shire, has local plan in place. Next amendment will happen through Local plan.
- Encourage return to country. Structures not fit for purpose under the building code. Misalignment of expectations, change in future scheme amendments to align those expectations.
- Working group – discussions considered. Construction type infrastructure. Open shelter, fire, youth out of town. Storage shed but no accommodation at this point.
- Regulatory requirements: planning to change requirements and change different zones. Process to be streamlined. State Policy turning mind to these issues and not duplicating work.
- Different levels of legislation. Definition of landowners – the acts aren't aligned.
- Gunggandji Master Planning Project. South of Yarrabah township return to country. PBC broader aspirations for that area and is in world heritage. Similar project to aboriginal freehold land. Discussion has been about how housing might get implemented in framework more quickly. Agreement with PBC and council that could be through a temporary Local Planning Instrument to save waiting for planning

scheme amendments. Bush fire studies, engineering work and how to service dwellings and other uses in that area.

- YASC before native title in 2017, 2% of development of land, two significant landowners. Studies to get scheme amended through bushfire, flood etc. Deep concern about amending planning scheme without updating those studies but impossible to do as can't comply with minimum standards.

Brett Nancarrow (DSDILGP) – provided an overview of projects on native title land that has been handed back to Indigenous Communities.

- Focus on getting a specific land use and focus efforts on specific area near Bloomers Point.
- Tallaroo Hot Springs - This was not land handed back, they purchased the station and went through planning exercise. Work on country associated with that.
- N Huddy - health check on original approval with readjustments. Costing of boardwalks - MYAC Ancient Tours.
- DTATSIPCA doing work with PBCs and traditional owners.
- DTATSIPCA working with Pajinka an area handed back to traditional owners to get tourism proposals on that land through planning processes.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All representatives except local government employees were asked to leave the room and online at 10.49am

D Irvine advised:

- The interim CEO will need the technical support to provide the services D Irvine usually provides to the FNQROC Board.
- A request for quote went out two weeks ago to seek a replacement for her role in relation to the FNQ Regional Plan. The RFT was sent to Reel Planning; Kelly Reaston Development and Property Services, Kristy Gilvear Planning, Planz and Up North. Quotes were requested for a daily and hourly rate. Only one response was received from the company Up North.
- The RfQ included everything that those participating in the meetings have been privy to.
- Selection panel – Mica Martin, Cairns Regional Council, Peter Franks, Mareeba Shire Council, Mayor Angela Toppin, Mareeba Shire Council and Mayor Michael Kerr. At the time of this meeting 3 of the 4 on the panel had provided their opinion on the RfQ's provided.

Local government employees in the room were comfortable with representatives from these companies to remain in the meeting.

All representatives returned to the room and online at 10.59am.

- L Taylor – President of Stratford, mentioned in engagement.
- N Huddy and K Reaston engaged with Articulous to prepare the original engagement strategy. Not engaged in the implementation stages.
- B Nancarrow and T Schmidt – conflict of interest declared through DSDILGP. Consultants bound by code of practice.

No conflict detected however if something was to arise representatives would be asked to leave the room for the period of discussion.

4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agreed Action items from Meeting 23 June 2023

Minute No	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
65.1	M Reason to seek opportunity for the planning committee to review the RIP before release	M Reason DSDILGP	Complete
65.2	M Reason to speak with DGs on pathways to explore land tenure.	M Reason DSDILGP	Commenced
65.3	FNQROC Planners to provide data and information to T Croke, DSDILGP by Thursday 15 June 2023.	All	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 FNQROC	Completed – decision still to be made
65.8	K Reaston to forward paper to FNQROC on 'workers accommodation'.	K Reaston TRC	Complete
66.1	Detailed schedule will be forwarded for review on Monday by DSDILGP with feedback requested ASAP from the Planning Group.	DSDILGP Planners Group	Sent 30 June comments due 11 July
66.2	F Anderson to forward contact details Botanical Gardens venue run by Cairns Regional Council for the RPC Meeting to B Nancarrow for consideration.	F Anderson CRC	Complete
66.3	B Nancarrow to present on additional planning exercises occurring in the region similar to that of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji project after Scott Buchanan.	B Nancarrow DSDILGP	Complete

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.

Action Item 66.1 - Feedback due by 11 July 2023.

5. ARTICULOUS UPDATE

- Draft FNQ Project Engagement Schedule discussion; engagement to inform the drafting.
- Identified this forum as touch point for technical details and draw out data. Timeframes extended by a month.

- 3 main workshops – Online visioning and aspiration survey, have your say pages and collaborative workshops with additional representatives from industry, state agencies, the Community and First Nations Peoples. Additional briefings – provides the opportunity to use its working groups to have discussions.
- DSDILGP are happy to present to Council representatives and talk to them directly.
- First nations organisation - 'Blaklash' – to engage first nations communities in planning and development.

Questions/discussion

- Visioning Survey. If running to September 2023 how does it feed into policy?
DSDILGP - Will continually test against that.
- Confusing for Cook Shire Council testing current vision as this is not their current Regional Plan. Could be confusing.
- Etheridge Shire Council were also not in the previous regional plan.
- DSDILGP – when the draft deliverables are received, will workshop 60 people to test draft outcomes with the community and stakeholders and test outcomes through working group. Information will be shared to a broader group in a staged process with the FNQ Planners Group being the first.
The intention of workshop 1 is to have peak bodies help resolve potential issues. Peak bodies and elected members need to be involved.
- Some concern regarding limiting the number of attendees to workshops and that the workshops are only being held in Cairns
- After discussion with the Planners Group, it was suggested that the workshops would benefit being held in additional areas with supplementary meetings that run alongside of each.

Looking at:

- Cassowary Coast – Tully
- Tablelands – Mareeba
- Lakelands - Cooktown
- In December, could go through RPC to go out to public consultation rather than each council.
- Reach out to Regional Managers Coordination Network (RMCN) to possibly do a workshop to get the full impact of state agencies. The earlier that dates are locked in the better to get full impact of community engagement. Important to get engagement right.
- DSDILGP – pressure to get things through cabinet by the end of the year but would be a close to completed draft with a possibility of a month extension.

6. SMEC PROJECT UPDATE

Technical consortium

- Timeframes align with engagement and engagement outcomes.
- Stage 1 – gaps and opportunities assessment - opportunities compared with previous plan
- Stage 2 – focus areas, working vision, technical evidence base – Analyse land use constraints and opportunities; create regional economy paper; identify housing supply benchmarks – housing analysis and outputs.
- Stage 3 – Options for land use responses and policy positions – findings from paper for deliverables which will be broken into streams. At high level – regional approach. Recommendations for all sectors.
- Big shift from previous regional plan with climate change push.

- Emerging industries – renewables.
- D Irvine – LGAQ state funding for Local Housing action Plans. Each council is identifying issues and actions – do these feed into the process?
- Regional housing needs – demographic over 2 years will have a short-term impact. Regionalisation due to Covid is reversing quite quickly. Demographic change. Looking at data and how to analyse.
- Solutions for housing challenges – first nations people.
- Health is based on network of health facilities that feed into.
- DSDILGP – broader discussion for Bull and Bear. Picking up regional issues that matter to FNQ.

7. RPC MEETING – 18TH JULY 2023

- RPC Meeting schedule for 18 July 2023 9am to 10.30am – Cairns Convention Centre
- Cape York – 20 July 2023 – venue to be confirmed.
- Gazette notice published – 30 June 2023. Will provide a copy.
- Paper going out for the meeting from the Deputy Premier’s office. High level snapshot of the governance diagram to be sent early next week. Happy to give one on one briefing to the mayors’.
- Chris Aston Acting DDG

67.1 Action Item: DSDILGP to provide a copy of the Gazette notice for the RPC Meeting 18 July 2023.

8. DRAFT FNQ INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

Comments/Discussion

- 2nd round of consultations finish on 11 July 2023.
- Comments in the FNQ Infrastructure Plan don’t relate to people. Disappointed with the 2nd draft as it doesn’t reflect FNQ region and is very broad and high level and is a different document to the one consulted on in February.
- During the consultation a lot of detail was discussed and included, those words have been lifted to such a high level it doesn’t mean anything.
- Need to be consistent in terminology around ‘remote’ and what it references to– ABS has 5 area definitions, and these should be used consistently. Need discipline in all regional plans with agency standard terminology.
- Seems like a step backwards ¾ of the document missing.

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- DSDILGP – Will make every effort to find out how the RIP Team are going to finalise document and provide feedback from the FNQ Planners meeting. Difficult to have a regional plan that is contrary to RIP.
- Missing on the stakeholder list is young people and First Nations Peoples.

67.3 Action Item: DSDILGP to send out stakeholder list and slide pack.

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10. GENERAL BUSINESS

Roundtable Update

Cook Shire Council

- Draft masterplan for Lakeland – Community engagement next month.

Etheridge Shire Council

- Land use survey Georgetown last year and Mount Surprise. Looking at building code and areas of non-compliance. Councils sending out letters.

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

- Council awarded tender to do Masterplan for Bilamba.
- 335 families on housing waiting list with 275 lots of land – nowhere near enough.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

- DA's starting to slowdown due to a combination of interest rate and unavailability of tradies.
- Affordable housing projects in Cardwell – Regional Investment fund. Residents not happy and may go to court. Build as part of State Government and lease to private firm.
- With Lands Department – Port Hinchinbrook; building a pump station with Federal monies.
- Planning team expanding in coming months, more streamlined. Will be on the website.

Cairns Regional Council

- Towards 2050 – Technical studies progressing. Early insights from mapping on hazard studies. Technical study in draft phase moving through process. Hazards, employment and housing strategy and next phase direction and options. Growth framework paper – awareness and understanding and linkages to regional plan. Forming language around consolidation.
- Engage with Meridian Urban – delivering feasibility report.

Douglas Shire Council

- Houses in Murphy Street have been revised down to 4 big houses, earthworks happening soon.
- Gurners purchased Dougies backpackers and Pandanus. Lodged application for short-term accommodation rather than significant resort complex. Gurners project significant – Tourist Park in constrained site. Will compound on existing accommodation issues.
- Appeal coming in around helicopter facility. Robust assessment and council have approved.
- Building retirement village on council's land and worked in with development lease.

Mareeba Shire Council

- One scheme amendment happening and will be signed off in the coming weeks. New Muslim school. External issues.

FNQROC

- Reports for Development Manual have gone to councils. Public consultation commences 12 August 2023.

Meeting closed at 1.35pm.

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