

Minutes of the 77th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

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| Meeting No | 77 |
| Meeting Name | FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group |
| Date | 1 June 2023 |
| Time | 12 noon to 1.00pm |
| Venue | Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room |

REPRESENTATIVES

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| Cr Brett Moller | Cairns Regional Council |
| Cr Mark Nolan | Cassowary Coast Regional Council |
| Cr Robyn Holmes, Dep Mayor | Cook Shire Council |
| Cr Trevor Pickering | Croydon Shire Council |
| Cr Michael Kerr | Douglas Shire Council |
| Cr Barry Hughes, Mayor | Etheridge Shire Council |
| Mr Ross Hodgman, District Director | Department of Transport and Main Roads |
| Cr Rod Marti | Tablelands Regional Council |

CHAIR

OBSERVERS

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| Mr Andrew Graffen | Cassowary Coast Regional Council |
| Mr Brian Joiner | Cook Shire Council |
| Ms Jacqui Cresswell | Croydon Shire Council |
| Mr Neil Crotty | Etheridge Shire Council |
| Mr Richard Wright | Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council |
| Mr Peter Franks | Mareeba Shire Council |

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| Ms Susan Barlow | RAPT, Department of Transport and Main Roads |
| Mr Mike Furniss | LGAQ |
| Ms Lucy Greene | LGAQ |

FNQROC STAFF

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| Ms Darlene Irvine | Executive Officer |
| Ms Amanda Hancock | Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator |
| Ms Paula Power | Executive Support |

358 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The meeting commenced at 12 noon.

In the absence of the Chair and Deputy Chair, Mayor Michael Kerr Chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. He acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

359 APOLOGIES

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| Cr Peter Scott, Mayor | Cook Shire Council |
| Cr Bob Manning, Mayor | Cairns Regional Council |
| Cr Annette Haydon | Tablelands Regional Council |
| Cr Ross Andrews, Mayor | Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council |
| Cr Kevin Davies, Deputy Mayor | Mareeba Shire Council |
| Mr Ken Timms | Etheridge Shire Council |
| Cr Bradley Creek | Wujal Wujal |

403 PRESENTATIONS

No presentations at his meeting.

404 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOVED: Cr Rod Marti

SECOND: Cr Barry Hughes

“That the minutes of the 76th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 2 February 2023 confirmed.”

Nil action items from last meeting.

405 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Recommendations to the RRTG Board from Technical Committee meeting No.126 – 17 March 2023 and No. 127 – 9 May 2023

6.2.1 Technical Committee Meeting No.126 – 17 March 2023

FNQ RRTG endorsed the recommended amended program for 2022/23 to 2026/27 via Flying Motion on 29 March 2023. Noted

6.2.2 Technical Committee Meeting No.127 – 9 May 2023

Recommendations to the RRTG Board from Technical Committee No.127 – 9 May 2023

6.2.2 Recommended works program 22/23 – 26/27, (excel spreadsheet attached to agenda with amendments in red), and

6.2.3 Recommended priority list of banked projects to be allocated any underspend in the 2022/23 year to be endorsed:

MOVER: Cr Trevor Pickering
SECONDER: Cr Barry Hughes

That the FNQRRTG endorse:

- a. the recommended works program 2022/23 – 2026/27 and*
- b. the following priority list of banked projects be allocated any underspend in the 2022/23 year.*

| ID | Council | Road | Project Description | Rank | Project Cost | Funds to be allocated |
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| 366 | Cairns Region | Lake Street | Pavement Rehabilitation | 83 | \$630,000 | \$224,000 |
| 459 | Cassowary Region | Tully Gorge Road | Culvert No. 59 | 89 | \$296,000 | \$43,000 |
| 264 | Cook Region | Sherrin Esplanade | Roadworks (sealed) - Existing Alignment. | 145 | \$1,300,000 | \$150,000 |
| 487 | Douglas Region | Cape Tribulation Road | Stabilisation of road edges | 16 | \$165,000 | \$82,500 |
| 485 | Douglas Region | Front Street | construct a 2m wide footpath | 43 | \$60,000 | \$30,000 |
| 479 | Tablelands Region | Sluice Creek Road | Guardrail / Barrier | 55 | \$113,157 | \$55,000 |

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| 486 | Douglas Region | St Crispins Ave/Endeavour Street | Lighting - Upgrade | 71 | \$300,000 | \$150,000 |
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406 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

- Ross Hodgman – Roadtec to complete works at Archer River.
- Fed budget released in May – review of all federally funded infrastructure projects with construction yet to commence. This means any projects with Federal funding which is yet to commence construction are unable to go out to tender until the review is complete. Projects underway will be continued.
- Priority list of projects impacted will be sent to Federal Government to trying and get the review completed quickly. Currently out of TMRs control with no visibility of review.
- Every Federally funded project on QTRIP impacted.
- DTMR plan to work with their planning team and look at what projects are in the pipeline that are active and projects ready to go to market. If it is not resolved by December will lose a whole year due to wet season.

Questions from the floor

- Socio Economic Assessment Report – public facing document. Needs to go through the TMR approval process and they will release once approved.

Action: R Hodgman to let RRTG know when the Socio Economic Assessment Report it has been released on the website.

- Andrew Graffen – Having trouble retaining Project Managers. There is also gap internally at TMR. Information on how to keep workforce and what to do with contractors – TMR can share.

407 ROADS AND TRANSPORT ALLIANCE UPDATE

Susan Barlow – Principal Technical Advisor (Local Government Partnerships) | Government Partnerships, Department of Transport and Main Roads

- TIDS expenditure - FNQ RRTG TIDS expenditure was 90 percent as at the end of May 2023. (Statewide expenditure was 67 per cent.)
- It is noted that the RRTG have now endorsed a number of program changes to ensure the TIDS program and expenditure is on track for completion and full expenditure this financial year. A reminder to submit any claims as soon as possible. TMR will now be providing monthly reports until the end of the financial year.
- SCDF - We have now received this year's claim for the "Regional Aerodrome Operational Business plan" project – thank you. This was the only outstanding SCDF claim from FNQ RRTG.
- RRTG ATSI TIDS - It is noted that Wujal Wujal have fully claimed their allocation and that Yarrabah are to use their allocation next financial year (another council in FNQ RRTG is to use the funding this year)

- TIDS project recognition signage – The alliance has now received all the photos this year for TIDS projects over \$250,000 from FNQ RRTG. The missing photos, noted at the technical committee meeting, from Cook and Tablelands councils have been sent to us since that meeting.
- RTAPT webinars - “e-Mobility Parking Plan” webinar was held on 3 May 2023 to discuss strategic planning for e-Mobility parking and the e-Mobility Parking Working Group.
“Road Safety starts with us” webinar was held on 9 May 2023. Information was provided by representatives from TMR’s road safety teams including on some resources and funding available to Local Governments. It is noted that this date clashed with the FNQ RRTG technical committee meeting held at the same time so a representative from TMR’s Safer Roads Infrastructure team is to do a presentation at the next technical committee meeting.
- RTA annual progress report: all RRTGs have been asked to submit a story/stories about a TIDS project. A short explanation about the project (include key details, cost/TIDS contribution, benefits/outcome, 300 words max.) with some high-resolution photos are needed by 2 June 2023. (It is noted since the meeting that Cook Shire Council has submitted a project story).
- Crash data and Blackspot applications: crash data and emerging crash locations were sent to RRTGs in April 2023. This information can be used to support Blackspot applications which are due by early/mid July 2023.

408 LGAQ UPDATE

LGAQ, Mike Furniss, Lead Transport and Logistics

Federal Budget Infrastructure update

- Minister Catherine King has announced an independent review of the Federal Government’s \$120 billion infrastructure pipeline.

This 90-day independent review of the Infrastructure Investment Program will assess a number of IIP sub-programs, including the Bridges Renewal Program, Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, Roads to Recovery Program and Black Spot Program. It will investigate what improvements could be made to these sub-programs, including how the Australian Government could deliver them more effectively and lessen any unnecessary administrative burden.

Minister King has now confirmed that both the LGAQ and ALGA will be consulted as part of the review. We are being asked to provide feedback on the delivery of sub-programs available to the local government sector.

LGAQ received a letter showing that the review will NOT:

- consider projects already under construction or the Commonwealth’s 2022 election commitments.
- consider individual projects in the sub-programs

LGAQ seeks feedback from councils on the following:

1. A list of projects that are under construction or were an election commitment – so we can state in our submission that we understand they are 100% safe, as per the minister’s letter.
2. A list of projects that are not captured by these review parameters – and are thus at risk. This will allow LGAQ to make the case around the impact on community liveability/leaving local communities behind that this would cause if cancelled.

3. A list of council suggestions to achieve easier/smoothier administration for both the Commonwealth and councils. For example, allocative funding, co-contribution levels, layering government grants together, more flexible timelines.
4. Is there anything in the ongoing funding programs (LRCl, R2R, Bridges Renewal, Black Spot, ROSI, HVSP) that make administration easier for councils, that we can include in response?

Please provide feedback by 30 June 2023 to Mike Furniss, A/Lead, Roads and Transport at 07 5955 4389 or mike_furniss@lgaq.asn.au

LGAQ Staff changes

- Delia Atkinson has moved on and Mike Furniss is back in the acting lead position while LGAQ recruit. Warren Phillips has been engaged to provide support for the roads and transport portfolio, particularly around the Rail Interface Agreement project.

409 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCES SHARING

Works on 2022/23 nearing completion and 2023/24 request for tender will be released shortly.

410 ROAD SAFETY

Nil

411 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Technical Tour – spending 3 days 26 -28 July 2023. Travelling to Cook then up to Coen and Archer River Bridge works along the PDR and inspection of TIDS projects. A Hancock will contact TMR about works on the bridge.

412 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 128

- Friday 14 July 2023 – Cairns

413 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 78

- Thursday 5 October 2023 – (Hope Vale*) to be confirmed

414 CONCLUSION

The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12 noon.

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Cr Michael Kerr

A/g FNQ RRTG Chair

AGREED ACTION ITEMS

Thursday 1 June 2023

| Minute Number | Action | Responsible Person(s) | Status |
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| 406 | R Hodgman to let RRTG know when the Socio-Economic Assessment Report has been released on the website. | R Hodgman | |