

Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No.71

Meeting Details

Meeting No	71
Meeting Name	FNQROC Planners Meeting
Date	1 December 2023
Time	10am to 2.00pm
Venue	McKenzie Room, Level 3, Cairns Regional Council / Teams

Attendees

Name	Organisation
Byron Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Belinda Jones	Cook Shire Council (Consultant Planner)
Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council
Liz Taylor	Etheridge Shire Council (Consultant Planner)
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Carl Ewin	Mareeba Shire Council
Sean Lisle	Tablelands Regional Council
Lynda Brown	DSDILGP
Brett Nancarrow	DSDILGP
Paula Power	FNQROC
Anthony Archie	FNQROC
Matt Leman	LGAQ
Nikki Huddy (Chair)	Up North
Julie Colman	WTMA
Fleur Anderson	Cairns Regional Council
Michelle Henderson	Cairns Regional Council

Apologies

Name	Organisation
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Ed Johnson	Cairns Regional Council
Daniel Lamond	Douglas Shire Council
Tony Croke	DSDILGP
Gerhardt Visser	DTATSIPCA
Ken Timms	Ethridge Shire Council

1. WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

Meeting opened at 10.05am.

2. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Nil

3. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of Meeting No. 70 - 8 September 2023.

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
69.3	Blacklash will be providing consultation – DSDILGP to confirm when that consultation will be and advise the Planners Group.	DSDILGP	Confirm at next meeting
69.5	Natural Hazards - SPP information to be provided by DSDILGP.	DSDILGP	Confirm at next meeting
69.7	Councils to provide details of areas of concerns with the changes to the Planning Regulations SOP. B Nancarrow can look into this and provide feedback or organise a session to discuss with a group.	B Nancarrow DSDILGP	Confirm at next meeting
70.1	N Tzannes to forward summary of consultation paper on planning legislative amendments once available.	N Tzannes LGAQ	Confirm at next meeting
70.2	D Wellington to send through high level comments on the Regional Land Use Pattern.	D Wellington CRC	Confirm at next meeting
70.3	P Power to include on future agenda – Priority agriculture areas – guideline diversity in rural precincts.	P Power FNQROC	Meeting 1 December 2023

Update on Actions from meeting No. 70 – 8 September 2023

Action 69.3 – Ongoing

Action 69.5 – Complete

Action 69.7 – Complete

Action 70.1 - On-going

Action 70.2 - Complete

Action 70.3 – Complete. Looking at priority Agricultural areas. Good opportunity to determine or define agricultural precincts. DAF custodians of mapping layer. Work happening around co-existence.

Action: 71.1 – Discussion around the co-existence term – DSDILGP to arrange for someone to talk to the FNQROC Planners Group on co-existence mapping, ag uses and the definition.

4. PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

LGAQ Update – Matt Leman (LGAQ)

M Leman provided a comprehensive LGAQ update.

- Updated the FNQROC Planners on the LGAQ Annual Conference, motions passed, and next steps.
- LHAP progress update for Mareeba, Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Cook, Tablelands and Douglas.
 - Aiming for all LHAPs to be delivered to LGAQ by 15 December, to then share with the State for review.
 - Most councils plan to take their LHAPs to their Councillors in early 2024.
 - If you will not be able to share your LHAP with your councillors before caretaker, please let John know.
- Overview of the HAAPOLA Bill, key changes, LGAQs advocacy, and next steps.
- Proposed amendments to the RPI Act, and encouraged any interested parties to contact him (noting interest thus far has been limited).
- Overview of the Green's 'Make Developers Pay' Bill, as well as the LGAQ's infrastructure funding research project.
- Current cost-benefit analysis being undertaken for the proposed Queensland Housing Code.

DSDILGP General Update – Brett Nancarrow (DSDILGP)

- Information sheets on website
- Congratulations to Mareeba Shire Council on getting the temporary local amendment through.
- Submissions on the wind farm code. Submissions have been reviewed and nearing finalisation.
- Cairns office staff movements - Gavin Taylor Acting Regional Director, Kelsey Ormsby working on Cairns Marine Precinct.

FNQ Regional Plan Update – Lynda Brown (DSDILGP)

- Visiting Councils one on one; started November 2023 and will continue into 2024. Looking at Local governments profile sub-narrative and key mapping.
- State agency consultations have slowed down.
- Currently talking with Federal bodies about funding opportunities.
- Working on two evidence-based reports on supplementing regional housing needs, regional economy and technical papers. Draft towards the end of the year.
- Bull and Bear still to meet with some Councils.

- Early draft plan; continuously refining. Looking at same ground but constantly working through the process. Understanding mapping and making sure it is reflecting in a local context.
- Vision survey will remain open for the life of the plan.
- Backlash – stakeholder mapping housing exercise. Beginning with First Nations engagement.
- Workshop 3 scheduled for March 2024 with a suite of options and mapping to inform the structure of the plan.
- Commitment with FNQROC to continue engagement with Councils through caretaker period.
- Ryan Longland and Michelle Cottrell presenting to the FNQROC Board on the status of the FNQ Regional Plan on Thursday 6 December 2023.
- Draft plan expected around April 2024, then 60 business days to start consultation process.
- Formal statement about the extension will be reported at the FNQROC Board meeting and a formal statement to stakeholders will be released thereafter.

Biodiversity corridors and strategic rehabilitation areas for the FNQ Regional Plan

– Julie Colman (WTMA)

Julie provided a presentation on biodiversity corridors and strategic rehabilitation areas in the Regional Plan. A copy of the presentation will be provided with the minutes.

- Asked for the feedback on the proposed strategic rehabilitation areas to be circulated, and policy response for the broader biodiversity corridors.
- Concepts corridor vs areas – Biodiversity Planning Assessment provides SRA corridors but not the SRA (areas) are more difficult to determine because they like the biodiversity corridors are extensive and prioritisation is more difficult. Need to develop a methodology. Working through with Terrain.
- Regional Planning Interests Act – trying to work out whether or not will add value to have certain areas nominated as Strategic Environmental Areas.
- The Wet Tropics is only 0.12% of the total area of the Australian landmass, but is home to an exceptionally high proportion of the nation's biodiversity
- Conservation strategy, environmental outcomes, working out what is to be protected.
- CAR metric tool, currently used to identify future or additional national park, will also be useful to prioritise rehabilitation areas by identifying underrepresented regional ecosystem types.
- DSDILGP feedback suggested that people seeking stronger response for environment and climate change.
- Commitment to respond by end of December 2023, however due to the FNQ Regional Plan being extended, deadline will be end of January 2024.
- The group was asked to check the SRA corridors sent by Julie and to contact her with feedback on the areas provided and to advise of any additional areas etc
julie.colman@wtma.qld.gov.au

Discussion

- Councils would like to see biodiversity/important species mapping in the Regional Plan. Detailed mapping that flows through at a local level in the planning scheme.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

6. ROUNDTABLE UPDATES

Byron Jones – Cassowary Coast Regional Council

- DA space busy.
- Upcoming Council meeting in December and one in January before caretaker period.

Jenny Elphinstone – Douglas Shire Council

- Have had one big appeal. Took a month of work and was held up in Brisbane.
- Council heritage strategy for Douglas Shire. Overall strategy tangible and non-tangible.
- Working on infrastructure register and planning scheme register. Checklist to produce different registers.
- Strategic plan and planning scheme review.

Liz Taylor – Consultant representing Etheridge Shire Council

- Nothing to report. Council looking forward to seeing the Regional Plan

Belinda Jones – Consultant representing Cook Shire Council

- DSDILGP meeting with Cook Shire next week
- Lakeland masterplan close to finishing – early January 2024
- DA's steady flow
- LGA Development out of centre zone.

Nikki Huddy – Consultant representing Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

- Yarrabah signed agreement with housing. 250 lots and 310 houses over the next 10 years. Agreement in place around economic development. Master plan could deliver 150 of those lots with school and commercial start-up.
- PIA Awards

Action: N Huddy to forward PIA booklet to the FNQROC Planners Group.

Brian Millard – Mareeba Shire Council

- Planning scheme amendments. TLPI stopped a lot of recommended refusals.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be scheduled for early February 2024.

The meeting closed at 12.49pm.

Agreed Action Items - Friday 1 December 2023

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