

# Minutes of the 78th FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group

<b>Meeting No</b>	78
<b>Meeting Name</b>	FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group
<b>Date</b>	7 December 2023
<b>Time</b>	10.30am to 11.30am
<b>Venue</b>	Cairns Regional Council, Civic Reception Room

## REPRESENTATIVES

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	Cr Terry James	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Mark Nolan	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
<b>CHAIR</b>	Cr Peter Scott	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Michael Kerr	Douglas Shire Council
	Cr Barry Hughes	Etheridge Shire Council
	Mr Darryl Jones, A/g District Director	Department of Transport and Main Roads
	Cr Rod Marti	Tablelands Regional Council
	Ms Susan Barlow	RAPT, Department of Transport and Main Roads

## OBSERVERS

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Mr Andrew Graffen	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Ms Jacqui Cresswell	Croydon Shire Council
Mr Peter Garde	Croydon Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms	Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Gary Rinehardt	Tablelands Regional Council

Mr Richard Wright	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Peter Franks	Mareeba Shire Council
Mr Rudi Pretzler	LGAQ

## FNQROC STAFF

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Mr Anthony Archie	Executive Officer
Ms Amanda Hancock	Regional Strategic Infrastructure Coordinator
Ms Paula Power	Executive Support

## 416 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

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The meeting commenced at 10.30am.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which they meet today and paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

## 417 APOLOGIES

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Cr Brett Moller	Cairns Regional Council
Cr Annette Haydon	Tablelands Regional Council
Cr Ross Andrews	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Mr Ken Timms	Etheridge Shire Council
Mr Brian Joiner	Cook Shire Council

## 418 UPDATES

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### Darryl Jones, Department of Transport and Main Roads

#### Barron River Bridge

TMR is progressing a \$8.98 million planning project to assess and develop long-term solutions for either replacing or rehabilitating the Barron River bridge on the Kennedy Highway near Kuranda.

In March 2023, TMR completed a preliminary evaluation report that identified the preferred options.

These highest ranked options have moved to the business case stage, which is in the final step in the planning process.

The business case investigates the preferred options in more detail and will include an estimated cost for the preferred option.

Public consultation about the two highest ranked options via TMR's online consultation tool <https://www.yoursay-projects.tmr.qld.gov.au/kennedy-highway-barron-river-bridge-kuranda> closed on 8 December 2023.

The business case is expected to be completed in 2024.

Design and construction of any identified solutions is currently unfunded.

TMR is continuing to monitor the bridge via a detailed inspection and monitoring program to ensure the bridge remains safe.

Summary of Australia Government Reviews:

- 27 recommendations
- Additional funding for 14 projects
- Cancellation of 9 projects
- 5 projects subject to business case consideration, with funding reserved for construction.
- Many projects mapped to new road corridors with capped funding.
- Structural policy change from 80:20 to 50:50 for new projects.
- Requirement to develop an annual 10-year Infrastructure Plan.
- New Gateway and independent assurance processes.
- Development of a new risk framework underpinned by a confidence index.

The Review outcomes will present program challenges and impact delivery. Our current focus is on reviewing the position and engaging with Commonwealth officials so we can fully understand the Review outcomes and continue to provide advice to the Minister. The final commonwealth position will be conveyed through their Mid-year economic and fiscal outlook expected next month.

For example, there remains unresolved issues and uncertainties, such as:

- The impact of the Australian Government's proposed corridors "caps", noting the funding figures listed do not provide adequate federal funding to deliver the listed projects (based on latest project estimates)
- The Queensland Government position on projects where the Australian Government has cancelled its commitment.

## 420 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

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

**Action 406** – Report undertaken to review outcome Cape York – Stage 1. Report from Price Waterhouse Coopers will be released once it has been TMR branded.

## 420 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MOVED: Cr Mark Nolan**

**SECOND: Cr Michael Kerr**

*"That the minutes of the 77<sup>th</sup> FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Group Meeting held on 1 June 2023 confirmed."*

**CARRIED**

## 421 MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS OF RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.128 – 26 July 2023

**Noted**

### **Flying Motion Email – 28 August 2023**

Following close out of the 2022/23 program, the RRTG TC reviewed the current 4-year program 2023/24 through to 2027/28 which resulted in a reallocation of funds based on the Program Development and Management guidelines. This resulted in the recommendation of the following flying motion put to the FNQ RRTG by email on 8 September 2023:

#### **Recommendation:**

**That the FNQ RRTG endorse the amended FNQRRTG program 2023/24 to 2027/28 recommended by the Technical Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.129 – 15 September 2023

**Noted**

### **Flying Motion Email - 27 September 2023**

Due to insufficient numbers at the RRTG TC to form a quorum, RRTG TC recommendation sought of the following flying motion put to the FNQ RRTG by email on 3 October 2023:

#### **Recommendation:**

**That the FNQ RRTG endorse the amended FNQRRTG program 2023/24 to 2027/28 recommended by the Technical Committee 15 September 2023.**

**CARRIED**

Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.130 – 10 November 2023

**Noted**

### **Flying Motion Email 21 November 2023**

Following further changes to the proposed works program following the Technical Committee meeting, RRTG TC recommendation sought of the following motion:

#### **Recommendation:**

**The FNQ RRTG endorse the amended FNQRRTG program 2023/24 to 2027/28 recommended by the Technical Committee. (attached)**

The changes are shown in red in the attached and summarised as follows:

Year	Council	ID	Project	Comment
2023/24	CRC	357	Lake Street	\$140,000 removed as Ergon unable to complete the works until 24/25. Project now being completed over split years.
	Croydon CS	202	Croydon Richmond Road	\$22,500 funding brought forward as funding available
	CSC	333	Charlotte Street	Additional 10% funding of \$102,976.20 agreed due to increased project costs and funding availability.
	CSC	334	Charlotte Street	Additional 10% funding of \$140,123.80 agreed due to increased project costs and funding availability
	DSC	397	Cape Tribulation Road	\$100,000 previously brought forward from 24/25. \$75,000 removed as project identified as being over funded due to \$75,000 already expended in 22/23.
	DSC	481	Bourgainvillea Street	\$160,000 funding brought forward from 27/28 as available
	MSC	402	Ootann Road	\$166,000 funding removed as project has been on hold due to federal funding infrastructure review. Will not be able to expend funds by the end of the financial year.
	MSC	341	Springmount Road	Additional 10% funding of \$55,800 agreed due to increased project costs
	TRC	237	Ootann Road	\$200,400 funding removed as project has been on hold due to federal funding infrastructure review. Will not be able to expend funds by the end of the financial year.
2024/25	CCRC	413	Mundoo Road	\$47,500 funding brought forward from 25/26 as funds available
	CSC	498	Battlecamp Road	\$100,000 funding allocated to new project as funding available
	Croydon SC	384	Croydon Richmond Road	\$25,000 funding removed as project already completed. Project ID mix up as confirmed with TMR
2025/26	MSC	309	Leadingham Creek Road	\$147,500 brought forward from 26/27 as funding available

**MOVED: Cr Trevor Pickering**

**SECOND: Cr Michael Kerr**

**CARRIED**

## 422 WORKS PROGRAM UPDATE

As above

## 423 TIDS PROGRAM MANAGEMENT TOOL

A Hancock provided an overview of the proposed development of a TIDS Program Management tool as detailed in the RRTG Review Report B96A. The report proposes to enhance the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) program's efficiency and effectiveness through the development of a new Program Management Tool.

### Recommendation:

*That the FNQRRTG recommends to the FNQROC Board (Report B96B) that Shepherd Services Pty Ltd be awarded a contract to develop a new Program Prioritisation Tool to manage the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme Program.*

**MOVED: Cr Barry Hughes**

**SECOND: Cr Trevor Pickering**

**CARRIED**

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

### **TIDS expenditure 2023-24**

As at 29 November 2023, State-wide expenditure is tracking at 22 per cent, FNQ RRTG is 25 per cent. I note that our reporting is based on expenditure out of SAP and includes “work in progress” accruals along with claims to reflect works completed to date.

We will be providing second quarter expenditure reports in January 2024 – please continue to submit eligible claims in December to ensure they are captured in this report.

### **SCDF**

This year's program currently includes 26 approved projects across 10 RRTGs (Bowen Basin, **FNQ**, Northwest Qld, Outback, Rockhampton, Scenic Valleys, Southern Border, South West, Whitsunday and Wide Bay Burnett). To date, approximately 49% of the annual SCDF funding commitment for 2023-24 has been committed. A reminder email was sent on 29 November 2023 requesting applications be submitted prior to the mid-year SCDF review in February 2024 **by 29 January 2024**. Please let me know if there are any issues/problems with submitting applications by this date.

### **Roads and Transport Alliance Webinars**

During the year the Roads and Transport Alliance have hosted a number of webinars including on Personal Mobility Devices Parking Plans, Road Safety and also on the Use of Recycled Materials in Transport Infrastructure. All the webinars have been well attended by councils across the state. These events were organised in response to interest from local government. We would welcome any suggestions for future webinars so please contact us via email at [roads.alliance.communications@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:roads.alliance.communications@tmr.qld.gov.au)

### **Cycle Network Local Government Grants**

Applications are now open for the 2024–25 round of cycling and walking local government grants. Funding is provided to local governments on a 50/50 matched basis but 75 per cent funding is available for projects in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils who participate in the Roads and Transport Alliance and also very remote councils who have a Principal Cycle Network (PCN) mapped in an approved Principle Cycle Network Plan.

RTA TIDS funding can be used to supplement the CNLGG funding but must be matched 50:50 by a LGAs own funding, which means TIDS can supplement the LGAs contribution. For example, the funding mix could be 75 per cent CNLGG, 12.5 per cent TIDS, 12.5 per cent LGA.

Please note, Aboriginal Shire Councils who participate in the Roads and Transport Alliance can use 100% of their RTA ATSI TIDS allocation to replace councils' contribution, for example the funding mix could be 75 per cent CNLGG, 25 per cent RTA ATSI TIDS. Applications close on **15 December 2023**. Refer to [Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program \(Department of Transport and Main Roads\) \(tmr.qld.gov.au\)](#)

## 425 LGAQ UPDATE

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### LGAQ, Rudi Pretzler, Lead Transport and Logistics

- Federal Infrastructure Pipeline Review
  - a. Local government participated in the Queensland's State Delegation to Canberra with Deputy Premier Miles to discuss the outcome of the Federal Infrastructure Investment Pipeline Review.
  - b. Minister King indicated that councils impacted by the budget cuts should work with the state government to ensure they are ready and then put them forward for the upcoming budget and that there would be no budging on the 50:50 split.
  - c. However, local government specific programs would not be impacted by the new split rules.
- A total of 15 roads and transport related resolutions were moved at Annual Conference in Gladstone. This includes TIDS funding, RMPC funding, electric vehicle charging, heavy vehicle access and further regulatory changes. The LGAQ has sent letter so to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads regarding all resolutions and is anticipating a response shortly. LGAQ officers have started engaging with relevant parts of DTMR to discuss heavy vehicle access and temporary traffic management related motions.

## 426 JOINT PURCHASING AND RESOURCES SHARING

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Regional Annual Bitumen Reseal Program is underway.

## 427 ROAD SAFETY

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Issue – Cr Trevor Picking, Croydon Shire Council

Cattle trucks rolling off the side of the bitumen at Little River. There have been around 6 accidents within 100 metres.

**Action: Cr Trevor Pickering to speak with D Jones, DTMR and discuss further. Cr Pickering suggesting widening the road may be an option.**

## 428 GENERAL BUSINESS

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Nil.

## 429 NEXT RRTG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 131

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Next RRTG Technical Committee Meeting number 131 has been scheduled for Friday 12 January 2023 in Cairns.

## 430 NEXT FNQ RRTG MEETING NO. 79

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Next RRTG Meeting No. 79 has been scheduled for Thursday 1 February 2023 in Cairns.

## 431 CONCLUSION

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The Chair thanked members for their contribution. There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11.35am

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**Cr Peter Scott**

**FNQ RRTG Chair**

### AGREED ACTION ITEMS

**Thursday 7 December 2023**

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