

# Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No.72

## Meeting Details

<b>Meeting No</b>	72
<b>Meeting Name</b>	FNQROC Planners Meeting
<b>Date</b>	8 March 2024
<b>Time</b>	10am to 11.30am
<b>Venue</b>	McKenzie Room, Level 3, Cairns Regional Council / Teams

## Attendees

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Nastassja Lazarus	Cairns Regional Council
Michelle Henderson	Cairns Regional Council
Byron Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Tony Croke	DHLGPPW
Brett Nancarrow	DHLGPPW
Nel Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Carl Ewin	Mareeba Shire Council
Kelly Reaston	FNQROC
Nikki Huddy	FNQROC
Paula Power	FNQROC
Anthony Archie	FNQROC
Matthew Leman	LGAQ
Sean Lisle	Tablelands Regional Council
Tony O'Malley	Terrain

## Apologies

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Fleur Anderson	Cairns Regional Council
Deb Wellington	Cairns Regional Council

Daniel Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Liz Taylor	Etheridge Shire Council (Consultant Planner)
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Julie Colman	WTMA

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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Meeting opened at 10.05am.

## CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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Nil

## ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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### Minutes of Meeting No. 71 – 1 December 2023

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69.3	Blacklash will be providing consultation – DSDILGP to confirm when that consultation will be and advise the Planners Group.	DSDILGP	On-going
70.1	LGAQ to forward summary of consultation paper on planning legislation amendments once available.	M Leman LGAQ	On-going
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.	L Brown DSDILGP	On-going
71.2	N Huddy to forward the PIA Booklet to the FNQROC Planners Group.	N Huddy Up North	Complete

## PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES

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### LGAQ Update – Matthew Leman (LGAQ)

M Leman provided a comprehensive LGAQ update.

### HAAPOLA Bill

- We've been very pleased to see the State respond to our advocacy and submissions on a range of matters, including through Homes for Queenslanders and some work which has been done since our submission on the HAAPOLA Bill late last year.
- In our submission on the HAAPOLA Bill we raised a number of concerns, including with regards to the proposed SFD pathway and proposed UIZ.

- We're pleased to see the State has decided not to proceed with the proposed UIZ, and they've committed to work with us and local governments on alternatives.
- The State has also responded to our request for greater consultation, and they've established a working group to help develop the SFD concept.
- Our position has been that, for the most part, Councils are well and truly capable of assessing their own development applications for housing, and we don't see a need to take those decisions off LGs - however we have noted concerns with how affordable housing is currently defined, and how that definition creates compliance challenges for Councils, and how we need some resolution there, perhaps through a covenant on title system to maintain affordable housing in perpetuity.
- And you would have seen, through Homes for Queenslanders, that that request has been picked up. We've also reached-out to the team working on that, and they've agreed to consult with us as they work through that initiative.
- With regards to SFD, the State is exploring a new definition of 'affordable housing' which SFD would be required to adhere to.
- The way it's shaping up, due to this requirement to provide affordable housing in ways councils can't currently require, we would see more merit in the SFD process, because it would be materially different to what a council can assess and enforce.
- We have been assured any amendments to the Planning Reg and MGR will be consulted on publicly.

### **Homes for Queenslanders**

- There were a range of announcements which responded to our advocacy and we supported, however there were also a couple of items which concerned us - such as the Distinctly Qld Design Series.
- And as always, there are a lot of question marks around the finer details and implementation.
- We took those concerns to the Minister a few weeks ago, and she assured us that they'd consult on those details - especially the Distinctly Qld Design series.
- Subsequent to that, the State has established a working group, and we just had our inception meeting last week.

### **Infrastructure**

- We are in the final stages of our infrastructure charges and funding research, and we're planning to launch our advocacy in that space after the local government elections - after we confirm our draft advocacy asks with the technical officers have been involved.

### **Community residences**

- We've formed a working group of SEQ and non-SEQ councils who have an interest in Community residences, to inform a refreshed effort to improve regulation of Community residences.

### **Decriminalising Sex Work Bill 2024**

- The Bill doesn't relate to the planning framework; however, we made a submission yesterday to pre-emptively note our concerns with consequential amendments to the Planning Reg which may follow.
- We have been assured amendments to the Planning Reg will be consulted on through the committee process.
- In our submission, we also noted concerns with how the Bill was drafted, which, in our view, would remove the ability for any local law to apply to a sex work business.

## **Brett Nancarrow - DHLGPPW Update**

- Working Group 'Homes for Queensland'. \$12.5m funding scheme.

**Action: 72.1 – Planners to send Brett Nancarrow an email listing things that would qualify for the fund.**

## **Tony O'Malley – Terrain**

T O'Malley provided an update and next steps from the 'Priority Strategic Rehabilitation Areas' workshop 23 February 2024. Notes from the workshop were circulated to the Planners Group for comment. The Working group which consists of Tony O'Malley – Terrain, Tony Croke – DHLGPPW, Travis Sydes – FNQROC, Julie Colman – WTMA, Nikki Huddy – Up North, Kelly Reaston – Up North will reconvene on Wednesday 13 March to finalise the meeting notes and next steps. A copy of the final document will be circulated once completed.

**Action 72.2 - Council's to review the notes from the workshop that were circulated and provide comments on how they want to see SRAs treated in the new Regional Plan.**

## **Tony Croke – DHLGPPW Update on the FNQ Regional Plan**

T Croke provided an overview of the FNQ Regional Plan review, what has occurred and what are the next steps. **A copy of the presentation has been sent with the minutes.**

### **Questions/Comments from the floor:**

- **Vision Survey** – valuable to keep the document live and look at feedback. Suggested when engaging with new Mayors post-election a copy would be sent through DHLGPPW to FNQROC to circulate.
- **Homes for Queenslanders** – existing density and dwelling targets with local governments.
- **Regional Activity Centres grouped and named** - LG profile – industrial land and activity centres for the region. Would like to look at this body of work before the draft plan comes into effect. Would like the opportunity to review and provide feedback.
- **Regional Economy Report** – will circulate for comment.
- **Rural and Residential** – One on one chat with councils.
- **Heatwave and Urban Heat; Climate Change Resilience** – resilient strategy documents that could align. Look at putting this on future agendas.
- **Carbon credits landscape** – elements fall across different focus areas.
- **State Recovery Resilience Plan** underway. Seeking to avoid new growth areas.
- **Next Steps**
  - ICE Workshop April/May 2024
  - Policy response and mapping directions for Draft FNQ Regional Plan
  - First Nations engagement meetings
  - Mayor Briefings (Vision Survey)

## **ROUNDTABLE UPDATES**

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### **Nastassja Lazarus – Cassowary Coast Regional Council**

- Onboarding for new Councillors

- 2050 Growth Strategy 2<sup>nd</sup> draft technical and planning studies. Review directions paper and engagement.
- Summits August 2024 – First nations people – targeting Traditional Owner groups.

### **Byron Jones – Cassowary Coast Regional Council**

- 3 Councillors returning
- RFQ ready for Planning Scheme
- DA's have slowed and tracking.

### **Sean Lisle – Tablelands Regional Council**

- DA's have slowed down.
- Pre-lodgement – development outside urban area 200-300 blocks – Rural zone
- Looking at preliminary work – Planning Scheme
- PIA urban boundary. Market is wanting Rural/Residential

### **Neil Beck – Douglas Shire Council**

- Challenging time with the impacts from ex tropical cyclone Jasper. Including water security issues and additional landslides. Access to Cape Tribulation are affecting businesses.
- Mossman Mill – investors stepped in at the last minute. Will know more soon.
- BAU – resource stretched.
- Workers accommodation proposals.
- Craiglie development – 300 lots
- Review ELGET – update to be contemporary and current.

### **Kelly Reaston – Up North**

- Hazard mapping – each LG doing independently. Would be good to have an opportunity for local councils that have shared boundaries to do a combined project. Better value for state and councils.

### **Carl Ewin – Mareeba Shire Council**

- DA's have slowed.
- Residential lots selling
- Rural/Residential land east side of Barron
- 11 lots in Kuranda – Fallon Road. More housing for the town.
- Cairns/Kuranda train started up again this week.
- Consultant for Planning Scheme Amendments.

## **NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting will be scheduled for **Friday 12 April 2024**.

The meeting closed at 11.35am.

## Agreed Action Items - Friday 8 March 2024

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69.3; 70.1, 71.1 have been carried over from previous meetings.