

# Minutes - FNQROC Planners Meeting – No. 77

## Meeting Details

<b>Meeting No</b>	
<b>Meeting Name</b>	FNQROC Planners Meeting
<b>Date</b>	30 August 2024
<b>Time</b>	10am to 12.30pm
<b>Venue</b>	Kingsford Room, Cairns Regional Council Chambers

## Attendees

Name	Organisation
Darlene Irvine	FNQROC
Brett Nancarrow	Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works
Julie Colman	WTMA
Byron Jones	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Liz Taylor	Etheridge Shire Council
Kelly Reaston	Up North/FNQROC
Nikki Huddy	Up North/FNQROC/Yarrabah
Taase Taase	Cook Shire Council
Keanu Johnson	Reel Planning/Cook Shire Council
Glenys Pilat	Mareeba Shire Council
Carl Ewin	Mareeba Shire Council
Brian Millard	Mareeba Shire Council
Paul Cohen	Hinchinbrook Shire Council
Debbie Wellington	Cairns Regional Council
Gary Warner	Cairns Regional Council
Dylan Thomas	Cairns Regional Council

## Apologies

Name	Organisation
Jenny Elphinstone	Douglas Shire Council
Neil Beck	Douglas Shire Council
Sean Lisle	Tablelands Regional Council
Gerhard Visser	DATSIP
Dan Horton	Cassowary Coast Regional Council

## 1. WELCOME & ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

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Meeting opened at 10.05am.

## 2. PRESENTATIONS

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Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water presented on Regional Water Resource Management Planning. Presentation provided separately, with Ingrid's contact details.

It is critical that Councils provide a submission on the town water supply demands as part of the Water Plan Review. Submissions closed in July for the Water Plan Review, however late submissions are welcome particularly regarding the water supply for Townships. Draft Plan will be released in 2026.

Urban Water Security Assessment can be undertaken (and funded) to understand demand.

## 3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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Nil

## 4. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

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Minutes of Meeting 26 July 2024 were confirmed.

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## 5. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

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Nil

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

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1. Brett Nacarrow:

- **Scheme Supply Funding (SSF):** Local Housing Plans and Local Housing Action Plans have to be adopted to obtain the funding, and every funding application will need to result in a Scheme amendment to support funding. The fast-track planning scheme amendment process will be released to support this.

Considering the SSF Councils that have not finalised their Housing Action Plans have the opportunity to review their Housing Action Plans to ensure that matters Council may like to address with the funding are included e.g. reviewing hazards, LGIP Amendments, investigations on the viability for living on rural res.

- **For noting:** Planning Act / Regulation Changes for noting:- the Sex-work Decriminalisation and the minor changes to the TMR Threshold Levels for earthworks

2. Paul Cohen

- **improving the design and siting of Tiny houses and Shipping Containers** – Hinchinbrook is looking at adapting a Local Law to look at the issue of temporary homes. Setbacks, length of time before temporary becomes permanent, and what happens when multiple containers are on one site. Future presentation from the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning and Public Works in relation to these matters and the Building Code. Potential future action for FNQROC and LGAQ to request the State to review the Building Code requirements for living in sheds and access requirements. These are two opportunities to simplify housing development and affordability.

3. Daniel Lamond

Discussion regarding the ongoing impact and implications of the post-Cyclone Jasper flood event. It was decided that the next meeting would be in Douglas Shire to have a series of presenters on the post-Cyclone Jasper flood event.

4. Matthew Lehman (via email)

- **Launch of Scheme Supply Fund**

- Noting the importance of funding to implement Local Housing Action Plans, we have heavily advocated for funding support and provided feedback on several iterations of criteria for the [Scheme Supply Fund](#).
- 'Pathway 1' of the Scheme Supply Fund opened on 29 August.
- Cook, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Yarrabah, Etheridge, Croydon, and Hinchinbrook are all eligible to apply for funding under Pathway 1, to support actions identified in their LHAPs.
- Other councils will be able to express their interest in 'Pathway 2' between 2 September to 16 September 2024.
- Notwithstanding the above, funding to implement non-plan making LHAP actions remains limited, and will be the focus of future advocacy.

- **Distinctly Queensland**

- On 28 August 2024 we received an update from Planning Group and the Queensland Government Architect regarding the Distinctly Queensland Design Series.
- It seems there are three distinct packages of work being progressed:
  1. The Queensland Housing Code (to contemporise QDC MP1.1 and MP1.2). It is possible that targeted stakeholder consultation on a draft Queensland Housing Code will occur before caretaker. The decision to implement a final code, post-consultation, will be a decision for the next term of government.
  2. A discussion paper on improving the design and siting of secondary dwellings. It is likely that a secondary dwelling discussion paper will be released for public consultation before caretaker. We have urged Planning Group to proactively consult with local governments before publicly releasing the discussion paper.
  3. High-level scoping of opportunities to streamline and support gentle density. LGAQ have been assured that Planning Group is still intending to proactively engage with local governments to inform their work on gentle density. However, it's unlikely any work will be progressed before the election.

- **Bushfire**
  - Our advocacy to amend the MGR (to streamline planning scheme amendment processes to adopt State BPA mapping) is ongoing. No material updates since last meeting.
- **Public notification and Website Hosting**
  - At our last meeting, there was a discussion about public notification requirements for impact assessable DAs under the new DA Rules.
  - At present, the LGAQ hosts websites for Cassowary Coast, Croydon, Etheridge, and Hope Vale (and many other non-FNQ councils).
  - As a trial, there may be potential for the LGAQ to develop a standardised webpage, which Councils could use to publish DAs on notification (rather than requiring newspaper advertising). There could also be scope to develop a planning alert system.
  - If you're a Council we already host a website for, and you're interested in a trial, please let me know and I'll introduce you to our Digital Team.
- **Extra payment conditions**
  - We are awaiting the outcome of an investigation by Logan City Council before we form a working group, seek legal opinions, etc. I'll keep you posted on progress.
- **SFD**
  - Several councils affected by this week's proposed SFD declarations (in SEQ) have queried what 'representations' they're expected to make during the 'representation period'.
  - The State has advised to treat it like the MID process, and some councils are providing advice similar to pre-lodgement advice.
  - I'm sure the councils involved in the first tranche of proposed SFD declarations would be happy to share their lessons learned, if any declarations are proposed in FNQ.
- **Affordability covenants**
  - We will likely seek a legal opinion (which we can share) on the legalities of conditioning a housing affordability covenant on property titles (to keep affordable housing affordable in perpetuity).
  - At this stage, it is unclear whether the HAAPOLA Bill and HAAPOLA Regulation were the only amendments needed, or if further amendments are needed to the Land Title Act. I'll keep you posted on progress.

## 7. NEXT MEETING

Friday 27 September 2024, Douglas Shire Council (TBC)

### Agreed Action Items - Friday 30 August 2024

Minute Number	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
1	Schedule the speakers / Topics for future meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deanna Holder to discuss changes to the Land Act (October 2024).</li> <li>• Present on the Building Code as it relates to housing including tiny houses, liveable sheds, access (February 2025)</li> <li>• Renewable infrastructure industry (March 2025)</li> <li>• Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma, Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and</li> </ul>	Nikki  Brett  Paul	

Water back to discuss climate change in water planning (April 2025).		
4	Follow up with the RPC as part of the delegation process regarding access to the draft Regional Plan prior to public consultation.	Darlene Irvine
5	For noting: Planning Act / Regulation Changes for noting:- the Sex-work Decriminalisation and the minor changes to the TMR Threshold Levels for earthworks	All
6	Next Session – presentation on learnings from the floods. Presentations from Wujal Wujal, DSC, CRC. Session in Douglas.	Darlene Irvine

Meeting closed at 12:25pm

Unconfirmed