



**BOARD MEETING
OF
FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC)
No. 172nd**

**Thursday 5 June 2025
11.00am to 2.30pm**

**Hosted by Mareeba Shire Council
Mareeba International Club**

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Agenda

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

2. APOLOGIES

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Telstra, Satellite to Mobile Technology and 3G Closure

- 3.1.1 Josie Pickering, Regional Engagement Manager, Northern QLD and Rachel Cliffe, Regional General Manager, Northern QLD to present.

(15m)

3.2 QTC, Economic Update

- 3.2.1 Paul Gillies, Principle Advisory Division and Tom Gole Executive Director – Local Government and Strategic Operations, Advisory Division to present.

(20m)

3.3 Lucy Greene LGAQ, Lead Intergovernmental Relations (LGAQ)

- 3.3.1 LGAQ will provide an overview of LGAQs recent activities as per the Briefing Note circulated prior to meeting.

(10m)

4. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the 171st Far North Qld Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board meeting held on 3 April 2025

Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board moves the minutes of the 171st FNQROC Board meeting held on Thursday 3 April 2025 to be confirmed and adopted.

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5. DISCUSSION TOPIC

5.1 Agriculture verses Extractive Industries – Managing the Conflict

Kelly Reaston, Director Up North to present.

(15m) + (15m questions)

6. FNQROC STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

6.1 Energy and Water

6.1.1 A brief history and guidance from the Board.

Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer to provide presentation and overview.

6.2 Strategic Priorities

6.2.1 The final report prepared by Elissna, summarising the outcomes of the survey and the Board Strategy Workshop held Thursday 3 April 2025.

6.2.2 Draft - FNQROC Strategic Priorities for comment.

Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer to present.

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6.3 FNQ Regional Plan Update

6.3.1 CEO to provide a verbal update.

Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer to provide overview.

7. FNQROC POLICIES

7.1 FNQROC Policy No 13 – Reserve Policy

Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts new Policy No. 13 – Reserve Policy.

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7.2 FNQROC Policy No 11 – Financial Delegations Policy

Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts amended Policy No. 11 - Financial Delegations Policy.

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7.3 FNQROC Policy No 12 – Financial Support for External Parties

Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts amended Policy No 12 – Financial Support for External Parties.

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7.4 FNQROC Policy No. 2 – FNQROC Credit Cards

Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts amended Policy No. 2 – FNQROC Credit Cards.

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8. BOARD REPORTS (WITH NOTICE)

8.1 B112 Operation Plan and Budget 2025 -2026

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Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts:

1. Operational Plan 2025 - 2026
2. FNQROC Operational Budget with:
 - a. Member Council contribution for the 2025/2026 financial year being:
 01. Cairns Regional Council - \$118,700
 02. Cassowary Coast Regional Council - \$87,321
 03. Cook Shire Council - \$52,025
 04. Croydon Shire Council - \$20,738
 05. Douglas Shire Council - \$63,319
 06. Etheridge Shire Council - \$21,376
 07. Hinchinbrook Shire Council - \$35,925
 08. Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council - \$21,796
 09. Mareeba Shire Council - \$78,543

10. Tablelands Regional Council - \$83,523
 11. Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council - \$20,770
 12. Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council - \$24,056
- b. Regional Road and Transport contribution remaining at 2.75% of Council funding received; and
 - c. Croydon Shire Council, Etheridge Shire Council, Hinchinbrook Shire Council, Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council and Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council contribute 20% of any direct savings realised through their involvement in regional procurement activities, and
 - d. Councils outside the FNQROC boundary contribute 30% of direct savings realised through their involvement in FNQROC procurement activities.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

9.1 Action items from 3 April 2025 FNQROC Board Meeting

Meeting	Action	Responsible person
3220 (Dec 2024)	FNQROC CEO to look further at investing FNQROC savings with QTC	Darlene Irvine, CEO On hold until financial delegation reviewed.
3223b	To enable FNQROC endorsement of the TNQ Economic Development Strategy (TEDS), the CEO is to work with the Economic Development Technical Committee to review and provide recommended amendments to RDA TN. Once completed to the satisfaction of the Technical Committee the FNQROC Board will review and endorse.	Darlene Irvine, CEO and Economic Development Technical Committee
3225a	Cairns Regional Council to provide all member councils with a copy of the Cairns Regional Councils PDA presentation for further consideration and discussion with their respective Councils.	Cr Matthew Ticker / Darlene Irvine, CEO
3225b	Member councils to reach out to Cairns Regional Council for further information or discussion to enable them to make an informed decision at the next FNQROC Board meeting.	Member councils
3225c	FNQROC CEO to include a motion in the June Board agenda for the Board to reconsider FNQROC endorsement of the Cairns Regional Council PDA.	Darlene Irvine, CEO
3228	The Operational Plan and Budget 2025 – 2026 (Report B112) will be deferred until the June Board meeting. In the meantime, the FNQROC CEO will draft a Reserve Policy to be circulated to member councils for comment prior to the next FNQROC Board meeting, with the intention of adopting the policy at that meeting.	Darlene Irvine, CEO and member councils
3233a	Elissna to provide Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer with a report compiled from the findings from the Board workshop.	Elissna / Darlene Irvine, CEO
3233b	Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer to table the report at the June meeting for consideration of the Board.	Darlene Irvine, CEO

10. FINANCIAL REPORTS

10.1 Financial Report Year to date

10.1.1 Profit & Loss Statement 1 July 2024 – 19 May 2025.

10.1.2 Balance Sheet as of 19 May 2025.

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Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports for the period 1 July 2024 to 19 May 2025.

11. Information for the Board

11.1 Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

11.1.1 Incoming

NIL

11.1.2 Outgoing

NIL

11.2 Information Reports

11.2.1 Meetings attended by FNQROC Chief Executive Officer.

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11.3 Minutes of Technical Committee Meetings

11.3.1 Minutes of FNQROC Advisory Committees:

- FNQROC Natural Asset Advisory Committee meeting #62
– 4 April 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 25 July 2025
- FNQROC Climate Resilience Technical Committee meeting #8
– 11 April 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 11 July 2025
- FNQROC Waste Management Plan Technical Committee meeting #1 – 24 April 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 22 May 2025

- FNQROC Animal Management Technical Committee #21 – 17 April 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 1 August 2025
- FNQROC Regional Mountain Bike Strategy Steering Committee meeting #13 – 1 May 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
Next Meeting – 4 July 2025
- FNQROC Aquatic Biosecurity in the Wet Tropics Workshop – 8 May 2025
- FNQROC Water Alliance meeting – 9 May 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 8 August 2025
- FNQROC Outdoor Qld Mountain Bike Forum – 20 May 2025
- FNQROC Waste Management Plan Technical Committee meeting #3 – 23 May 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 26 June 2025
- FNQROC RRTG TC meeting #13 – 23 May 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
Next Meeting – 25 July 2025

11.3.2 Minutes of Confidential Meetings

- FNQROC Regional Supply and Delivery of Liquid Aluminium Sulphate, Aluminium Chloral hydrate and Caustic Soda meeting #2 – 5 March 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
- FNQROC Regional Procurement Advisory Committee meeting #45 – 21 March 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
Next Meeting – 4 June 2025
- FNQROC Sewer Relining Meeting #5 – 7 May 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
Next Meeting – 10 June 2025
- FNQROC Bitumen Reseal and Line Marking meeting #6 – 8 May 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*
Next Meeting – 11 June 2025

12. GENERAL DISCUSSION

12.1 Impact of the Universal Principle and Child Safety Standards on Councils

- 12.1.1 For discussion – potential for a common approach across all member Councils?

Peter Franks, Chief Executive Officer Mareeba Shire Council and to provide overview.

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12.2 December Board Meeting and Christmas Dinner

- 12.2.1 Discuss proposed date change for the FNQROC Board Christmas Dinner from 4th to 10th December 2025 and 175th Board Meeting from 5th to 11th of December due to availability of Elected Members.

Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer to provide overview.

13. MEETING CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

13.1 Next Meeting

Date & Time Thursday 7 August 2025
Venue Cairns Regional Council