



**BOARD MEETING
OF
FNQ Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC)
No. 173rd**

**Thursday 7 August 2025
10.00am to 2.30pm**

**Cairns Regional Council
Civic Reception Room 1**

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Agenda

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

2. APOLOGIES

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Regional Leadership Network – Regional Collaborative Governance Model Reform, Forward Work Program Update, Collaboration Amongst Regional Stakeholders

3.1.1 Grant Stidiford Chair, FNQ Regional Leadership Network and Amy Mail, Principal Regional Collaboration Officer, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development to present.

(15m)

3.2 Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers, Local Government Water Activities

3.2.1 Ingrid Fomiatti Minnesma Executive Director, North Region Water Resource Management, Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers to present.

(15m)

3.3 Ms Kitty Mostyn and Ms Leonie Cunningham, Assistant Director Counter foreign Interference Partnerships, Dept of Home affairs.

(15m)

3.4 Mr Terry James, Member for Mulgrave representing Minister Leahy

3.5 Lucy Greene LGAQ, Lead Intergovernmental Relations (LGAQ)

3.5.1 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 172nd Far North Qld Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) Board meeting held on 5 June 2025

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Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board moves the minutes of the 172nd FNQROC Board meeting held on Thursday 5 June 2025 to be confirmed and adopted.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Action items from 5 June 2025 FNQROC Board Meeting

Meeting	Action	Responsible person
3220	FNQROC CEO to look further at investing FNQROC savings with QTC	Darlene Irvine, CEO On hold until financial delegation reviewed.
Status:		
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. Comments provided to RDA TN 4 June 2025 – awaiting response from RDA TN	Darlene Irvine, CEO and RDA TN
Status: In progress. After comments were provided RDA TNQ advised it would be including the Innovation Strategy in the Tropical Economic Strategy. This strategy was not included in our original detailed review.		
3235a	QTC advised they will provide further information to answer the following two questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is the impact of reducing Copper String, and• With regard to Beef Tariffs, what opportunities are available to enable those in the industry to get on the front foot with other markets?	QTC

Meeting	Action	Responsible person
Status: Completed emails sent to councils		
3238a	FNQROC CEO to identify what the CSO is for Etheridge and other councils in the region	FNQROC CEO
Status:		
3238b	FNQROC CEO to request from Ergon the programmed rollout to switch streetlight to LED by 30 June 2030.	FNQROC CEO
Status:		
3238c	FNQROC CEO to bring forward a recommendation to the FNQROC Board on progressing the asset criticality assessment.	FNQROC CEO
Status: To be held over to the October board meeting – the technical committee hasn't met, the next meeting is due 15 th August 2025.		
3238d	The FNQROC CEO to finalise the FNQROC Strategic Priorities ready for publication.	FNQROC CEO
Status: Completed link to website can be found here		
3245a:	The impact of the Universal Principle and Child Safety Standards on councils and the resource required be referred to LGAQ and the Policy Executive.	LGAQ / Policy Executive
Status:		
3245b	FNQROC CEO to send out updated calendar invites for the December Board meeting and Christmas Dinner	FNQROC CEO

Meeting	Action	Responsible person
Status: Completed		

6. BOARD REPORTS

6.1 Nil

7. New/update Policies

7.1 New – Use of Generative Artificial intelligence

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7.2 Reviewed – Issuing of Letters of Support

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7.3 Reviewed – FNQROC Advocacy

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8. DISCUSSION TOPIC

Nil

Darlene Irvine, Chief Executive Officer will provide an overview.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report Year to date

- 8.1.1 Profit & Loss Statement 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025
- 8.1.2 Balance Sheet as of 30 June 2025
- 8.1.3 Profit and Loss Statement – 1 July 2025 – 29 July 2025
- 8.1.4 Balance Sheet as at 29 July 2025

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Recommendation:

That the FNQROC Board adopts the unaudited Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, and

That the FNQROC Board adopts the Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet reports for the period 1 July 2025 to 29 July 2025

10. Information for the Board

10.1 CEO Report (New)

To be taken as read – discussion only if clarification is needed or CEO needs to highlight

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- 10.1.2 Draft Federal Advocacy Brief

To be tabled

Incoming / Outgoing Correspondence

- 10.1.2 Incoming
Nil
- 10.1.3 Outgoing
Nil

10.2 Technical Committee Meetings

10.2.1 Minutes of FNQROC Advisory Committees: -

- **FNQ Regional Roads and Transport Committee #140** – 25th July 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 19 September 2025
- **Natural Asset Management Technical Committee # 63-** 25 July 2025
Minutes – *available on website*
Next Meeting – 31 October 2025
- **FNQROC Climate Resilience Technical Committee #9** – 1 August 2025
Minutes – *will be available on website*

10.2.3 Minutes of Confidential Meetings

- FNQROC Regional Procurement Technical Committee #46 – 13 June 2025
Minutes – *available upon request*

11. MEETING CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

12.1 Next Meeting

Date & Time Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2 October 2025
Venue Tablelands Regional Council (hosting)