

FNQR Regional Waste Management Plan (RWMP) Implementation Technical Committee

Minutes

Meeting No	6
Meeting Name	FNQROC Regional Waste Management Plan (RWMP) Technical Committee
Date	12 th Dec 2025
Time	9.30 am- 12 noon
Venue	Kingsford Room. Spence St Office of Cairns Regional Council

ATTENDANCE

Name	Organisation
Steve Cosatto	Cairns Shire Council
Chris Johnston	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
Morris Hamil & Emma Taylor	Mareeba Shire Council
Charles Dyer	Tablelands Regional Council
Bhakti Devi (Meeting Convenor & Facilitator)	FNQROC

APOLOGIES

Name	Organisation
Kiley Hounslow	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
Sam Bann	Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council
Kristina Davidson	Cook Shire Council
Jacqui Cresswell & Henry Mascarenhas	Croydon Shire Council
Tim O'Brien & Emma Egel	Douglas Shire Council
Raju Ranjit	Etheridge Shire Council
Onesimo Mukodi	Hope Vale Shire Council

1. REGIONAL WASTE EDUCATION & BEHAVIOUR CHANGE

A) Recycle Mate App Opt-in

- CRC, CCRC, DSC, MSC and TRC are seen as prime candidates for being prioritised for the grant funding to help councils get 3-year subscription to Recycle Mate app.
- Closing date for the application is 19th Dec
- CRC, CCRC, DSC, MSC and TRC have resolved to submit their EOI

B) Halve Waste Proposal for supporting FNQROC Councils in their Waste Education & Behaviour Change

- A proposal from Halve Waste for supporting FNQROC councils in their waste education and behaviour change communication was shared.
- Other councils who could not attend today's meeting will be presented to one on one by scheduling a meeting time after 15th Jan

2. CIRCULAR ECONOMY SELF ASSESSMENT SCORECARD

- A circular economy self-assessment scorecard questionnaire was shared with members in the meeting.
- This was followed by a discussion on
 - Circular economy and how much their individual council value Circular Economy
 - And how to connect Council drivers to Circular economy and its link to waste management

3. C&D RECOVERY BASELINE SURVEY

- A survey form was shared for Councils to fill and submit the survey to assess the baseline and identify opportunities to work on in the new year 2026.

4. GUEST PRESENTER FROM CIRCULAR ECONOMY FNQ

- Irene Portelli -President of [Circular Economy FNQ](#) – a Cairns based Non-Profit Group
- Irene shared a Coop model to facilitate the circular economy principles applied to recovery of tyres and proposed that the model can be piloted at Cassowary Coast Shire Council. (See attached Concept Note & Councillor Briefing Note that Irene has drafted for the purpose of internal discussion amongst RWMP TC members)
- Chris Johnstone (CCRC) agreed in principle to give a considered thought to the proposal.
- Bhakti Devi (RWMP Coordinator) proposed a workshop that could be hosted at CCRC for Councillors to be presented with the Coop model proposal and seek their feedback. The workshop can be facilitated by FNQ Circular Economy and attended by all members of RWMP TC.