Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee

Meeting Details

Meeting No	67
Meeting Name	NAMAC
Date	6 November 2026
Time	9:00-2:00
Venue	Kingsford Room*, level 3, Cairns Regional Council, cnr Spence and Draper Street Cairns *Please sign in at reception downstairs and take elevator to level 3 – Kingsford room is straight ahead (not through the glass door to Committee room where we have met previously)
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Agenda

1.	**Acknowledgement of Country**
2.	**Attendance**
3.	**Apologies**
4.	**Guests**
5.	**Acceptance of previous minutes** **Moved:** **Seconded:**
6.	**Actions from Previous Meeting No. 67**

Business arising from previous meeting minutes

Action Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)	Status
65.1	**Revision of biosecurity considerations in planning scheme provisions and conditions of approval** **Action:** 1. Convene fire management in planning conversation to identify essential requirements and considerations. ~~2. Identify biosecurity risk management requirements which need to be updated in the development manual.~~	1. FNQROC, QPWS ~~2. FNQROC, NAMAC~~	1. Not commenced, refer to new CRC guidelines

66.3	**Biosecurity considerations in planning scheme provisions and conditions of approval** **Action:** 1. Share examples of code advice and conditions. 2. Develop a standard biosecurity advice or condition for consideration.	1. NAMAC, NAMAC	1. ongoing
66.4	**LG updates: CCRC Disaster Assets Preparedness Plan** **Action:** Provide update on the DPP to the NAMAC for next meeting	1. CCRC, NAMAC	1.
67.1	Systems Mapping Project CYP and TSI **Action:** 1. Investigate the application of the systems map project to align to the development of the regional gamba grass strategy. 2. Consider hosting of workshop to bring local biosecurity stakeholders together to inform the systems map (Mossman, Cooktown)	1. FNQROC/CYNRM 2. DSC,CSC	1. Complete 2. Complete
67.2	**Regional gamba grass strategy** **Action:** 1. circulate the updated management framework and proposed voluntary/regulatory compliance approaches. 2. Investigate options for regionally led approaches to compliance for complex contexts where regulatory proximity is a genuine barrier.	1. FNQROC,CYNRM 2. NAMAC	1. Underway 2. Underway
67.3	**Regional Development Manual - periodic review underway** **Action:** 1. Circulate recommended amendments and additions for additional comment and guidance.	1. FNQROC	1. Complete – consider updates to ESC from CCRC project to net revision
67.4	**Model text for inclusion in surveillance plans** **Action:** 1. Share model surveillance plan with updated references	1. HSC	1. Complete
67.5	**Endeavour Valley gamba grass taskforce** **Action:** 1. Date claimer, Endeavour Valley gamba grass taskforce scheduled for 2027 over the week of 19-23 April.	1. NAMAC	1. Complete

8 General Business

8.1 **Amazon frogbit response plan update –** the AF frogbit working group met recently to review and update the response plan. We will circulate updated plan

8.2 **Emergency Animal Disease workshop** – no report on workshop available at this stage (note, Byron Kearns has moved on from LGAQ)

	8.3 DPI funding proposals for 2027 – BQ have been in communication re: two rounds of funding to assist regions/councils biosecurity capacity**.** There is also a disaster recovery round in in preparation which relates to Cook, Etheridge and Croydon. **Program 1** – targeting assistance/development of regional coordination, specifically to resource ROCs and other partnerships to deliver regional biosecurity coordination. We will need to consult with FNQROC Board on its preferred use of the funding (roughly equivalent of 1 FTE for two years) **For discussion** – could this be used investigate regional compliance support program discussed in meeting #67? (noting FNQROC do not see it as practical to support an additional FTE in current structure, and the Board may seek current role to be funded by the program). **Program 2 –** regional feral pig action plan, coordination. Funding of ~$100,000 to assist regions in coordination and on-ground work. **For discussion** -recommendation is that the region focus on tools and coordination which directly supports operational work and staff. There will be an expectation that the region develops a regional action plan, however we have highlighted that a single plan approach is unlikely to be effective and our preference would be for individual LGA/catchment-based plans that group similar stakeholders together. **8.4 Strategic operations - BQ North Region** **8.5 Operational and strategic updates – LGs, NRM, BQ Terrain NRM, Cape York NRM, Gulf Savannah NRM** Updates from around the room **8.6 Land Protection Fund – update** • The Wet Tropics Cat Management Research Program – (attached) will be tabled to SOG in coming months. • Co-investment model review – the review has been initiated. Please see attached reference papers for discussion. Note the review does not include revisiting the calculation methodology, wild dog barrier fence, or rabbit board. • Regional research project proposals for 2027 • AI assisted UAV aerial surveillance – feasibility assessment of candidate/target species (Michael Graham to guide conversation) **8.7 Reef Guardian Councils update** **8.8 LGAQ Update** **8.9 Business arising**
9	**Points for noting to the FNQROC Board**
10	**Next meeting:** Meeting dates for 2027 will be released later in November
11	**Meeting Close**