



JOINT QUEENSLAND / COMMONWEALTH NRM STEERING COMMITTEE



Joint Steering Committee

Meeting 4 Date: 8/10/2002

Present:

Allan Dale Qld JSC Member

Tony Pressland Qld JSC Member

Alex Rankin Commonwealth JSC Member (Chair)

Charles Willcocks Commonwealth JSC Member

Geoff Dyne Joint Support Group - Commonwealth

Adam Jagla Secretariat - Joint Support Group - Commonwealth

Catharine Masters Commonwealth Manager NAP Qld

Glen Starkey Secretariat - Joint Support Group - Queensland

Decisions

Joint Steering Committee agrees to amend its protocol regarding meetings, specifically:

1. The need for a higher number of JSC meetings for at least the first 18 months,
2. Rotating the venue of JSC meetings to regions rather than just Canberra or Brisbane
3. Attempt to schedule JSC meetings to coincide with regional body quarterly reporting deadlines to ensure efficient flow of funding decisions
4. Explore further options for greater transparency of JSC process and meetings (eg. inviting presentations from regional bodies on the afternoon prior to the JSC meeting), and
5. To seek input and comment from regional bodies on this issue at the 9 October JSC + Regional Body Chairs meeting

Provide Regional Bodies with a summary of the JSC record of decisions following each meeting NAP communication plan

- The Commonwealth supports the content of the state-wide communication plan. The JSC have previously agreed on the need for consistency between the Queensland and national communication plans in messages being delivered

Investment decisions tools

- The JSC agreed to investigating investment decisions tools - eg. MCA (multi-criteria analysis). The Taskforce contact CSIRO to progress this

issue including having CSIRO provide input to broader JSC discussion/process.

Commonwealth/ Queensland Financial Agreement

- JSC agreed that the joint support group will finalise the Commonwealth/ Queensland Financial Agreement urgently and submit to JSC for consideration.

Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy

- JSC agreed to develop a statewide M&E Strategy urgently, Linda Lee (Qld Taskforce) will be negotiating with the Commonwealth M &E team and will provide a draft project plan to the JSC. The project plan will include timelines / mechanisms for developing the state-wide M&E strategy including Regional Body participation.

Role of Regional NRM coordination groups in Priority Actions

- Agree role of Regional NRM coordination groups is to work with the regional bodies to develop the regional body proposals and provide advice on how they fit against the agreed guidelines and what input State agencies are prepared to provide to deliver the activities. Regional Coordination Groups do not have the power to reject proposals.
- JSC agreed to send Addendum communiqué to Regional Bodies clarifying term "...and support proposal..."and that the Coordination Group is to provide advice and not approve proposals. The NRM agency coordination group will now be called Regional NRM coordination group, removing reference to "agency" and will include Commonwealth representatives from the joint NRM Team. Regional NRM coordination groups will provide advice to the JSC on priority action proposals.

Guidelines for Developing a Regional NRM Plan in Qld

- JSC agreed the latest draft of the Guidelines for Developing a Regional NRM Plan in Qld should be distributed for use. The JSC agreed to review the planning guidelines to take into account NHT requirements. The JSC agreed that development of the planning guidelines should be an ongoing process and should not hold up the circulation of the current draft.

Confusion over the GBR working group project and water quality projects

- There has been some confusion over the Great Barrier Reef (GBR) Steering Group project and water quality projects. The Taskforce is to clarify relationship between the GBR "no regrets" sediment mapping project and NAP Statewide water quality activity and report to JSC on the alignment between these projects

Strategic Investment Plan - Statewide Activities

- The arrangements for an agreement between NR &M and entities providing Statewide Activities are being developed. A draft activity agreement is being prepared for consideration.

Upcoming JSC activities:

- Priority Action Proposals,
- Statewide Activities, and
- Regional Bodies Planning feedback

Next JSC meeting on 4 December in Toowoomba. If necessary 3 December (afternoon) for presentations by Regional Bodies.
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JSC Support Group

This group provides secretariat support to the JSC. Tasks include preparation of JSC agenda papers including reports regarding the priority action proposals.

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