



JOINT QUEENSLAND / COMMONWEALTH NRM STEERING COMMITTEE



Queensland
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Bundaberg Meeting Decisions

REGIONAL MATTERS

Priority Action Proposals Update

- The JSC noted that additional priority action proposals had been submitted prior to the cut off date of 31 March 2003 by the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board, the Fitzroy Basin Association and the Condamine Alliance regional bodies. These proposals will be considered out of session as a matter of urgency once the regional coordination groups have reviewed the proposals.

Priority Action Proposal – SEQ Western Catchments Group

- The JSC agreed to recommend the *Indigenous Engagement* Priority Action Proposal to Ministers for approval asking that the need for a clear mandate for traditional owner involvement in the resulting network and that the final network have demonstrated potential for future joint investment from other players be clearly articulated deliverables in the project milestones.
- JSC supported further development of the proposals for *Implementation of the Community Capacity Engagement Framework* and the *Establishment and Implementation of Baseline Data Systems and Protocols for Regional Targets* for out of session consideration by the JSC with the request that the Group explore alternative funding sources for components of the full project as part of this development.

Priority Action Proposal – Burnett Mary Regional Group for NRM

- The JSC will be recommending four activities (three *Social and Economic* and one *Land and Vegetation Management Systems* Priority Action Funding Plan activity) to Ministers for approval, including:
 - Provision of economic & social data to underpin NAP catchment Planning;
 - What landholders & Natural resource managers need to know & how best to access it;
 - Monitoring, evaluation and funding plan administration; and
 - Maintenance & protection of native vegetation and associated waterways, floodplains and wetlands
- JSC supported activity 4 of the *Social and Economic PAFP* - Implementing the outcomes of the 10 year Indigenous Engagement Partnership; but required further development by the BMRG in consultation with the Burnett Mary TAG and others with appropriate expertise.
- The JSC is supportive of the concept of seeking Ministerial approval of funding for landholders in the Mary to undertake devolved Rivercare & Water Quality Grant activities in areas identified as a priority in the Mary River & Tributaries Rehabilitation Plan and to consider seeking additional funding to allow the Burnett to develop a similar plan with identified priority areas as part of their work leading to preparation of their regional plan. The JSC recommended that the BMRG take this into account in redefining its *Water Quality PAFP*.

- The JSC also gave in-principle support to the remainder of the *Water Quality PAFP* but requested further development and resubmission in consultation with the Burnett Mary TAG.
- The JSC indicated a willingness to further consider the following *Land and Vegetation Management Systems PAFP* Activities once they are redeveloped and resubmitted:
 - Develop & implement GRAZING land systems frameworks for the Burnett Mary; and
 - Develop & implement FARMING land systems frameworks in the lower Mary.
- The JSC supported the desire of the BMRG to work with local government and suggested they work closely with LGAQ and NR&M to further develop the “Local Government as natural resource managers” PAFP to address this issue.

Border Rivers Interim Catchment Committee

- Two JSC members recently attended a meeting of the Border River Interim Catchment Committee (BRICC) and reported the outcomes to the JSC meeting. JSC supported the actions underway to resource and action further planning activity which would help the achievement of jointly agreed outcomes and targets, and provide a link between the planning processes on both sides of the border.

Regional NRM Groups Collective Dialogue with the JSC

- The JSC noted the issues raised on behalf of the Qld Regional NRM Groups Collective and recognised the importance of the continuing dialogue between the JSC, the State and Commonwealth and the Collective on issues surrounding the NHT extension.

REPORTING

Single Holding Account Reporting and Payments

- The Committee noted the release of funds to the Qld Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for implementation of the first component of the **Water Quality Workplan** with the signing of the MOU between the EPA and NR&M (the agency tasked with overall responsibility for administering the NAP).
- The JSC noted the release of funds to the Qld Natural Resource Sciences Centre for implementation of the **Salinity Workplan** with the signing of the MOU for the Workplan.
- The JSC released further foundation funds to the **QMDC**, the **Burnett Mary Regional Group for NRM** (both subject to endorsement of their quarterly report by the NAP State Contact Officer), the **FBA**, as well as the **Condamine Alliance and the SEQ Western Catchments Group** following the recent signing of Activity Agreements with these regional bodies.
- It was noted by the JSC that some regional bodies implementing their foundation funding activity agreements (to produce their regional NRM Plans) were seeking to recast their Milestones and Payments schedules as part of the ongoing process of monitoring and adjustment of the implementation plans for these activities to produce better planning outcomes within the dynamics of their regional body planning environment.

POLICIES and GUIDELINES

Role and membership of Cwllth Qld Regional NRM Coordination Groups

- The JSC agreed the roles and memberships of the Cwllth Qld Regional NRM Coordination Groups (copy attached).

Expectations for Social and Economic Assessment in Plan Development

- The JSC endorsed a statement of general expectations for social and economic assessment to be included in the development of the regional NRM Plans. The statement provides regional bodies with an indication of what the JSC is likely to consider when accrediting a regional NRM Plan. The Taskforce will be lodging the statement on the website.

GENERAL

Implementation Boards Terms of Reference

- The JSC agreed to the Water Quality Workplan Implementation Board Terms of Reference and membership
- The JSC approved the Capacity Building and Social and Economic Programs Implementation Board's Terms of Reference subject to their being recast to mirror the approved Salinity Workplan Implementation Board's TOR.

2003 JSC meetings

June 2003 Previously scheduled for Townsville, Burdekin Dry Tropics Board to host. Date/location under review to permit JSC to meet with the RGC at their meeting scheduled for 17/18 June in Mt Isa.

27/28 August Townsville (Burdekin Dry Tropics Board to host) if Mt Isa proceeds

29/30 October Esk (SEQ WCG to host)

3/4 December TBA