



Meeting 12 Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held at Brisbane on 19/20 February 2004



Queensland
 Government

Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M 12	1.1	Agenda for JSC M12	Agreed			
M 12	1.2	Record of Decisions M11	Agreed			
M 12	1.3	Matters Arising	-			
M 12	2.0	Workplan Update	<p>The JSC would like to see the Data Management Protocols be presented at the JSC M14 – April meeting.</p> <p>Draft RIS guidelines to be reviewed at JSC M13 - March meeting with a view to finalising Out of Session or by JSC M14.</p> <p>Accreditation process guidelines to be reviewed at JSC M14 - April</p>	<p>Agenda Item for JSC M14 - April</p> <p>Agenda Item for JSC M13 -March</p> <p>Agenda Item for JSC M14 - April</p>	<p>S. Jacobie / G. Dyne</p> <p>M Bradby / M Ryan</p> <p>D Wildermuth / Kelly</p>	<p>JSC M14</p> <p>JSC M13</p> <p>JSC M14</p>
M 12	3.1 (a)	Single Holding Account Report – NAP	Not available – to be tabled at JSC M13 – March meeting.	Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March	D Guzek	JSC M13
M 12	3.1 (b)	Single Holding Account Report – NHT	Not available – to be tabled at JSC M13 – March meeting.	Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March	D Guzek	JSC M13
M 12	3.2	Regional Bodies Financial Reports – NAP	Not available – to be tabled at JSC M13 – March meeting.	<p>Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March</p> <p>DDG NRS to be contacted by A Dale re State Contact Officers responsibilities and timeframes.</p> <p>Financial reports and reminders to</p>	<p>D Guzek</p> <p>A Dale</p> <p>J Keating /</p>	<p>JSC M13</p> <p>23 02 04</p> <p>On-going</p>

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				be forwarded / copied to relevant AG liaison officer.	J Cain	
M 12	3.3	Statewide Projects Financial Reports – NAP	Not available – to be tabled at JSC M13 – March meeting.	Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March	D Guzek	JSC M13
M 12	3.4	Projected Cashflow Report – NAP	Not available – to be tabled at JSC M13 – March meeting.	Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March	D Guzek	JSC M13
M 12	3.5	<p>Regional Body Annual Financial Statements & Audit Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the receipt of the attached Regional Body Annual Financial Statements and Audit for the year ending 30 June 2003. Co-Chairs write to the Regional Body Chairs informing them of results of this review with clear guidelines on reporting of Unearned Revenue vs. “Profits”, certification of the Financial Statements and specific project reporting. In the case of Burdekin Dry Tropics Board (BDTB) write requesting a report to date of the actions taken as recommended by the auditor and the success or not of these actions and the likelihood of 	<p>The JSC notes the reports and the co-chairs write to the RB chairs with clear guidelines on audit related issues and presentation of financial statements.</p> <p>Raise with the RGC issues of consistency and presentation with the audit and financial statements with a view to conducting a workshop on annual financial statements and other financial matters including reporting.</p> <p>JSC Co chairs to respond to letter from the Burdekin related to the audit, thanking them for their response but seeking assurance that the actions proposed have been implemented and/or monitored by mid-year.</p>	<p>JSC Co-chairs to write to all RB Chairs Re: Guidelines and Presentation of Audited Financial Statements.</p> <p>Workshop to be progressed with all RB’s Re: Audited Financial Statements and other financial matters.</p> <p>JSC Co-chairs to respond to the BDTB Re: Audit response and assurance of implementation and success of actions.</p>	<p>J Keating G Kelly</p> <p>J Keating C Macdonald</p> <p>J Keating / M Bradby</p>	<p>20 Mar 04</p> <p>May 04</p> <p>27 Feb 04</p>

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		the auditors qualifying the 2003-2004 Financial Statements.	Western Catchments financial statements have not been received – request audit report to be submitted to 11 March JSC meeting.	Remind SEQ WCG of outstanding Auditing obligations.	J Keating / S Smith /	27 Feb 04
M 12	4.1	Indicative Funding Allocations <i>Presentation by:</i> Stefan Hajkowicz, David Temple, Brian Venz,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The JSC has agreed to a discretionary reserve for NAP program investments of 10% in 04/05 and 15% in 05/06 and 06/07. The discretionary reserve is not included in the regions indicative allocations. ▪ The discretionary reserve for the NHT until reviewed by the JSC will be 30% per annum. ▪ The JSC has agreed to a management reserve of 30% in the second out year and 50% in the third out year which will not be contracted by regions within indicative allocations. (This applies to both NAP and NHT.) ▪ The indicative allocations will be adjusted by any unexpended / over-expended amounts of the 30% base allocation previously approved. 	D Guzek, M Ryan and J Keating to finalise available \$ for distribution under indicative allocations, including an analysis of what remains of the 30% base allocation previously approved.	D Guzek J Keating M Ryan	Before 10 Mar 04

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M 12	4.2	<p>Pre-accreditation Investments <i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-Accreditation Investments (PAI's) should be reflected in Regional Plans / Investment Strategies and that this will become a criterion for accreditation; and 2. Projects approved under the IFA Extension round (\$11.3mil) be considered PAI's. 	<p>Agree recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. re: Pre-Accreditation Investments (PAI's) should be reflected in Regional Plans / Investment Strategies; 2. re: Projects approved under the IFA Extension round be considered PAI's, however note that legal advice needs to be sought re contracts for IFA Extension projects extending past than 30 June 2004. 	<p>J Keating to discuss with legal whether we can enter into contracts after 30 June 2004 under the IFA Extension Financial Agreement.</p>	<p>J Keating / D Hartwell</p>	<p>11 Mar 04</p>
M 12	4.3	<p>Transition from PAP's / FF to normalised investment strategies based funding</p>	<p>Paper not available</p>	<p>G Kelly to coordinate development of this paper with both AG and State officers for presentation either OoS or by JSC M14 - April.</p>	<p>G Kelly / J Keating / L Pollock</p>	<p>JSC M14</p>
M 12	5.1	<p>NHT2 Statewide Funding <i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the list of five priority projects recommended by SCG for statewide NHT2 funding 2003-04 and approve for funding (Figure 1 and Attachments 1 and 2). 2. Note that full NR&M project proposals will be provided to RGC and RCG Chairs for feedback. 3. Note that full project proposals will be provided to the JSC 	<p>The JSC notes the 5 projects and agrees to discuss these with RGC Chairs at meeting Friday 20 Feb.</p> <p>The JSC members require all project proposals (not just NR&M) to be provided to the RGC for feedback.</p> <p>Full proposals to be lodged by 27th Feb for consideration at JSC M13 on 10/11 March</p>	<p>Full proposals to be lodged by COB 27th Feb for consideration at JSC M13 on 10/11 March</p> <p>AG officers to liaise with appropriate areas re these proposals.</p>	<p>C Dwyer</p>	<p>01/03/04</p>

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		Secretariat by 27 th February. 4. Provide clear guidelines, process, timelines and in-kind requirements for further rounds of NHT2 statewide funding.				
M 12	5.2	<p>Partnership Agreements <i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note that Queensland is fast approaching the need for its first partnership agreement with a Regional Body and preparation of a suitable instrument needs to be undertaken immediately Consider the key requirements as set out in the NAP Bilateral Agreement, the NHT2 IFA and pending Bilateral Agreement). Assign responsibility for preparation of a draft agreement for consideration and discussion by all Stakeholders. 	<p>AG to reconsider Partnership Agreement requirements and provide detailed information by 11 March.</p> <p>The JSC notes that the South Australia Partnership Agreement is not relevant.</p>	Agenda Item for JSC M13 - March	G Kelly / C Macdonald / J Keating / L Pollock	JSC M13
M 12	5.3	Designation Cases		Template for response letter to RB's regarding requirements for further information for Designation be finalised and circulated to all JSC members for Review ASAP.	A Dale / D Wildermuth	25/02/04

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				AG and State officials to construct / individualise this Proforma for all RB's Designation cases by 5 th March, with a view to JSC sign off of Draft letters by JSC. M13.	D Wildermuth / State and AG Liaison officers	JSC M13
M 12	5.4	Approval of AgSIP Board and Terms of Reference <i>Recommendation:</i> 1. Approves AgSIP Implementation Board Terms of Reference 2. Approves AgSIP Implementation Board Membership	The JSC accepts the membership of the AgSIP Board but has a preference that regional body membership is made up of board members with a fair distribution from around the State. The JSC would encourage involvement of this Board in relevant NHT2 projects where agreed.	Advise AgSIP Board of JSC Decisions.	JSC Secretariat	27/02/04
M 12	5.4.1	AgSIP Budget Issues <i>Recommendation:</i> 1. Note the AgSIP Board's approval of work plans. 2. Agrees that the funding shortfall in AGSIP be met by either of the following options: a. JSC approve additional \$239 000 to existing \$7.797M budget b. All AGSIP projects have a budget adjustment of -3% and this adjustment be used for funding shortfall. 3. JSC approves the particular Schedule 2 that accompanies that recommendation.	The JSC does not approve additional \$239,000 to existing \$7.79M budget. The JSC requests the Board review the workplan such that it meets the approved investment and also revises the Schedule 2. The JSC notes the high HR component and seeks clarification being consistent with initial proposal.	Advise AgSIP Board of JSC Decisions and request that the Board work with John Keating to finalise the Schedule 2 for re-submission.	JSC Secretariat J Keating / S Cawley / E Anderson /	27/02/04 ASAP

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		<p>4. JSC approves expenditure within the particular Schedule 2 for the following quarters:</p> <p>a. Past: July – September 2003 (Qtr 1).</p> <p>b. Past: October – December 2003 (Qtr 2).</p> <p>c. Current: January – March 2004 (Qtr 3).</p> <p>d. Next: April – June 2004 (Qtr 4).</p>				
M 12	5.5	ISRA Project Presentation	Verbal update			
M 12	5.6	QMDC Plan	Paper not provided			
M 12	5.7	<p>Fitzroy Plan <i>Recommendation:</i></p> <p>1. Note the recent developments with the <i>Central Queensland Strategy for Sustainability 2</i> (CQSS2) planning exercise of the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA).</p>	The JSC notes the information on progress of the plan.			
M 12	5.8	<p>Mt Morgan updated proposal <i>Recommendation:</i></p> <p>1. Support increased funding for the Mt Morgan Water Treatment Plan PAP up to \$2,049,600 as requested by FBA in its letter of 15 Jan 04.</p>	<p>The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers an approval of this project up to a total of \$2,050,000.</p> <p>The JSC notes Queensland's commitment of \$700,000 over 3 years for operation and maintenance of the plant.</p>	G Kelly and D Guzek to finalise Ministerial approval paperwork within 14 days of this decision.	G Kelly D Guzek	5 Mar 04

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M 12	6.1	<p>Western Catchments Foundation Funding Adjustment (CEO funding request)</p> <p><i>Recommendation:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the SEQ Western Catchments Group's resolution to progress the recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer. 2. Approve the proposed amendment to the SEQ Western Catchments Group Inc. Foundation Funding Activity Agreement of an additional \$186,700 to enable appropriate recruitment of a Chief Executive Officer. 	<p>JSC accepts and commends the commitment and action taken by SEQ WCG and SEQ NRM towards forming a single regional NRM body.</p> <p>JSC requests documented agreement between the bodies showing the process and indicative milestones for formation of a single body for advice to Ministers.</p> <p>The agreement should include proposed future arrangements for a CEO and for plan integration.</p> <p>This agreement will be used to support funding recommendations pending designation of a single body.</p>	<p>JSC to advise SEQ WCG of the decision and request for further information/ agreement from both bodies.</p>	<p>A Dale / S Smith / G Kelly</p>	27/02/04
M12	8.0	Additional Business				
M12	8.1	Wetlands	<p>The JSC notes the issues surrounding both the delivery of the wetlands package and the coastal catchments initiatives and their effective integration with Regional NRM delivery and the JSC role.</p>	<p>The JSC Co-chairs to write to chairs of the wetlands taskforce to initiate a discussion of the delivery of the mechanisms.</p> <p>The AG JSC members to discuss with AG coastal catchments officers integration of delivery mechanisms and report to March 11 JSC</p>	<p>Allan Dale / Harry Abrahams</p>	05/03/04

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M12	8.2	Combining Water Quality & Salinity Implementation Boards	The JSC would be prepared to consider a proposal to combine the two SIP Implementation Boards, subject to clarifying intent of original AG Ministerial approvals.	AG to advise JSC members at JSC M13 whether there are any impediments to moving this proposal forward.	G Kelly / C Macdonald	JSC M13
M12	8.3	Updates	<p>The Australian Government members requested a standing agenda item on “Updates on NRM related activities that are not managed by the JSC, eg National and State Projects”</p> <p>AG members advised of the following NRM related activities which have commenced at a National Level:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity Building National Projects – NRM management and Local Government Engagement– two consultancies out on these National initiatives. 2. Greening Australia has been granted a contract re biodiversity / vegetation under NHT2 national component. 		JSC Secretariat	Ongoing
M12	8.4	NHT2 Competitive Regional Funding Round 2		The JSC agrees to the guidelines and agrees to the letter being sent to the Regional Bodies.	D Wildermuth / M Wharton	27/02/04

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M 12	8.5	Out of Session paper	Condamine Alliance – Release of Draft Plan for Public Consultation	The JSC agrees to give early action to an out of session paper to be lodged middle of week commencing 23 Feb 04.	D Wildermuth / G Kelly	27/02/04
M 12	8.7	NLP	Refer Separate Spreadsheet of Decisions.			

JSC Attendees (Australian Government)	JSC Attendees (Queensland)
Harry Abrahams	Allan Dale
Mike Lee	Tony Pressland (Friday)
Gary Kelly	Bob Speirs
Colin Macdonald	Tony Roberts
Rod Channon (Friday)	Olwyn Crimp
	Debbie Guzek
	Maxine Wharton
	John Keating (Thursday)