

Meeting 25 Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Mackay on 19 / 20 October 2005

Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M 25	1.1	Agenda for JSC M25	The JSC agreed the agenda			
M 25	1.2	Record of Decisions M 24	The JSC confirmed their previous out of session agreement of the Record of Decisions and Actions for M24.	N/A – Final Record of Decisions and Actions for M24 previously distributed.		
M 25	1.3	Dates & Places for JSC meetings in 2006 Agree dates and places: 22/23 Feb – Brisbane (Perf) 24/25 May – Canberra 23/24 Aug – Brisbane (Perf) 15/16 Nov – Canberra	The JSC agreed the following dates and places for 2006 JSC meetings: 30 Nov/1 Dec - Brisbane 22/23 Feb – Brisbane (Perf Rev) 24/25 May – Burnett Mary 23/24 Aug – Brisbane (Perf Rev) 15/16 Nov – Townsville	JSC Secretariat to distribute the JSC meeting dates for 2006.	M Wharton	28/10/05
M 25	2.0	Workplan Update / Exception Report Note the Reports which together provide detailed progress and exceptions regarding JSC actions associated with the implementation of the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality and the Natural Heritage Trust Extension in Queensland: 1. JSC completed Actions	The JSC noted the Workplan Update and Exception Reports and made the following comments regards the Pending Actions Register: 1. Mark as Complete: • **M23 – 2.0: referring to outstanding action from M22 – 3.6 – Core Funding Update. 2. Request urgent finalisation: • **M24 - 3.0: Annual Performance Reports – “D	JSC Secretariat to update the JSC Actions register as per JSC decision. Action officers to urgently finalise outstanding action from JSC M24 – 3:0	D Guzek D Wildermuth E Wensing	04/11/05 04/11/05

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		<p>since M24</p> <p>2. JSC Pending Actions</p> <p>3. JSC Correspondence Register</p> <p>4. JSC OoS Register</p>	<p>Wildermuth and E Wensing to finalise a document for JSC consideration regarding an agreed summary of actions being taken to bring about systemic improvements in governance, controls and reporting across the programmes. (An agreed communication tool)”</p>	<p>Regarding documentation of an agreed summary of actions being taken to bring about systemic improvements in governance, controls and reporting across the programmes.</p>		
M 25	3.2	<p>Options for administration and delivery of all Government programmes and non-government investment</p>	<p>The JSC noted that the issue of administration and delivery of Government programmes requires consideration in terms of future programmes.</p> <p>The JSC requests further discussion / workshop regarding advantages / disadvantages of proposed changes to the current model of administration and delivery of Government programmes and non-government investment.</p> <p>The State is seeking a response from the AG by mid-November on its letter from the DG NR&M on</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat to schedule an agenda item for JSC members to discuss/ workshop in early 2006 regarding the advantages and disadvantages of proposed changes to the current model of administration and delivery of Government programmes and non-government investment.</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat</p> <p>JSC Members</p>	<p>01/02/06</p> <p>01/02/06</p>

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			future administration of NLP and defeating the weed menace. (Also refer agenda item 6.1.)	AG to respond to the State regards its letter from the DG NR&M on future administration of NLP and defeating the weed menace.	C Willcocks	18/11/05
M 25	3.3	<p>Framework and process to conduct a random field check exercise on on-ground works</p> <p>1. Endorse a joint Qld AG field check of four 2004/05 Annual Reports considered inaccurate in their current form by the end of 2005</p> <p>2. Endorse the membership of the joint review team</p> <p>3. Agree that each Government fund their own costs</p>	<p>The JSC agreed to send a letter to all regional bodies advising them of the random field check exercise on on-ground works. (Co-chair signature)</p> <p>The JSC requested that the “Field Check” team gather evidence to assist in promoting and demonstrating outcomes to investors.</p> <p>The JSC agreed that a joint Qld/ AG field check of four 2004/05 Annual Reports be conducted by the end of 2005.</p> <p>The JSC endorsed the membership of the joint Qld / AG review team and agreed that each Government funds their own costs.</p>	<p>RLOs and JSC Secretariat to draft a letter to all regional bodies advising them of a random field check exercise on on-ground works. (Co-chair signature)</p> <p>Program of “Field Check Exercises on on-ground works” to be commenced as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>D Wildermuth E Wensing C Robinson</p> <p>D Wildermuth E Wensing C Robinson</p>	<p>11/11/05</p> <p>18/11/05</p>
M 25	4.0	<p>Analysis of Available Trust and NAP Funding:</p> <p>a. Letter from Australian</p>	The JSC noted the additional commitments which have an impact on available NAPSWQ and	W D’Rozario (AG) and K Caesar (QLD) to urgently reconcile available Trust	W D’Rozario K Caesar	04/11/05

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		<p>Government</p> <p>b. Memo re Round 2 of MBI Pilot Program</p>	<p>Trust funding and requested that relevant AG and QLD officers urgently undertake a process to fully reconcile programme funds.</p> <p>This reconciliation is required prior to the JSC being able to recommend any further projects to Ministers for funding from the Strategic Reserve.</p> <p>(Also Refer Agenda Item 4.2)</p>	<p>and NAPSWQ funding and report back to the JSC Out of Session.</p>		
M 25	4.1	<p>State Science Coordination Working Group (SSCWG) recommendations for strategic reserve funding</p> <p>1. Consider the comments provided by the SSCWG in relation to the proposed strategic reserve projects developed through the regional strategic gap analysis process</p> <p>2. Consider the science activity areas proposed by SSCWG for investment and indicate which of these should</p>	<p>The JSC acknowledged the significant efforts of the SSCWG in the Strategic Gap Analysis Process to date.</p> <p>The JSC agreed to forward the comments provided by the SSCWG in relation to the proposed strategic reserve projects to the RGC for incorporation into the further development of the high priority projects. (Refer Agenda Item 4.2)</p> <p>The JSC noted that there is no specific allocation for projects coming out of the science gap analysis and does not recommend further development of any</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat to draft a letter of response to the SSCWG as per JSC decision. (Co-chair signature)</p>	<p>D Guzek C Macdonald</p>	<p>11/11/05</p>

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		be further developed into science projects for possible investment though strategic reserve.	projects at this stage.			
M 25	4.2	<p>Strategic Reserve</p> <p>1. Approve, in-principle the following projects, subject to further improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1. Benchmarking and tracking through high resolution imagery for NRM change (terrestrial and marine) • 6. Systematic approach to Sustainable Agriculture • 9. Recording and applying Traditional Owner knowledge • 4. Threatened species, communities • 5. Water quality monitoring and information • 14. Guidance for on-ground works to improve regional 	Refer Attachment 1 for detailed discussion and decisions regarding the proposed project recommendations resulting from the Strategic Gap Analysis Process.	<p>RGC to resubmit revised Project Proposals for the agreed High Priority Projects as per Attachment 1 which incorporates / considers / addresses the JSC's Specific comments, the State Science Coordination Working Group comments, and includes a detailed Schedule 2 and Schedule 3.</p> <p>EPA and DEH to hold further discussions and provide feedback through the JSC regards supporting or not supporting the sub project:4.3 – Coordination and Implementation for Cassowary Conservation 2005/06</p>	<p>RGC</p> <p>D Best A Russel-French</p>	<p>18/11/05</p> <p>04/11/05</p>

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		<p>management of wetlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15. Fire management: lack of knowledge on ecosystem dynamics as a result of different fire regimes. • Implementation of Sustainable Coastal Agricultural Systems (SCAS) in the Great Barrier Reef Region. <p>2. The final projects should include the relevant Schedule's 2 and 3.</p> <p>3. Approve a project to specifically address priority Reef Plan needs if the funding for the recommended projects does not reach the amount allocated from the Strategic Reserve.</p>		<p>Proposal 5 – Water Quality Monitoring and Information Project to be forwarded to the Reef Plan IOC for comment.</p> <p>The AG needed to further discuss Project 11 – Ecosystem Services Pilot Project in the context of alignment to and funding opportunities under current nationally funded projects including the second round of the MBI program and provide feedback through the JSC.</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat IOC Secretariat</p> <p>M Lee A Russell-French</p>	<p>04/11/05</p> <p>04/11/05</p>
M 25	4.3	<p>S&E Assessment Summaries in Regional Investment Strategy Revision Process</p> <p>1. Note the information provided in this paper</p>	<p>The JSC agreed that prior to reaching a decision on Social and Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) requirements; it would seek advice from the RGC.</p>	<p>RGC to provide feedback on the SEIA paper for consideration by the JSC at M26.</p>	D Parsons	18/11/05

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		<p>as per JSC’s decision at M23 and confirm JSC’s requirements for social and economic impact assessment (SEIA) with the RGC.</p> <p>2. Agree to the SEIA requirements being added to the RIS Review section of the RIS Guidelines and that these guidelines be circulated to regional bodies.</p>	<p>The RGC agreed to consider the SEIA paper and provide a view back to the JSC for discussion and consideration by the JSC at M26. (RGC to discuss / seek further information from L Pollock)</p>			
M 25	4.4	<p>Reef Water Quality Protection Plan Targets – Water Quality Targets</p> <p>1. Write to the reef regional NRM bodies reaffirming the governments’ commitment to developing quantitative RCTs for reef water quality as soon as practical and suggesting any savings made in implementing their RISs be directed to accelerating progress towards this</p>	<p>The JSC agrees to write to the reef regional NRM bodies reaffirming the governments’ commitment to developing quantitative RCTs for reef water quality, i.e., they are in place and developed by regions in accordance with the time frames detailed in their accredited regional plan.</p> <p>The JSC, in considering RIS reviews, will be looking to see that target setting is adequately resourced.</p>	<p>RLOs and JSC Secretariat to draft a letter to the reef regional NRM bodies as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>M Bradby P Lawrence D Guzek C Macdonald</p>	04/11/05

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		priority 2. Note the progress on Module 19 – Integrating Reef Plan into Regional NRM Plans				
M 25	4.5	FBA Coastal Amendments 1. Note FBA’s amendments to incorporate the coastal catchments into their accredited NRM Plan 2. Agree to bring the amendments to the attention of Ministers	The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers that approval be given to incorporate Coastal Catchments amendments into the accredited FBA “Central Queensland Strategy for Sustainability – 2004 and Beyond” regional NRM plan. The JSC requests future discussion on the processes and definitions for evolution (review/renew/amend) of regional NRM plans. (February M27)	Ministerial briefs to be urgently progressed. RLOs to prepare a paper updating discussion on the processes and definitions of evolution (review/renew/amend) of regional NRM plans for submission to JSC M27 in February 2006	M Bradby G Dyne D Wildermuth E Wensing	28/10/05 01/02/06
M 25	4.6	Fitzroy Basin Association – RIS Review Recommend to Ministers the following investment into the 2005-2007 FBA RIS: \$3,410,401 NAP (60%) and \$1,077,097 NHT (41%) 2005/06 \$1,512,739 NAP (29%)	The JSC noted that the FBA RIS review document was well presented and endorsed it in principle, subject to the following actions: 1. Core operating costs to be reduced to approximately \$400,000 per year in line with other regional bodies. 2. Variable programme costs to be clearly identified 3. Table 2 and Schedule 3 to be reviewed with regard to	RLOs to draft a letter to FBA regards consideration of their RIS Review as per JSC decision. RLOs to prepare an OoS for JSC co-chair consideration of the revised RIS review documents. Subject to co-chair agreement of revised RIS review documents.	M Bradby D Moor C Macdonald M Bradby D Moor C Macdonald	28/10/05 18/11/05

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		and \$351,965 NHT (14%) 2006/07	consistency between the two documents. (Delegated to JSC co-chairs for approval.)	Ministerial briefs to be urgently progressed.	M Bradby D Moor C Macdonald	18/11/05
M 25	5.2	Links between Reef Plan and the Wetlands Taskforce	The JSC notes that the AG is working with policy areas to improve coordination of links between the Regional NRM Reef Plan, the Wetlands Taskforce, and the Coastal Catchment Initiative.			
M 25	5.4	Update on Torres Strait NRM Strategy 1. Note the update on the development of a regional NRM Strategy for Torres Strait 2. Advise RLOs which JSC members will attend the TSRA Executive Meeting on 8 November on Thursday Island.	The JSC noted the update on the development of a regional NRM Strategy for Torres Strait. The JSC agreed that the JSC Co-chairs, Mike Lee and Evelyne Meier would attend the TSRA Executive Meeting being held on 8 November 2005.	JSC co-chairs to attend the TSRA Executive Meeting being held on 8 November 2005.	M Lee E Meier	08/11/05
M 25	6.1	OoS 231 – NLP Community Support Recommendations 1. endorses the NLP Community Support proposals for 2005-06 (including	The JSC endorsed the NLP Community Support proposals for 2005-06 including recommended conditions as per Attachment 2 of the paper. However, the Queensland Co-chair advised that the Department	AFFA to forward the endorsed QLD NLP Investment Package to Minister McGauran for approval.	P Gillard	28/10/05

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		<p>recommended conditions) in <u>Attachment 2</u>, as a basis for recommendations by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for his approval;</p> <p>2. notes that budgets for projects of greater than one year (<u>Attachment 2</u>) are indicative only and will be re-assessed annually, and continued funding will depend on satisfactory performance against agreed project milestones, and budget availability;</p> <p>3. notes projects that two projects only were not recommended/ineligible in this round and</p> <p>4. compliments regional NRM bodies and their</p>	<p>of Natural Resources and Mines will not be party to a financial agreement for this programme for 2005-06 until there is a response to recent DG to DG correspondence. (Also Refer Agenda Item 3.2)</p>			

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		landcare staff for the quality of NLP community support proposals submitted in 2005, and the regional coordination groups for providing technical advice on proposals.				
M 25	6.2	<p>OoS 234 – NHT 04/05 financial year annual report</p> <p>1. ACCEPTS the attached 2004-05 State Annual Summary Report on the regional component of the trust in Queensland for the 2004-05 financial year.</p> <p>2. AGREES to submit the Annual Summary Report to the Ministerial Board and State Ministers.</p>	<p>The JSC agrees to accept the 2004-05 State Annual Summary Report on the regional component of the trust in Queensland for the 2004-05 financial year.</p> <p>The JSC agrees to submit the Annual Summary Report to the Ministerial Board and State Ministers.</p>	Ministerial Briefs to submit the accepted 2004-05 State Annual Summary Report on the regional component of the Trust to the Ministerial Board and State Ministers to be urgently finalised.	C Robinson C Macdonald	04/11/05
M 25	6.3	<p>Mackay-Whitsunday Contract Variation Requests</p> <p>1. agree to recommend to Ministers that they approve an extension of</p>	1. The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers that they approve an extension of project MW IFA 04 – Sustainable Coastal Agricultural Systems (SCAS) until 30 September 2006 subject	<p>RLOs to draft a letter to MW regards consideration of their Contract Variation Requests.</p> <p>RLOs to prepare an OoS</p>	<p>A Cash K Eden D Moor</p> <p>A Cash</p>	<p>04/11/05</p> <p>11/11/05</p>

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		<p>project MW IFA 04 – Sustainable Coastal Agricultural Systems (SCAS) until 30 September 2006</p> <p>2. agree to recommend to Ministers that they approve the transfer of \$80,863 in unspent funds from MW IFA 01 and 02 to MW IFA 04</p> <p>3. agree to recommend to Ministers that they approve an extension of MW IFA 05 – Reef Coastal Freshwater Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Strategy, until 28 February 2006.</p>	<p>to the submission of revised schedule 2 and 3 for co-chair approval</p> <p>2. The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers that they approve the transfer of \$80,863 in unspent funds from MW IFA 01 and 02 to MW IFA 04 subject to the submission of revised schedule 2 and 3 for co-chair approval</p> <p>3. The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers that they approve an extension of MW IFA 05 – Reef Coastal Freshwater Fish Habitat Rehabilitation Strategy, until 28 February 2006, subject to the submission of revised schedule 2 and 3 for co-chair approval.</p>	<p>for JSC co-chair consideration of the revised Schedules for MW IFA 04 and MW IFA 05.</p> <p>Subject to co-chair agreement of revised Schedules, Ministerial briefs to be urgently progressed. (AG – all, QLD – transfer of unspent funds only)</p>	<p>K Eden D Moor</p> <p>A Cash K Eden</p>	18/11/05
M 25	6.4	OoS 233 – Endorsement of a Steering Committee for the Science Gap Analysis State Evaluation	The JSC agrees to endorse the Steering Committee for the Science Gap Analysis State Valuation.			
M 25	7.1	Drought Impact on Regional Delivery at proposed joint meeting with SIP/PIB chairs and RGC at M26 to workshop future programmes / learning / opportunities /	Alison Russell-French and Debbie Guzek to liaise in early November regarding details for the proposed JSC M26 workshop.	JSC Secretariat to finalise agenda and invitations for a Workshop to be held at JSC M26 titled "Future Programmes - Learnings / Opportunities / Threats"	D Guzek A Russel-French	04/11/05

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		threats				
M 25	7.2	Meeting with Mackay-Whitsunday regional body	Discussions with the Mackay Whitsunday NRM Group included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks for the organization of the Mimosa pigra field trip to Peter Faust Dam • Outcomes of the September 2005 Performance review • Outcomes of consideration of contract variation requests at JSC M26. 			

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Attendees (Australian Government)	Attendees (Queensland)
Mike Lee (Co-chair)	Olwyn Crimp (Co-chair)
Alison Russell-French (JSC member)	Tony Pressland (JSC member)
Ed Wensing (NRM Manager, Qld)	Debbie Best (JSC member)
Alison Cash (RLO)	Tony Roberts (JSC member)
	Evelyne Meiers (Observer)
	Debbie Guzek (Qld Secretariat)
	Maxine Wharton (Qld Secretariat)
	David Wildermuth (Manager, NR&M)
	Darren Moor, Central Queensland RCG Contact