

Meeting 26 – FINAL - Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Brisbane on 1 / 2 December 2005

Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M26	1.1	Agenda for JSC M26	The JSC agreed the agenda as presented.			
M26	1.2	Record of Decisions M25 1. Agree the record of decisions and actions for JSC M25 subject to considering a request to amend Agenda Item 4.2 – Attachment 1 as follows: “Amend JSC specific comments for Project 6 - Systematic Approach to Sustainable Agriculture as per specified ‘track changes’”.	1. The JSC agreed the Record of Decisions and Actions for JSC M25 subject to amending Agenda Item 4.2 – Attachment 1 as detailed in the covering paper.	JSC Secretariat to finalise and distribute JSC M25 record of decisions and actions as per JSC decision.	D Guzek M Wharton	09/12/05
M26	2.0	Workplan update/exception report 1. 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: a. JSC completed actions since M24 b. JSC pending actions c. JSC correspondence	1. The JSC noted the workplan update and exception reports.			

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		<p>register</p> <p>d. JSC OoS register</p> <p>2. Note that full copies of the JSC rolling actions register which includes a running list of all actions and relevant progress (151 pages), standing actions register (which includes both Institutional and operational standing actions (11 pages), the correspondence register (67 pages) and out of session register (15 pages) are available on request.</p>				
M26	3.1	<p>NAPSWQ reconciliation & exceptions</p> <p>1. Note the results of a review of Ministerial approvals that have been accounted for against National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality funds</p> <p>2. Discuss with the Regional Groups Collective the use of remaining funds of \$8,131,024 for possibly strategic reserve and/or indicative allocations for 07/08</p> <p>3. Note that a review of Ministerial approvals</p>	<p>1. The JSC notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the current analysis which shows that after allowing for core operating costs for NAPSWQ regions in 07/08 of \$2.8m, for other known commitments (MBI Round 2 and Community Forums) of \$919,200, and for a programme contingency of \$1m there remains \$8.131m uncommitted NAPSWQ funds of the \$162m • it needs to review the proposed \$1m contingency by end 06/07 			

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		<p>accounted for under the Natural Heritage Trust will be presented to JSC by 23 December 2005</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the original Ministerial approval of \$9.89m for NAPSWQ strategic reserve and notes also the current Ministerial approved commitments against these funds of \$3.955m plus proposed Ministerial commitments of \$919,200 (community forums, MBI round 2) leaving a balance of \$5.115m • that in identifying \$8.131m balance in uncommitted funds for the NAPSWQ, the amount of \$1.1m for salinity mapping in the Murray-Darling Basin has been included in the calculations. <p>2. The JSC requests urgent finalisation of budget and cash flow analysis noting the profile of NAPSWQ appropriations for both governments by end of calendar year.</p> <p>3. The JSC notes that for the Trust the remaining uncommitted funding on the information available is \$30.4m.</p> <p>In relation to the Trust strategic reserve the Ministerial approval</p>	<p>NAPSWQ budget and cash flow analysis to be urgently completed, noting the profile of NAPSWQ appropriations for both governments.</p> <p>07/08 indicative allocations to be finalised as per JSC</p>	<p>A Goeths D Guzek</p> <p>D Wildermuth E Wensing</p>	<p>16/12/05</p> <p>16/12/05</p>

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			<p>budget was \$11.169m and to date Ministerially approved commitments against this budget total approx \$5.2m leaving an uncommitted balance of approx \$5.95m. This leaves approx \$24.4m available for Trust indicative allocations in 2007/08.</p> <p>4. The JSC agrees to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • proceed with calculating 07/08 regional indicative allocations on the basis of the pro-rata shares used in the current indicative allocations and seeks a further paper calculating the proposed allocations for forwarding to Ministers for approval • take forward this Ministerial approval request in the context of seeking approval for strategic reserve projects, the NAPSWQ programme contingency reserve, 07/08 indicative allocations, the core operating costs for 07/08 for NAPSWQ regions only, reinstatement of the Trust statewide funds, extending the timeframe for all strategic reserve approvals out to the 	<p>decision for urgent out of session consideration.</p> <p>Following finalisation of the budget and cash flow analysis and JSC approval of 07/08 indicative allocations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial briefs to be urgently progressed as per JSC decision (include strategic reserve package of recommendations as per Agenda Item 4.3) • JSC letters to RBs advising of the JSC decision be urgently finalised for co-chair signature decision (include advice re: strategic reserve package of recommendations as per Agenda Item 4.3). 	<p>D Wildermuth L Diffey E Wensing</p> <p>D Wildermuth E Wensing</p>	<p>23/12/05</p> <p>23/12/05</p>

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			<p>end of 07/08</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recommend a Trust programme contingency of \$1m. <p>In making this decision, the JSC drew upon the information contained in Attachment 1 – Strategic Reserve Existing and Proposed Projects.</p>			
M26	3.2	<p>Single holding accounts – report as at 30 Sept 05</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the attached single holding account summary reports as at 30 September 2005 (Attachments 1 to 5) and exceptions as detailed in the discussion below. 2. Note payments made during the quarter per Attachment 3. Trust \$ 4,207,045 and NLP \$1,076,296. 3. Agree that Australian Government and State Government officers continue to work together on a system that allows for easier reconciliation of payments between the parties. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The JSC notes the attached single holding account summary reports as at 30 September 2005 (Attachments 1 to 5) and exceptions as detailed in the discussion below. 2. The JSC notes the payments made during the quarter per Attachment 3. Trust \$ 4,207,045 and NLP \$1,076,296. 3. The JSC agrees that Australian Government and State Government officers continue to work together on a system that allows for regular communication on reconciliation of payments between the parties. 	<p>Australian Government and State Government officers continue to work together on a system that allows for regular communication on reconciliation of payments between the parties.</p>	<p>E Wensing A Goeths</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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M 26	3.3	Q/E 30/06/05 Financial Report/Payment Analysis Recommendations (non-delegated)	Completed - refer to OoS 243			
M 26	3.4	<p>Revised Schedule 2 for SE05 (Social & Economic SIP)</p> <p>1. Agree the revised Schedule 2 to SE05 which re-allocates \$399,000 from Activity 6 into Activity 2 and deletes milestones (c) and (d) from Activity 6</p> <p>2. Note the case to support the additional projects being proposed under Activity 2 to achieve milestone (d) Undertake, facilitate and contract additional research as issues arise.</p>	<p>1. The JSC approves the revised Schedule 2 for SE05 which re-allocates \$399,000 from Activity 6 into Activity 2 and deletes milestones (c) and (d) from Activity 6.</p> <p>2. The JSC notes the case to support the additional projects being proposed under Activity 2 to achieve milestone (d) Undertake, facilitate and contract additional research as issues arise.</p>	P&PM team to progress a DOV for SE05 incorporating the agreed revised Schedule 2.	A Morgan A Goeths	16/12/05
M26	3.5	<p>6 month performance reporting requirements</p> <p>1. Approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed changes to the 6 month performance reporting requirements for regional bodies, state-level investment programs and statewide projects in the areas of the: • implementation of 	<p>1. The JSC approves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed changes to the 6 month performance reporting requirements for regional bodies, state-level investment programs and statewide projects in the areas of the: • implementation of Queensland Integrated Regional Information 	JSC Secretariat to finalise and send JSC endorsed 6 month performance reporting requirement letters to all RBs, SIP PIBs, and statewide projects.	M Wharton	06/12/05

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		<p>Queensland Integrated Regional Information System (QIRIS) for financial and performance output reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contents of 6 monthly narrative performance report and the coming one for the period to 31 December 2005 in particular • compulsory use of new outputs codes • voluntary reporting against MATs and RCTs. <p>2. Endorse letters communicating these reporting requirements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chairs and CEOs of regional bodies • chairs of the SIP program implementation boards • coordinators of statewide projects 	<p>System (QIRIS) for financial and performance output reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contents of 6 monthly narrative performance report and the coming one for the period to 31 December 2005 in particular • compulsory use of new outputs codes • voluntary reporting against MATs and RCTs. <p>2. The JSC endorses the letters communicating these reporting requirements to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chairs and CEOs of regional bodies • chairs of the SIP program implementation boards • coordinators of statewide projects 			
M26	4.1	<p>Torres Strait Land and Sea Management Strategy and funding</p> <p>1. Agree to recommend the <i>Land and Sea Management Strategy for Torres Strait</i> to Ministers for approval</p>	<p>1. The JSC agrees to recommend the <i>Land and Sea Management Strategy for Torres Strait</i> to Ministers for approval (AG Ministerial approval has already been sought on the basis of Ministerial approval for the draft</p>	<p>Qld to urgently finalise Ministerial briefs regards approval of the <i>Land and Sea Management Strategy for Torres Strait</i>.</p> <p>The RLOs to write to TSRA</p>	<p>K Eden L Diffey</p> <p>K Eden</p>	<p>01/12/05</p> <p>9/12/05</p>

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		2. Approve the revised Schedule 2 for core operating and project facilitation funding noting that the timeframe covers two calendar years (Jan 06 to Dec 07) and therefore extends into the 2007-08 financial year.	<p>subject to final editing approval by JSC)</p> <p>2. The JSC approves the revised Schedule 2 for core operating and project facilitation funding totalling \$855,480 noting that the timeframe covers two calendar years (Jan 06 to Dec 07) and therefore extends into the 2007-08 financial year.</p> <p>The JSC thanks the team (Kate Eden, Michelle Pollock and Miya Isherwood) for all their efforts in finalising this process.</p>	<p>advising of the JSC decision for co-chair signature.</p> <p>P&PM to progress activity agreement with TSRA for core operating and project facilitation as per the approved Schedule 2.</p>	<p>M Pollock</p> <p>K Eden A Goets</p>	16/12/05
M26	4.2	<p>Protocol for undertaking significant changes to management action and resource condition targets</p> <p>1. Approve the protocol for undertaking significant changes to management action and resource condition targets (MATs and RCTs).</p>	<p>The JSC approves the protocol for undertaking significant changes to management action and resource condition targets (MATs and RCTs).</p> <p>The JSC notes that the implementation of the processes be kept as simple and user friendly as possible.</p> <p>The JSC agrees to review implementation at M29 in Brisbane.</p>	<p>RLOs to prepare a letter to all RBs and RCGs advising of the approved <i>Protocol for changing Management Action and Resource Condition Targets</i> for co-chair signature.</p> <p>JSC Secretariat to include an Agenda item for M29 regards review of the implementation of the <i>Protocol for changing Management Action and Resource Condition Targets</i>.</p>	<p>C Robinson E Wensing</p> <p>M Wharton C Macdonald</p>	<p>16/12/05</p> <p>05/08/06</p>

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M26	4.3	<p>Strategic reserve commitments and proposed projects</p> <p>1. Note the table that shows existing projects approved (including MBI round 2 and future community forums) and the new proposals (with a proposed NAPSWQ/Trust split)</p> <p>2. Consider recommending the following projects to Ministers, noting that some Schedule 2s and 3s will need to be submitted to JSC co-chairs for urgent out of session approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Qld Communication \$400,000 ii. Spatial Imagery \$3,675,000 iii. Systematic Approach to Sustainable Agriculture \$1,400,000 iv. Reef Link \$762,276 v. Traditional Owner Knowledge \$1,035,000 vi. Fire Management \$788,000 vii. Biodiversity – Pingers \$148,000 viii. Biodiversity – Sawfish \$481,356 ix. Water quality monitoring & information \$168,000 	<p>The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers a package of projects as per Attachment 2, subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • completion of the NAPSWQ budget and cash flow analysis (as per Agenda Item 3.1) • submission of a new expanded project for water quality monitoring and information. <p>The JSC also notes that prior to being able to finalise activity agreements for funds to flow, revised project proposals, and Schedules 2 and 3 will need to be submitted where relevant, as per JSC comments/feedback detailed at Attachment 1 for JSC co-chair out of session consideration.</p> <p>With regards to the wetlands project proposal, the JSC noted the advice of Chris Schweizer, AG co-chair of the QWJGT and agreed not to recommend this project to Ministers at this time.</p>	<p>NAPSWQ budget and cash flow analysis to be urgently completed, noting the profile of NAPSWQ appropriations for both governments for incorporation into strategic reserve Ministerial briefs.</p> <p>New expanded project for water quality monitoring and information to be submitted for JSC out of session consideration.</p> <p>Ministerial briefs (packaged as part of Agenda Item 3.1 outcomes) be progressed as soon as the NAPSWQ budget and cash flow analysis is complete and the expanded project for water quality monitoring and information has been agreed by the JSC.</p> <p>Revised project proposals, Schedules 2 and 3, where relevant, as per JSC comments/feedback detailed at Attachment 1 be urgently submitted for JSC co-chair out of session consideration.</p>	<p>A Goeths D Guzek</p> <p>D Best T Roberts</p> <p>D Wildermuth M Bradby E Wensing L Diffey</p> <p>D Parsons M Bradby E Wensing</p>	<p>16/12/05</p> <p>09/12/05</p> <p>23/12/05</p> <p>23/12/05</p>

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		x. Wetlands \$987,000 Total: \$9,844,632				
M26	4.4	BDTB – RIS Review	Withdrawn			
M26	4.5	FNQ NRM – RIS Review	Withdrawn			
M26	4.6	<p>Burnett Mary RIS for 2005-07</p> <p>1. Recommend to Ministers the following investment into the 2005-2007 Burnett Mary RIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,410,000 NAPSWQ (30%); \$570,000 Trust (30%) for 2005/06 • \$860,000 NAPSWQ (20%); \$380,000 Trust (20%) for 2006/07 • Totalling \$3,220,000 	<p>1. The JSC agrees to recommend to Ministers the following investment into the 2005-2007 Burnett Mary RIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,410,000 NAPSWQ (30%); \$570,000 Trust (30%) for 2005/06 • \$860,000 NAPSWQ (20%); \$380,000 Trust (20%) for 2006/07 • Totalling \$3,220,000 <p>Noting that the respective NAPSWQ contributions sought from each government will be settled following a resolution of budget and cash flow analysis referred to in Item 3.1.</p> <p>Noting that the funds will not be released from the single holding account to the region until JSC is able to consider the outcomes of the current BIR process in Burnett Mary and to take up any follow up</p>	<p>RLOs to draft a letter to Burnett Mary for co-chair signature as per JSC decision.</p> <p>RLOs to progress Ministerial approval as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>M Bradby A Cash</p> <p>M Bradby A Cash</p>	<p>09/12/05</p> <p>09/12/05</p>

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			<p>action that may be required.</p> <p>The JSC approves the Table 1, Schedule 2 and Schedule 3.</p>			
M26	4.9	<p>SEQ Catchments RIS for 2005 – 2007</p> <p>1. Agree the new combined RIS as the basis for associated investment</p> <p>2. Recommend to Ministers the following investment package totalling \$8,390,000 (\$5.09m from the NAPSWQ and \$3.3m from the Trust as detailed in Table 1 below) for the period 1 January 06 to 30 June 07 for SEQ Catchments Ltd.</p> <p>3. Notes the matching in-kind for Trust funding as per Attachment A</p> <p>4. Agrees to sign the letter (Attachment B) advising SEQ Catchments Ltd. of the JSC decision regarding the RIS</p>	<p>1/2. The JSC agrees the new combined RIS as the basis for associated investment and recommends to Ministers the following investment package totalling \$8,390,000 (\$5.09m from the NAPSWQ and \$3.3m from the Trust as detailed in Table 1) for the period 1 January 06 to 30 June 07 for SEQ Catchments Ltd.</p> <p>3. The JSC notes the matching in-kind for Trust funding as per Attachment A</p> <p>4. The JSC agrees to sign the letter (Attachment B) advising SEQ Catchments Ltd. of the JSC decision regarding the RIS.</p> <p>The JSC requests Queensland Government representatives to further consider the role of Moreton Bay Partnerships.</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat to finalise and distribute formal letter to SEQ Catchments as per JSC decision.</p> <p>RLOs to progress Ministerial briefs as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>M Wharton D Guzek</p> <p>M Bradby K Eyles</p>	<p>07/12/05</p> <p>07/12/05</p>
M26	5.1	<p>Delivery of Wetlands Programmes</p>	<p>The JSC was briefed on the national delivery of Wetlands Programmes by Ms C Schweizer</p>	<p>C Schweizer to provide a paper proposing some options for streamlining administration</p>	<p>C Schweizer</p>	<p>31/12/05</p>

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			<p>who will send a detailed paper for out of session approval.</p> <p>The JSC agrees to consider a paper at its February meeting in relation to improved coordination between programmes.</p> <p>The JSC noted that the QWJG taskforce's working group will meet with Regional Coordination Groups early in the new calendar year to ensure the objectives of the Qld Wetlands Programme are appropriately factored into the RIS reviews.</p>	<p>of the Qld Wetlands Programme for out of session consideration by the JSC.</p> <p>C Schweizer to provide a paper in relation to improved coordination between programmes for consideration at JSC M27.</p>	<p>C Schweizer M Lee E Meier</p>	<p>18/02/067</p>
M26	5.2	Coordination of activities in relation to best management practice for sustainable grazing	<p>The JSC notes that C Schweizer will talk to Tony Roberts following up opportunities for improvements of coordination efforts in sustainable grazing efforts in relation to wetlands and reef water quality.</p> <p>The JSC Secretariat to set up a special meeting including a range of participants to workshop the issue.</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat to work with C Schweizer to set up a special meeting early in the new year to workshop opportunities for improvements of coordination efforts in sustainable grazing efforts in relation to wetlands and reef water quality.</p>	<p>M Wharton C Macdonald</p>	<p>31/01/06</p>
M26	5.3	Funding update for the Market Based Instruments Pilot	<p>1. The JSC notes the funding requirements for 2006-07 and</p>			

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		Programme 1. Note the funding requirements for 2006-07 and 2007-08 for round two of the National Market Based Instruments Pilots Programme and include them in forward budgets.	2007-08 for round two of the National Market Based Instruments Pilots Programme and has agreed to include them in forward budgets (refer to Agenda Item 3.1).			
M26	5.4	S&E assessment summaries in regional investment strategy revision process	Withdrawn	JSC Secretariat to ensure that this issue is included for discussion at JSC M27.	M Wharton C Macdonald	11/02/06
M26	5.5	Endorsement of a steering committee for the Reef and CCI state evaluation 1. Endorse the proposed membership of a steering committee for the <i>Regional NRM RIS Alignment to Reef Plan & CCI and Proposed Reporting Arrangements</i> evaluation, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Lawrence, principal project officer, Reef Plan, NRMW • Geoff Dyne, AG RLO and/or Jackie Goonrey, AG WQI coordinator • Jessica Wallwork, Dept of Premier & Cabinet, Great Barrier Reef Protection Plan 	The JSC endorses the membership of the steering committee for the <i>Regional NRM RIS Alignment to Reef Plan & CCI and Proposed Reporting Arrangements</i> subject to both Geoff Dyne and Jackie Goonrey being members.			

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		project officer • Lea Diffey, principal project officer, EPA, and/or John Bennett, senior principal environmental officer, EPA/Reef CRC • Allan Dale, executive officer, FNQ NRM • Suzanne Hoverman, project manager & principal project officer (M&E), RIS alignment to Reef Plan & CCI.				
M26	6.1	Future Programmes – learnings / opportunities / threats	Refer to workshop notes at Attachment 3.			

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JSC Members (Australian Government)	JSC Members (Queensland)
Mike Lee (Co-chair)	Evelyne Meier (Co-chair)
Alison Russell-French (JSC member)	Tony Roberts (JSC member)
Ed Wensing (NRM manager, Qld)	Debbie Best (JSC member)
Chris Schweizer (02/12/05)	Debbie Guzek (Qld Secretariat)
	Maxine Wharton (Qld Secretariat)
	David Wildermuth (NRMW)
	Leigh Diffey (EPA)