

Meeting 28 – Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Brisbane on 6 June 2006

Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M 28	1.1	Agenda for JSC M28	The JSC agreed the agenda.			
M 28	1.2	Queensland JSC membership	The JSC welcomed Chris Robson from NRMW as a new Qld member.			
M 28	2.0	<p>Workplan Update / Exception Report</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. JSC completed Actions since M27 2. JSC Pending Actions 3. JSC Correspondence Register since M27 4. JSC OoS Register since M27 	<p>The JSC noted 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.</p> <p>The JSC notes that it is yet to consider a process for investing the remaining Strategic Reserve Funds.</p>	JSC Secretariat to update the Pending Actions Register as per JSC discussion and decision.	D Guzek	16/06/06

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M 28	3.1	<p>Updated Historical Cashflow and Single Holding Account Report – NAPSWQ for period ending 30/06/05</p> <p>Accept the “NAP single holding account financial statement reconciliation for p/e 30 June 2005” as an accurate record of NAPSWQ funding paid into and out of the NRMW single holding account during the period 01/07/02 to 30/06/05.</p>	<p>The JSC accepts the “NAP single holding account financial statement reconciliation for p/e 30 June 2005” as an accurate record of NAPSWQ funding paid into and out of the NRMW single holding account during the period 01/07/02 to 30/06/05.</p>			
M 28	3.2	<p>Single Holding Account Reports (NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP) for period ending 30/04/06, Reconciliation and Exceptions</p> <p>1. Note that single holding account reconciliations for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP for the period 01/07/05 to 30/04/06 will not be provided at Meeting 28, June 2006. However, full 2005/2006 financial</p>	<p>The JSC notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the single holding account reconciliations for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP for the period 01/07/05 to 30/04/06 have not been tabled at this meeting. 2. Complete 2005/2006 financial year reconciliations for all programs will be settled with the Australian Government and provided to the JSC for consideration at Meeting 29. 	<p>Contract Management Unit to finalise single holding account reconciliations for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP for the full 2005/2006 financial year for JSC consideration at M29.</p>	<p>R Orth C Macdonald</p>	<p>11/08/06</p>

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		<p>year reconciliations for all programs will be settled with the Australian Government and provided to the JSC at Meeting 29.</p> <p>2. Note that the last quarterly reconciliation was provided to the JSC in April 2005.</p>				
M 28	3.3	<p>Status of Single Holding Account Audited financial Statements for p/e 30/06/05</p> <p>1. Note the Single Holding Account audited financial Statement for 2004/05 which has been certified by an independent auditor as required under clause 7.1 of the NAP financial agreement between the Commonwealth and the State.</p> <p>2. Note that other outstanding single holding account audits are being progressed as priority issues.</p>	<p>The JSC notes that:</p> <p>1. the NAPSWQ Single Holding Account audited financial Statements for 2004/05 have been finalised;</p> <p>2. remaining outstanding single holding account audited financial Statements are being progressed as priority issues.</p>	<p>Contract Management Unit to finalise outstanding single holding account audits (Trust and NLP audits for 2003/04 and 2004/05) as a matter of priority.</p>	S Mclean R Orth	31/08/06

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M 28	3.4	Cape York Regional arrangements (No paper)	The JSC was provided with a verbal update by the Co-chairs.			
M 28	3.5	Burnett Mary Regional Group Performance Review (OoS 311)	The JSC was provided with a verbal update by the QLD Co-chair.			
M 28	4.0	Expectations and Protocols for Open Session component of JSC Meetings (No paper)	<p>The JSC, RGC, and LGAQ discussed broad terms of engagement for the open session component of JSC meetings which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation (Maximum of two representatives from each organisation, preferably one of which will provide continuity of attendance); • Each Organisation to cover their own expenses (Travel, Accommodation & Meals); • Confidentiality (Meeting papers & discussion behind a decision is confidential); • Conflict of Interest is to be declared upfront, where relevant; • Each member is to attend the meeting as “Informed Individuals” and can seek a general view prior to the 	JSC Secretariat to finalise a letter for Co-chair signature regards the broad terms of engagement for the open session component of JSC meetings.	D Guzek D Wildermuth E Wensing	23/06/06

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			<p>meeting, however cannot formally distribute agenda papers;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each organisation is responsible for communication & dissemination of JSC decisions and actions, where relevant to their stakeholders. <p>The JSC Co-chairs agreed to formalise this discussion in a letter to the RGC & LGAQ.</p>			
M 28	4.1	Community Forum Ministerial Presentation Update (No paper)	The JSC was provided with a verbal update by the Co-chairs and CEO of the RGC.			
M 28	4.2	Administration Support and collaboration between NRM groups (No paper)	The JSC was provided with a verbal update by the Chair, SW NRM and the CEO of the RGC regarding administration support and collaboration between regional NRM groups.			
M 28	5.1.1	QMDC Targets Review 1. approve the amended and new Resource Condition targets (RCTs) 2. note the amended and new Management	The JSC: 1. approves the amended and new Resource Condition Targets (RCTs) 2. notes the amended and new Management Action Targets (MATs)	JSC Secretariat to finalise and distribute letter to QMDC as per JSC decision. RGC to provide feedback at JSC M29 regarding intention across the State	M Wharton A Drysdale	06/06/06 23/08/06

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		<p>Action Targets (MATs)</p> <p>3. approve letter from JSC to QMDC informing them of its decision</p>	<p>3. agrees the letter from JSC to QMDC informing them of this decision.</p> <p>The JSC requests that in preparing the JSC Summaries for the upcoming performance reporting period, that the RLOs provide an analysis of the adequacy, quality of / and progress against RCTs.</p> <p>The JSC will subsequently consider the matter of Review of Targets across the State.</p>	<p>for Target Reviews.</p> <p>RLO's to provide an analysis of the adequacy, quality of / and progress against RCTs in the JSC Summaries for the performance reporting period ending 30/06/06.</p>	<p>RLOs L&E Unit</p>	<p>11/08/06</p>
M 28	5.1.2	<p>Modelled predictive results as a means of reporting on the impacts of actions on achieving resource condition targets</p> <p>(Presentation by QMDC)</p>	<p>The JSC noted with thanks the presentation by QMDC on "Modelled predictive results as a means of reporting on the impacts of actions on achieving resource condition targets" and endorses this line of approach.</p>			
M 28	5.2	<p>Water quality Monitoring – Roles & Responsibilities</p> <p>1. Note the progress and collective enthusiasm for organisations to seek opportunities for integration of their water quality monitoring</p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <p>1. notes the progress and collective enthusiasm for organisations to seek opportunities for integration of their water quality monitoring activities to maximise the return on monitoring investment;</p> <p>2. supports further discussion with</p>			

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		<p>activities to maximise the return on monitoring investment.</p> <p>2. Endorse, in principle, the key roles, responsibilities and institutional arrangements for implementing an integrated waterways monitoring program in Queensland.</p> <p>3. Support further discussion with key stakeholders, including Regional Group Collective, Reef Partnerships, Local Government Association and others, with a view to reaching consensus on the proposed roles and responsibilities by August, 2006.</p>	<p>key stakeholders, including Regional Groups Collective, Reef Partnerships, Local Government Association and others, with a view to reaching consensus on the proposed roles and responsibilities by August 2006.</p>			
M 28	5.3	<p>WQ SIP legacy activities to June 2007</p> <p>1. Extend the milestone 'WQ01, MGT02 Regional delivery' until</p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <p>1. approves the extension of milestone 'WQ01, MGT02 Regional delivery' until June 2007 to enable the Water</p>	<p>Contract Management Unit to formalise an extension to 30 June 2007 for the WQ01 component of the WQ SIP program MOU.</p>	<p>S Mclean A Morgan</p>	<p>23/06/06</p>

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		<p>June 2007 to enable the Water Quality SIP regional WQ officers support legacy and knowledge sharing.</p> <p>2. Note the investment and effort in communication and knowledge sharing by both the Water Quality and Salinity Boards.</p>	<p>Quality SIP regional WQ officers to support legacy and knowledge sharing, noting that no additional funding is required;</p> <p>2. notes the investment and effort in communication and knowledge sharing by both the Water Quality and Salinity Boards.</p>			
M 28	5.4	<p>NRM Science Investments and State-wide Consistency Issues</p> <p>1. note the discussion below on the need to have drivers in place to enable consistent/efficient approaches state-wide and between regions on science investments by regional NRM bodies</p> <p>2. Adopt the following strategies to enable a more consistent approach in future regional investments in NRM science issues:</p>	<p>The JSC supports the knowledge broker proposal and the concept of improved coordination of science activities.</p> <p>JSC members to provide feedback to Don Begbie NRMW on the current paper in relation to the proposed “science panel”.</p> <p>A revised paper to be resubmitted concerning the “Science Panel” for JSC Out of Session consideration.</p>	<p>JSC members to provide feedback to Don Begbie NRMW on the current paper in relation to the proposed “science panel”.</p> <p>D Begbie (NRMW) to facilitate the re-submission of a paper in relation to the proposed “science panel” based on feedback received for Out of Session consideration by the JSC.</p>	<p>JSC members</p> <p>Begbie G Dyne</p>	<p>30/06/06</p> <p>14/07/06</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Establish a Science Coordination Panel (responsible to the JSC) that would provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Advice to JSC and the regional NRM bodies on multi-regional science investment needs b) Annual reports to JSC on progress in addressing those needs ii. Establish a role of Science Information Broker to guide and support the implementation of the processes established by the Science Coordination Panel, including point of contact and advice to regional bodies and also operational support to the Science Coordination Panel <p>3. Note the above</p>				

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		<p>strategies are designed to provide JSC with confidence that the science components of NRM plans and RISs (as reviewed and updated) are formulated in a way that recognizes and accounts for the Statewide science investment needs.</p>				
M 28	5.5	<p>Update on Progress of State Evaluation</p> <p>1. progress of the two State Evaluations underway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional NRM Investment Strategies (RIS) and Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) project alignment to Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Improvement Plan (Reef Plan) with agreed reporting arrangements, and • the Review of the Relevance and Value 	<p>The JSC notes:</p> <p>1. the progress of the following two State Evaluations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional NRM Investment Strategies (RIS) and Coastal Catchment Initiative (CCI) project alignment to Great Barrier Reef Water Quality Improvement Plan (Reef Plan) with agreed reporting arrangements; and • the Review of the Relevance and Value of State-level Investment Programs (SIPs) to regional NRM delivery. <p>2. that the Sustainable Agriculture State evaluation will be commencing in the first quarter</p>			

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		<p>of State-level Investment Programs (SIPs) to regional NRM delivery, and</p> <p>2. that the Sustainable Agriculture State evaluation will be commencing in the first quarter of the 2006-07 financial year.</p>	<p>of the 2006-07 financial year.</p>			
M 28	5.6.1	<p>Progress report on options for a coordination framework for sustainable agriculture initiatives</p> <p>1. JSC writes directly to other multi-regional sustainable agricultural production initiatives within the Regional NRM Process as per the Draft Letter Attached regards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further exploring their learnings on being accountable for multi-regional and multi-stakeholder projects and what their current and 	<p>The JSC agrees to provide a letter of introduction to the 6 multi-regional sustainable agricultural production projects within the regional NRM process in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further exploring their learnings on being accountable for multi-regional and multi-stakeholder projects and what their current and future linkages are for sharing information and learnings with other projects and organisations at both operational and strategic levels; • Encouraging these projects to collaborate with the Strategic Reserve Project “<i>Systematic Sustainable Agriculture</i>” in developing appropriate learning 	<p>RGC EO and AgSIP Coordinator to draft an amended letter as per JSC decision for Co-chair signature.</p>	<p>A Drysdale S Cawley G Dyne</p>	<p>23/06/06</p>

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		<p>future linkages are for sharing information and learnings with other projects and organisations at both operational and strategic levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging these projects to collaborate with the Strategic Reserve Project “<i>Systematic Agriculture</i>” in developing appropriate learning and coordination frameworks across stakeholders in sustainable agricultural production <p>2. JSC note that a future operational agricultural coordination frameworks need to link but be differentiated in what it does from the evolving policy coordination framework.</p>	<p>and coordination frameworks across stakeholders in sustainable agricultural production.</p> <p>The JSC notes that detailed design for an operational coordination framework still requires a further 6 months of consultation before clear unilateral stakeholder agreement and support for a specific model is received</p>			

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		3. JSC note that detailed design for an operational coordination framework still requires a further 6 months of consultation before clear unilateral stakeholder agreement and support for a specific model is received.				
M 28	5.6.2	<p>Extension of AgSIP 05 AgSIP 07 DPI&F June 2007</p> <p>1. Considers the options for extension of Ag 07- DPI&F and Ag 05</p> <p>2. Advises on recommended option.</p>	The JSC agrees Option B (i.e.: Continue AG05 & AG07 under the accountability framework of BMRG) for the extension of AgSIP projects AG05 & AG07 from 31 May 2007 through to 30 June 2008 subject to final consideration of the revised schedules and contract arrangements.	AgSIP to provide details of revised schedules and contract arrangements to support the continuation of AG05 & AG07 projects under the accountability framework of BMRG for consideration by the JSC.	S Cawley G Dyne	31/12/06
M 28	5.7.1	<p>Final Report for SE02</p> <p>1. receives the Final Report for S&E State-level Investment Project SE02 (Attachments 1 – 8);</p> <p>2. notes that the maintenance of the Central Queensland Regional Information</p>	<p>The JSC notes that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Final Report for S&E SIP project - SE02 – <i>“Coordination of Social and Economic Information for the Development of a Regional Information Service”</i> has been received; • the maintenance of the Central Queensland Regional Information Service resides with 	RLOs to review Final Reports as part of the normal performance reporting process for period ending 30 June 2006.	L Pollock K Eyles L&E Unit	11/08/06

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		<p>Service resides with the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation (DLGPSR); and</p> <p>3. notes that the legacy created by NAP investment in SE02 will be extended by the provision of a package of tools to all Regional Bodies to assist in the establishment of similar portals.</p>	<p>the Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation (DLGPSR); and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the legacy created by NAP investment in SE02 will be extended by the provision of a package of tools to all Regional Bodies to assist in the establishment of similar portals. 			
M 28	5.7.2	<p>Final Report for SE04</p> <p>1. Receives the final report for S&E State-level Investment Project (SE04)</p> <p>2. Notes the public release of the Final Milestone report on the regional NRM website.</p>	<p>The JSC notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that the Final Report for S&E SIP project - SE04 – <i>“Integrated RD&E for Regional NRM”</i> has been received; the public release of the SE04 Final Milestone report on the regional NRM website. 	<p>RLOs to review Final Reports as part of the normal performance reporting process for period ending 30 June 2006.</p>	<p>L Pollock K Eyles L&E Unit</p>	11/08/06
M 28	5.7.3	<p>S & E SIP Program Legacy Issues</p> <p>1. Note the strategic and legacy issues raised by the S&E SIP Board particularly in the</p>	<p>The JSC deferred discussion of this paper.</p>			

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		<p>context of future NAP and NHT program planning;</p> <p>2. Note the board's intention to reallocate savings from existing project funds to undertake a systematic approach to developing communication products (subject of a future OoS paper for JSC approval).</p>				
M 28	5.8	<p>S&E Assessment Summaries in Regional Investment Strategy Revision Process</p> <p>1. Note the information provided in this paper as per JSC's decision at meeting 23 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</p>	<p>The JSC deferred discussion of this paper until JSC M29 to allow the RGC to provide formal feedback.</p>	<p>RGC to consider the proposal to formalise Social & Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA) requirements and provide formal feedback to the JSC for consideration at M29.</p> <p>JSC Secretariat to ensure that "S&E Assessment Summaries in RIS Revision Process" is included as an Agenda Item for JSC M29.</p>	<p>A Drysdale L Pollock I Gaze</p> <p>M Wharton C Macdonald</p>	<p>11/08/06</p> <p>11/08/06</p>

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		<p>investments.</p> <p>3. Identify key state and regional contacts working in this area to develop common approaches and agreed standards for identifying and retrieving knowledge products with the Australian Government NRM Team.</p> <p>4. Ask these contacts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish standards to facilitate exchange of information between national, • state and regional bodies – including product descriptors and key words or • field descriptors for project activities; and • Review options for cost effective approaches to managing this material. 		<p><i>Knowledge Legacy from NHT & NAP</i>” is included as an Agenda Item for JSC M29.</p>		
M 28	5.12	New Delivery of the	The JSC:			

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		<p>Green Corps program</p> <p>1. Note the new delivery arrangements and strengthened environmental aspects of the Green Corps Programme</p> <p>2. Agree that the Australian Government Biodiversity Facilitators given the responsibility for liaison between the new national Green Corps providers and NRM Regional Bodies.</p>	<p>1. Notes the new delivery arrangements and strengthened environmental aspects of the Green Corps Programme;</p> <p>2. Notes that the Australian Government Biodiversity Facilitators will continue their role in promoting linkages between the new national Green Corps providers and NRM Regional Bodies.</p>			
M 28	5.13	<p>Qld Wetlands Program delivery Arrangements (No paper)</p>	<p>The JSC was provided with a verbal report on the QLD Wetlands Program administrative arrangements which have been negotiated across both governments by the Wetlands Taskforce Co-chairs – Chris Schweizer & Lindsay Delzoppo.</p> <p>The JSC agreed to refer the proposal, in the form of an OoS JSC paper to the co-chairs for endorsement.</p>	<p>Chris Schweizer to provide a formal OoS paper regarding the QLD Wetlands Program administrative arrangements for Out of Session endorsement by the JSC co-chairs.</p>	C Schweizer	30/6/06
M 28	5.14	OoS 317	The JSC suggests that <i>the “GBR</i>	QEPA to table the “GBR	D Best	30/06/06

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		<p>Strategic Reserve Proposal: GBR Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program & Report Card – Scoping Project</p> <p>1. approve the project for Strategic Reserve funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great Barrier Reef Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program and Report Card – Scoping Project: \$300,000 (NHT \$150,000 and NAP \$150,000) 	<p><i>Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program & Report Card</i>” concept be put to the IOC for formal comment/consideration in light of the emerging reef partnership.</p> <p>The JSC supports a pre-scoping project for <i>the “GBR Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program & Report Card”</i> concept and agreed that QEPA and DEH would discuss opportunities to fund some preliminary work through the Coastal Catchments Initiative (CCI) program.</p>	<p><i>Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program & Report Card</i>” concept with the IOC for formal comment/consideration.</p> <p>QEPA and DEH to discuss opportunities for funding some preliminary work on a pre-scoping project for the <i>“GBR Catchments Ecosystem Health Monitoring Program & Report Card”</i> concept through the CCI program.</p>	<p>L Diffey</p> <p>D Best C Schweizer</p>	<p>30/06/06</p>
6.0		<p><i>Other Business:</i></p> <p>Strategic Reserve Projects – Progress Reports</p>	<p>The JSC requests that RLOs provide exception reports at every JSC meeting regards progress of all Strategic Reserve Projects.</p>	<p>AG and QLD to nominate an RLO to take responsibility for monitoring and reporting on the progress of each Strategic Reserve Project.</p>	<p>D Wildermuth E Wensing</p>	<p>23/06/06</p>

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JSC Attendees (Australian Government)		JSC Attendees (Queensland)		JSC Attendees (RGC, LGAQ)	
Mike Lee	JSC Co-Chair	Evelyne Meier (NRMW)	JSC Co-chair	Tom Garret	Chair, SW NRM
Mary Colreavy	JSC Member	Debbie Best (EPA)	JSC Member	Andrew Drysdale	Executive Officer, RGC
Christine Schweizer	JSC Member	Jim Groves (DPI&F)	JSC Member	Steve Greenwood	Manager, Environment and Planning Policy, LGAQ
Ed Wensing	Director, Australian Government Regional NRM Team (Qld)	Chris Robson (NRMW)	JSC Member	Malcolm Petrie	Project Coordinator, LGAQ
Ian Gaze	AG RLO (SEQC)	Debbie Guzek (NRMW)	Principal Project Officer Qld JSC Support		
Jens Light	M&E Section, AG NRM Joint Team	Maxine Wharton (NRMW)	Project Officer Qld JSC Support		
Annie Keys	Australian Government Biodiversity Facilitator	David Wildermuth (NRMW)	Principal Project Officer NRMA		
		Lea Diffey	Project Manager, EPA		
		Tracey McMahon	Project Officer, DPI&F		