



Meeting 32 – FINAL record of decisions & actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Townsville 24-25 May 2007



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| M 32 | 1.1 | <p>Welcome to new members and staff:</p> <p>Mr Hilton Taylor Ms Kerry Starr</p> <p>Thank you to departing members and staff:</p> <p>Mrs Mary Colreavy Mrs Debbie Guzek</p> <p>The JSC noted apologies provided by:</p> <p>Mr Joe Pappalardo Mr Jim Groves</p> | <p>The JSC welcomed the new member to the JSC Mr Taylor from the Australian Government, and new JSC Secretariat Administration Officer Ms Starr.</p> <p>The JSC expressed its appreciation of the contribution made by departing Australian Government member Mrs Colreavy. The JSC expressed its appreciation of the outstanding contribution made by Mrs Guzek in her capacity as Principal Project Officer providing long standing JSC Secretariat service, and wished her well in her new position as RLO.</p> | | | |
| M32 | 1.2 | Agenda for JSC M32 | The JSC agreed the agenda for JSC M32. | | | |
| M 32 | 1.3 | Record of decisions for M31 | The JSC noted that the record of decisions and actions for JSC M31 had been agreed prior to M32. | | | |

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| M32 | 2.1 | Bilateral Update | <p>Mr Lee and Ms Meier reported on team structures and progress to date in advancing these negotiations.</p> <p>JSC members expressed keen interest in timely resolution of the issue of NHT3 funding distribution among states, as well as within Queensland.</p> | JSC members and regional NRM bodies to be kept informed of future meetings and other opportunities to contribute as appropriate in this context. | M Lee E Meier | Ongoing |
| M 32 | 2.2 | RGC – Key Activities/Issues | <p>The JSC congratulated the RGC on attaining incorporated status.</p> <p>The JSC noted the written and verbal reports provided by the RGC at the meeting and commended the RGC on continuing to play a constructive advocacy and support role rather than just a lobbying one.</p> <p>Mr French also reported on SEQC progress in advancing selected commercial initiatives. The JSC noted the need to further discuss and resolve these complex issues such as NLP, including keeping in mind the primacy of NRM, in this context.</p> <p>Ms Meier advised that the next</p> | | | |

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| | | | step will be formal Queensland government advice to regional bodies regarding the diversification of income. | | | |
| M 32 | 2.3 | LGAQ – Key Activities/Issues | <p>The JSC noted the verbal and written reports provided by LGAQ at the meeting, including the issue and ramifications of prospective amalgamation of Queensland local government councils.</p> <p>The JSC commended the LGAQ on its successful conduct of workshops to Island Community Councils and the continuing success of the LGAQ Capacity Building project.</p> | | | |
| M 32 | | FINANCE/PERFORMANCE | | | | |
| M 32 | 3.1 | Single Holding Account Financial Summary Reports (NAPSWQ/Trust/NLP) | <p>The JSC noted the attached 2006/07 Financial Summary Reports for the six months ending 31 December 2006 for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP.</p> <p>The JSC noted with disappointment that most regional bodies had not met the 20 April 2007 deadline for submitting potentially satisfactory final RIS Reviews.</p> | Contracts Management unit to provide a formal advice to Ms Schweizer and Mr Delzoppo regarding interest on Wetlands funding accounts, for proposed reinvestment. | S McLean E Wensing | 15/06/07 |
| M 32 | 3.2 | Full Cashflow Reconciliation | | Agenda item withdrawn due | S McLean | |

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| | | including forward projections for NAPSWQ & Trust | | to tight timeframes. This item will be reinstated at M33 28-29 August 2007. | C Macdonald | |
| M 32 | 3.3 | Business Improvement Reviews 2006-2008 | The JSC noted the paper provided and the Australian National Audit Office's (ANAO) interest in this process. The JSC agreed to the nature and timing of the second round of BIR's proposed in the paper tabled at the meeting, as well as the requested \$120,000 provision for this exercise and the engagement of BDO Kendalls to conduct it. | Ms McLean & Mr Wensing to consult Mr Drysdale on evolving questions and other details to help advance the <i>BIR2</i> process. JSC Secretariat to amend Agenda item 3.3 in that recommendation 3 should read "Approve funding of up to \$120,000 for this purpose from NAP and NHT interest." | S McLean E Wensing J Harris | |
| M32 | 4.0 | OTHER BUSINESS | | | | |
| M32 | 4.1 | Presentation: Report from Statewide Indigenous Coordinator | The JSC noted the traditional welcome made by Ms George. The JSC noted with appreciation the presentation by Ms George, who had clearly informed them about partnerships, progress and principles in the field of indigenous engagement in NRM, including the need for traditional owners themselves to work out both where they want to be in 5-10 years time and to be driving the agenda. The JSC expressed its support for Ms George's ongoing work | NRW Communications team to distribute relevant stories in this context through the Bugle on behalf of BDTB (noting the distribution of the Bugle to 14,000 readers) Representatives to prepare a paper on the processes for establishing a JSC sub-committee on indigenous matters. This paper to include terms of reference and scope of work as a framework for future | M George G Carl S Strachan E Wensing E Meier M George A Drysdale M Petrie | 30/06/07 |

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| | | | with her facilitator network in advancing objectives in the field, including the possible establishment of an indigenous sub-committee to the JSC and enhanced indigenous representation on RCG's. | support and directions for the facilitator network. | | |
| M32 | 4.2 | Update on the Great Barrier Reef component of the QLD Wetlands Program | <p>The JSC noted the written and verbal report provided at the meeting.</p> <p>The JSC noted the suggestion from the Wetlands Taskforce that, in taking forward NHT3 investment, the JSC is to ensure that all activities involving Wetlands data / information collection are consistent with the QWP Wetlands information capture project managed by the EPA.</p> | | | |
| M32 | 4.3 | Monitoring, Evaluation Reporting and Improvement (MERI) – Emerging Approaches to MERI | The JSC noted the written material provided, and agreed to invite Mr Rowley to a future JSC meeting to discuss these matters further. | The JSC Secretariat to invite Mr Rowley to M33 August 2007, to provide further information on the approaches to MERI. | E Wensing M Lee J Harris | 30/06/07 |
| M32 | 4.4 | Water Quality Data Management for Improved Information and Knowledge Generation in MW & FBA Catchments | The JSC noted the paper provided at the meeting on this proposal. Ms Schweizer suggested that the Bureau of Meteorology be consulted given the bureau's evolving responsibilities in this context. Mr | | | |

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| | | | <p>Drysdale commented on the need for greater coordination of information management systems generally in the NRM field in Queensland.</p> <p>The JSC confirmed the need to ensure these activities are linked with those under the Reef Water Quality Plan.</p> <p>The JSC expressed its support for the further development of this concept.</p> | | | |
| | 4.5 | Girringun Aboriginal Corporation - 2007 National Indigenous Land and Sea Management Conference | The JSC noted the written and verbal report provided at the meeting, and expressed its continuing, strong support for the conference. | | | |
| | 4.6 | Strategic Reserve 'Reef Extension' | The JSC noted the verbal and <i>Powerpoint</i> presentation provided at the meeting and expressed its interest in being kept informed of future developments in this context. | | | |
| | 4.7 | Joint Burdekin / Northern Gulf Strategic Reserve Project – Biodiversity Toolkit | The JSC noted the verbal and <i>Powerpoint</i> presentation provided at the meeting by Dr Kutt and expressed its preparedness to further consider such proposals when NHT3 details are resolved. | | | |

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| M 32 | 4.8 | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM Update | <p>The JSC noted the presentations provided at the meeting which it felt were frank and informative, while noting that some fallback options may need to be developed to maximize the prospects of BDTB expending all of its available funding by 30 June 2008.</p> <p>The JSC emphasised its interest in the BDTB RIS Review being finalised/formally submitted as soon as possible in the above context.</p> | RLOs to consult further with BDTB as soon as practicable to advance the RIS Review. | M Bradby G Dyne | 13/06/07 |
| M32 | (4.9) New agenda item | Northern Australia Land and Water Futures – Assessment and Taskforce | The JSC noted the additional business item tabled at the meeting by Ms Schweizer and that the <i>Assessment</i> component of this was likely to generate requests for data, analyses and other contributions from targeted regional bodies. | The JSC Secretariat will distribute the paper and map to regional bodies. | J Harris | 12/06/07 |
| M32 | (4.10) New agenda item | National Water Quality Management Strategy | The JSC noted that DEW will shortly be rolling out another round of National Water Quality Management Strategy (NWQMS) training workshops for regional bodies. It was agreed to distribute information on the workshops in a future edition of the Bugle. | NRW Communications team to include relevant articles in this context through the Bugle. | C Schweizer G Carl S Strachan | Ongoing |

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| JSC Meeting 32 24/25 May 2007 Attendees | | |
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| Australian Government | | |
| Mike Lee | JSC co-chair | Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry |
| Hilton Taylor | JSC member | Dept of the Environment and Water Resources |
| Christine Schweizer | JSC member | Dept of the Environment and Water Resources |
| Ed Wensing | Regional NRM Team (Qld) | Dept of the Environment and Water Resources |
| Geoff Dyne | Regional NRM Team (Qld) | Dept of the Environment and Water Resources |
| Colin Macdonald | Regional NRM Team (Qld) | Dept of the Environment and Water Resources |
| Queensland Government | | |
| Evelyne Meier | JSC co-chair | Dept of Natural Resources & Water |
| Lindsay Delzoppo | JSC member | Environmental Protection Agency |
| Sherrie McLean | Manager, Contract Management | Dept of Natural Resources & Water |
| Michael Bradby | RLO - BDTB | Dept of Natural Resources & Water |
| Jenelle Harris | JSC secretariat | Dept of Natural Resources & Water |
| Kerry Starr | JSC secretariat | Dept of Natural Resources & Water |
| Regional Groups Collective / Local Government Association of QLD | | |
| Gordon French | Chair | Regional Groups Collective |
| Andrew Drysdale | Executive Officer | Regional Groups Collective |
| Steve Greenwood | Manager | Local Government Association of QLD |

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| JSC Meeting 32 (24/25 May 07) – Attendees Continued (<i>part meeting only</i>). | | |
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| Presenters / Host Region Representatives | | |
| Melissa George | State Indigenous Network Coordinator | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Dr Alex Kutt | Sustainable Ecosystems | CSIRO |
| Phil Rist | Executive Officer | Girringun Aboriginal Corporation |
| Bob Frazer | CEO | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Scott Crawford | NRM Operations Manager | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Gloria Macdonald | Board Secretariat | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Mark Stoneman | Chair | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Norm Linthwaite | Company Secretary | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Perry Langeberg | NRM Staff | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Debra Horwood | NRM Staff | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Chloe Schauble | NRM Staff | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| Doug Willis | NRM Staff | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |
| David Reid | Priority NRM Projects Coordinator | Burdekin Dry Tropics NRM |