



Meeting 33 – FINAL record of decisions & actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Brisbane 28-29 August 2007



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M 33	1.1	Agenda for JSC M33 The JSC noted apologies provided by: Christine Schweizer Steve Greenwood	Mr Speirs welcome everyone to the meeting and acknowledged the traditional owners. The JSC agreed the agenda for JSC M33, while adding a new item on selected aspects of the NHT 3 Bilateral arrangements and noting that other new items may arise during the course of the meeting.	New agenda items include: 5.5, 5.6 and 5.7 in addition to the agenda.		
M 33	1.2	Record of Decisions for M32	The JSC noted that the record of decisions and actions for JSC M32 had been agreed prior to M33.			
M 33	2.0	Workplan Update / Exception Report 1. Note the following 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) Att 1 – JSC Completed Actions since JSC M32. b) Att 2 – JSC Pending Actions. c) Att 3 – JSC Correspondence Register since JSC M32. d) Att 4 – JSC OoS Register since JSC M32.	The JSC noted the work plan update/exception reports presented under this agenda item and expressed its appreciation of the efforts of relevant officers both in maintaining these registers and in advancing the work covered by them.			

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M 33	2.1	<p>Bilateral Update</p> <p>** see also new item 5.7</p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the verbal update provided at the meeting by the Bilateral negotiation teams; 2. emphasised the desirability of finalising the Bilateral before the caretaker period associated with the forthcoming Federal election; 3. acknowledged the goodwill apparent in the negotiation process between the Australian and QLD governments, with NHT3 representing a new threshold and opening up a range of exciting new opportunities for regional NRM; 4. agreed on the need, in the NHT3 context, for greater collaboration on common initiatives and targets, to generate synergies across regions and gain a statewide perspective on relevant priorities and trends; and 5. agreed on the need for greater information sharing and integration with other state planning processes. 			
M 33	2.2	<p>RGC – Key Activities/Issues</p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the report tabled, and verbal presentation, provided by the RGC. Mr French emphasised that the RGC was generally upbeat about progress and prospects in the NRM field. Mr Drysdale expressed confidence in dealing with future challenges in working with industry bodies and other key stakeholders in the NHT3 context. • noted RGC advice that each regional body is now eligible to apply for payroll tax exemption and that the RGC had conducted an interesting survey of Qld regional body staff remuneration provisions, including in relation to other States. <p>Messrs Lee and Speirs commended the RGC on</p>			

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			<p>inspirational work in assisting the regions, keeping politicians at federal and state levels informed and engaged, and advancing many other NRM issues and opportunities.</p> <p>Mr Drysdale expressed appreciation of the JSC's approval of, and QLD government funding for an RGC Communications Officer position.</p>			
M 33	2.3	LGAQ – Key Activities/Issues	<p>The JSC noted the verbal presentation, report and other material tabled by LGAQ at the meeting and which will also be distributed to local governments and regional NRM bodies. Mr Petrie discussed the tabled proposal to support the capacity of Queensland local government to effectively participate in regional NRM.</p> <p>The Qld Local Government reforms will pose many challenges in the NRM context. Messrs Speirs and Lee commended LGAQ on its recent NRM related publications, noting the <i>Integrating NRM into planning schemes</i> guide has been nominated for a Planning Institute award.</p>			
M 33	3.0	FINANCE/ PERFORMANCE				
M 33	3.1	Single Holding Account Financial Summary Reports (NAPSWQ/Trust/ NLP)	The JSC noted the 2006/07 Financial Summary Reports for the 12 months ended 30 June 2007 for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP.			
M 33	3.2	Full Cash Flow Reconciliation	The JSC noted the reports provided at the meeting. Further investigations are underway on the potential for uncommitted or returned funding becoming available for allocation. Mr Lee commended Community Partnerships (CP), Contract Management unit staff on the excellent administration of program finances.			

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M 33	3.3	Business Improvement Reviews (BIRs) 2006-2008	<p>The JSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the verbal report provided at the meeting. Ms McLean advised that consultants, BDO Kendalls, have been asked to prepare a workplan by end September 2007 for a second round of BIRs to be completed by end June 2008. • agreed that future governance arrangements in regional NRM bodies needed to be effective and defensible, not necessarily 'standard'. 			
M 33	4.0	Annual Performance Reporting	<p>The JSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the overview of annual performance reporting processes provided by the Learning and Evaluation (L&E) unit. Overall, it had proved a smooth and positive process with nearly all performance reporting timelines and requirements being met. All regional bodies had reported through ViSTA despite a few experiencing internal server problems with the system. <p>Ms Blackett advised the JSC that all regional bodies had now produced schedule 3s in the required format of milestones and outputs, as a key platform in performance reporting (see further point regarding schedule 3s in item 4.39).</p> <p>The JSC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • commended the L&E unit on these positive developments and the regional bodies for their commitment to producing such timely and valuable reports. • agreed that the Community Partnerships unit should remind regional bodies of the timelines for future scheduled payments and that the 			

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			<p>bodies be invited to make the case, as required, for early release of scheduled January-March 08 instalments.</p> <p>Other points raised during the meeting for inclusion in the letters to all regional NRM bodies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some regional bodies need to insert more qualitative discussion of progress and outcomes in their narrative reports – in particular progress towards targets; • the JSC remains committed to the best interests of regional NRM bodies in the transition from NHT2 to NHT3, including earliest practicable resolution of the Bilateral and regional indicative allocations and, particularly, making arrangements to minimise the risk of regional bodies becoming insolvent; and • any overdue final reports should be submitted as soon as possible. 			
M 33	4.1	Burdekin Dry Tropics Board (BDTB)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the BDTB performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed to request an explanation from BDTB of its methodology to underpin future threatened species / communities investment decisions in the absence of the Back-on-Track or similar methodology 6. agreed that the feedback letter to BDTB include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to BDTB as per JSC decision.	C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby G Dyne	17 Sep 07

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that BDTB be commended on their enhanced capacity and performance and their work on strengthening governance; and • that RLOs will be maintaining a close watch on the 'soft' and 'hard' expenditure projections by BDTB from now on. <p>7. approved the following quarterly payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BD RCF 01: \$71,714 (Oct-Dec 07); • BD NLP 01: \$16,875 (Oct-Dec 07); and • BD RIS 01: \$2,681,055 (Jul-Sept 07). 	Contract Management unit to progress payments to BDTB as per JSC decision.	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.2	BD SR 01 – Indigenous Network	The JSC noted that no performance report was produced for this meeting.	RLOs to liaise with the BD SR 01 Project Leader to follow up the status of their project.	M Bradby D Forsyth E Wensing	17 Sep 07
M 33	4.3	Desert Channels Queensland (DCQ)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the DCQ performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that the feedback letter to DCQ include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that DCQ be commended on their continued high level of performance and the quality of their report; • the JSC was particularly impressed with news of the <i>Old Cork</i> project and in viewing the DVD at the recent meeting; and • that the JSC would be interested in future reports including even more detail on outputs from projects RCF 02, NLP 03 and NLP 04 on which 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to DCQ as per JSC decisions.	C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby	17 Sep 07

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			<p>such detail was lacking in this report.</p> <p>6. approved the following quarterly payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC NLP 03: \$86,000 (Jul-Sept 07); and • DC NLP 04: \$16,875 (Oct-Dec 07). 	Contract Management unit to progress payments to DCQ as per JSC decisions.	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.4	Strategic Reserve/IFA Project: DC IFA 03 – Sustainable Grazing	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the DC IFA 03 – Sustainable Grazing project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback on DC IFA 03 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC requires greater emphasis/exposure on the involvement of other regions in this project in future reports. 6. noted the project is fully paid. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for DC IFA 03 in the DCQ performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.3.	C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby	17 Sep 07
M 33	4.5	Strategic Reserve Project: DC SR 01 – Traditional Owner Knowledge Recording	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the DC SR 01 – Traditional Owner Knowledge Recording project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback on DC SR 01 include the relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JSC is impressed by the positive progress being made in this project. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for DC SR 01 in the DCQ performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.3.	C Macdonald J Harris K Eden	17 Sep 07

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			5. noted no payment has been requested at this time.			
M 33	4.8	Strategic Reserve/PAP Project: FB PAP 02 – Mt Morgan Mine	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the FB PA 02 Mount Morgan Mine project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed that feedback on FB SR 01 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commended project proponents on the successful conduct of the project noting the water treatment plant is now fully operational. 5. noted the project is now complete with a final report due shortly. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for FB PA 02 into the FBA performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.6.	B Goatley M Bradby J Harris C Macdonald	17 Sep 07
M 33	4.9	Southern Gulf Catchments (SGC)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the SGC performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of concerns and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions 5. agreed to send letters to both Ms Claire Rodgers and FBA commending Ms Rodgers on her outstanding achievements as acting CEO for SGC in 2007 and FBA for agreeing to release her for these purposes. 6. agreed that the feedback letter to SG include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commended SGC on their improvements in reporting and subsequently 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to SGC as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>JSC Secretariat to arrange letters to Ms Rodgers and FBA as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby</p> <p>C Macdonald J Harris</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>19 Sep 07</p>

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			<p>best to capture the CRC legacy for the future guidance and benefit of regional NRM bodies.</p> <p>8. approved the following quarterly payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NG RCF 02: \$190,636 (Oct-Dec 07); ▪ NG NLP 01: \$16,875 (Oct-Dec 07); and ▪ NG RIS 01: \$702,813 (Oct-Dec 07) 	<p>for Savannah CRC project officers as per JSC decision.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress payments to NG as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>G Dyne</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	<p>21 Sep 07</p>
M 33	4.11	Strategic Reserve Project: NG SR 01 – Fire Management	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the NG SR 01 – Fire Management performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions including approval of the updated schedule 3 extending the project to June 2008 – noting the schedule 2 remains unchanged. 5. agreed that the feedback letter to NG SR 01 include relevant matters covered above and also in item 4.0. 6. noted no payment is recommended for Jul-Sep 07 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for NR SR 01 into the performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.10.</p>	<p>C Macdonald</p> <p>J Harris</p> <p>M Bradby</p> <p>G Dyne</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p>
M 33	4.12	Strategic Reserve Project: NG SR02 – Pingers	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the NG SR02 – Pingers project performance report package. 2. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 3. agreed the recommended actions. 4. agreed that the feedback letter to NG SR 02 include relevant matters covered above and comments provided in item 4.0. 5. noted a payment for Oct-Dec 07 quarter is not recommended due to contractor issues with the 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for NR SR 02 into the performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.10.</p>	<p>C Macdonald</p> <p>J Harris</p> <p>G Dyne</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p>

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			proponent.			
M 33	4.13	Strategic Reserve Project: NG SR03 – Sawfish	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the NG SR03 – Sawfish project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted that there were no issues of concern or action. 4. noted there were no recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback letter on NG SR 03 include relevant matters covered above and comments provided in item 4.0 6. noted there is no scheduled payment for the Oct-Dec quarter. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for NR SR 03 into the performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.10.	C Macdonald J Harris G Dyne	17 Sept 07
M 33	4.14	Mackay Whitsunday (MW NRM)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the MW NRM performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that the feedback letter to MW NRM include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC noted the challenges encountered by the regional body in completing this performance report on time given staff turnover; • while the JSC notes that RLOs will soon visit the regional body and advise of reporting processes and standards to be maintained in the future, the JSC was concerned at the lack of handover to the new staff member involved and will consider requiring quarterly performance reports if 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to MW NRM as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>RLOs to visit MW NRM to provide advice on future performance reporting processes.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby M Lodder</p> <p>M Bradby M Lodder</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>Mid-Sep 07</p>

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			<p>problems recur in the next six-month period; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the JSC noted that the next scheduled payment is being released but RLOs will monitor progress and expenditure in line with schedules from now on. <p>6. approved the following quarterly payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MW NLP 04: \$285,000 (Jul-Sept & Oct-Dec 07); and • MW RIS 01: \$671,428 (Oct-Dec 07), being scheduled payment of \$698,679 less \$27,251 already paid. 	Contract Management unit to progress payment to MW NRM as per JSC decision.	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.15	Strategic Reserve Project: MW SR01 – Reef Link	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the performance report package MW SR01 – Reef Link. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback letter on MW SR 01 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commends the project proponents on their leadership and success in effectively engaging with industry and other stakeholders; and • the JSC looks forward to continuing to work with the project proponents on such initiatives in the future. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for MW SR 01 into the performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.14.	C Macdonald J Harris C Chinn M Lodder	17 Sep 07
M 33	4.16	Terrain Natural Resource Management (<i>formerly Far North Queensland</i>)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the Terrain NRM performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 	JSC Secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to Terrain NRM as per	C Macdonald J Harris K Flower D Forsyth	17 Sep 07

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			<p>point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commended the project proponent on their success in coordinating initiatives in particular their leadership in enhancing water quality in the reef context. <p>6. approved a payment of \$45,000 (Oct-Dec 07).</p>	Contract Management unit to progress a payment for WT SR 01 as per JSC decision.	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.18	Integrated Feral Pig Management – WT SR 03	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the WT SR03 project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period . 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback to WT SR 03 include relevant matters covered above and also in item 4.0 6. approved a payment of \$100,000 (Oct-Dec 07). 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback from WT SR 03 in the performance reporting letter as per agenda item 4.16.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress a payment for WT SR 03 as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris K Flower D Forsyth</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	21 Sep 07

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M 33	4.22	QLD Murray Darling Committee (QMDC)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> noted the QMDC performance report package. noted the regional highlights for the period. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. agreed the recommended actions. agreed that the feedback letter to QMDC include relevant matters covered above and comments provided in item 4.0. approved the following payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QM NLP 05: \$16,875 (Oct-Dec 07); QM NLP 06: \$80,000 (Apr-June 07) plus an additional \$212,000 (Jul-Sept & Oct-Dec 07); and QM RIS 01: \$1,818,995 (Oct-Dec 07) 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise Performance reporting feedback letter to QMDC as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress payments to QMDC as per JSC decisions.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris A Richardt M Lodder</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>21 Sep 07</p>
M 33	4.23	South West NRM (SW NRM)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> noted the SW NRM performance report package. noted the regional highlights for the period. agreed the recommended actions. agreed that the feedback letter to SW NRM include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the JSC commended SW NRM on the resilience they have demonstrated in challenging circumstances; and the JSC expressed interest in advice of SW NRM's initiative and success in employing district level project coordinators whose efforts have already led to improved project delivery across the region. approved the following payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SW NLP 01: \$16,875 (Jul-Sept 07); and 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise Performance Reporting Feedback letter to SW NRM as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris A Richardt M Lodder</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>21 Sep 07</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SW RIS 01: \$1,169,909 (Oct-Dec 07) 	payments to SW NRM as per JSC decisions.		
M 33	4.24	Strategic Reserve / Statewide Project: SW SR01 – Spatial Imagery	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the SW SR01 – Spatial Imagery project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions including 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback on SW SR 01 include relevant matters covered above and comments provided in item 4.0. 6. noted there is no scheduled payment for the Oct-Dec quarter. 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback into the performance reporting feedback letter as per agenda item 4.23.	C Macdonald J Harris A Richardt M Lodder	17 Sep 07
M 33	4.25	Statewide Project: SW EPA 01 – Conservation Covenants	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the SW EPA 01 – Conservation Covenants project performance report package. 2. noted the Regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback on SW EPA 01 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC noted that this project has been completed and a final report is pending. 	<p>JSC secretariat to finalise Performance reporting feedback letter to SW EPA 01 project leader as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>RLOs / project officers to follow up outstanding final report as per JSC decision.</p>	C Macdonald J Harris A Leahy	17 Sep 07 30 Sep 07
M 33	4.26	Strategic Reserve Project: EPA SR 02 – Nature Assist	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the EPA SR 02 – Nature Assist project performance report package. 2. noted the Regional highlights for the period. 	JSC secretariat to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to the EPA SR 02 project leader as per	C Macdonald J Harris A Leahy D Forsyth	17 Sep 07

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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed that feedback on EPA SR 02 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC requests an updated cash flow projection from EPA SR 02 to ensure timely distribution of funds in enabling project completion by 30 June 2008. 5. noted that the project proponent has requested that no payment be made at this time. 	JSC decisions.		
M 33	4.26 (a)	Strategic Reserve / Statewide Project: SW DPI 01 – Reef Extension	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the SW DPI 01 – Reef Extension project performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that feedback on SW DPI 01 include relevant matters covered above and also in item 4.0. 6. approved the following payment of \$395,000 (Jul-Sept & Oct-Dec 07). 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to SW DPI 01 project leader as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress payment to SW DPI 01 as per JSC decision.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris G Dyne</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>21 Sep 07</p>
M 33	4.27	Cape York (CY)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the CY projects performance report packages. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. noted the presentation provided by Mr Speirs on 	JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to Cape York proponents as per JSC decisions.	C Macdonald J Harris K Eden G Dyne	17 Sep 07

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			<p>current and evolving NRM organisational options in the Cape.</p> <p>6. agreed to further explore options for transferring back to CYPDA an increasing range of 2007-08 project management responsibility as appropriate.</p> <p>7. agreed that the feedback letter to CY proponents include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as for the letter to CYPDA the following point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC noted that CYPDA will be reporting to the JSC in November 2007 on the outcomes if its performance improvement initiatives. <p>8. approved the following quarterly payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CY PA 09: \$143,000 (Oct-Dec 07); • CY PA 10: \$101,948 (Oct-Dec 07); • CY IFA 14: \$11,800 (Jul-Sept 06); • CY NLP 01: \$16,875 (Jul-Sept 07); • CY NLP 07-1: \$34,617 (Jul-Sept 07); • CY NLP 07-2: \$20,000 (Jul-Sept 07); • CY NLP 07-3: \$42,374 (Jul-Sept 06 & Jan-Mar 07); and • CY NLP 08: \$19,500 (Jul-Sept 07). 	<p>Contract Management unit to progress payments to CYP proponents as per JSC decisions.</p>	<p>W Yuen</p>	<p>21 Sep 07</p>
<p>M 33</p>	<p>4.28</p>	<p>Wetlands Program:</p> <p>a. <i>WL EPA 01</i></p> <p>b. <i>WL EPA 03</i></p> <p>c. <i>WL EPA 04</i></p> <p>d. <i>WL EPA 05</i></p> <p>e. <i>WL EPA 06</i></p> <p>f. <i>WL EPA 07</i></p> <p>g. <i>WL EPA 08</i></p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the Wetlands Program performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that the feedback letter to the Wetlands Taskforce include relevant matters covered 	<p>JSC secretariat to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to Wetlands Taskforce as per JSC decisions.</p>	<p>J Harris C Macdonald M Lodder</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that RLOs will be maintaining a close watch on expenditure by BMRG in light of current balances. 6. approved the following quarterly payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BM NLP 04: \$94,095 (Jul-Sept 07); • BM NLP 05: \$68,677 (Jul-Sept 07) & \$68,677 (Oct-Dec 07); • BM NLP 07: \$16,875 (Oct-Dec 07); • BM AgSIP 05: \$22,500 (Jul-Sept 07) and \$22,500 (Oct-Dec 07); • BM AgSIP 07: \$25,000 (Jul-Sept 07) and \$25,000 (Oct-Dec 07); and • BM RIS 01: \$1,374,001 (Oct-Dec 07). 	<p>processes.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress payments to BMRG as per JSC decisions.</p>	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.30	South East QLD Catchments (SEQC)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the SEQC performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that the feedback letter to SEQC include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commended SEQC on its continued excellent performance across its program; and • the JSC noted that SEQC's targets are currently being revised as part of the development of a single South East Queensland regional NRM plan. 6. approved the following quarterly payments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE NLP 03: \$50,000 (Oct-Dec 07); • SE NLP 05: \$25,000 (Oct-Dec 07); 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise Performance Reporting Feedback letter to SEQC as per JSC decisions.</p> <p>Contract Management unit to progress payments to SEQC as</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris D Guzek M Lodder</p> <p>W Yuen</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p> <p>21 Sep 07</p>

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M 33	4.33	<p>Biodiversity: Presentations and Performance Reporting</p> <p>a. <i>Australian Govt</i></p> <p>b. <i>Qld Govt</i></p> <p>c. <i>Local Govt</i></p> <p>d. <i>Biodiversity Back on Track – EPA SR 01</i></p>	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. expressed appreciation of the presentations provided by Messrs Wensing, Delzoppo and Petrie on AG, QLD and Local Government initiatives respectively in the biodiversity context. 2. expressed its interest in ensuring that they are kept informed of relevant developments in future, while also supporting greater cohesion of these initiatives over the longer term. 3. expressed its strong support for the Biodiversity <i>Back on Track</i> EPA SR 01 project. 4. noted one other project of interest is located in the NSW Border Rivers region and EPA's Sara Williams has undertaken to forward copies of that project's future reports to AG and QG officers 5. noted the EPA SR 01 performance report package. 6. noted the regional highlights for the period. 7. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 8. agreed the recommended actions. 9. agreed that feedback letter on EPA SR 01 include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC expressed interest in advice of emerging outcomes from the project including five year action plans emerging from workshops held so far and some associated funding from other sources; • the JSC expressed interest having the Action Plans well publicised, including copies being made available to RLOs; and • the JSC agreed to request that those regional 	<p>JSC secretariat and RLOs to finalise performance reporting feedback letter to EPA SR 01 project leader as per JSC decisions.</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris A Leahy E Wensing</p>	<p>17 Sep 07</p>

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			<p>bodies not participating in the Biodiversity <i>Back on Track</i> project – Terrain, Northern Gulf and BDTB place priority on, and demonstrate in a written response to the JSC that they are committed to developing a coherent approach to the issue of enhancing biodiversity in future NRM planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the JSC also agreed to request BDTB to help the Murrinetwork resolve its current concerns with this project. <p>10. approved a payment for EPA SR 01 of \$121,378 (Jul-Sept 07) in accordance with the revised schedule 2 approved (OoS 441) subject to the execution of the DoV.</p>	Contract Management unit to progress a payment for EPA SR 01 as per JSC decision	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.34	Water Quality Strategic Investment Program WQ SIP)	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the WQ SIP performance report package. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. agreed that the feedback on Salinity and Water Quality PIB include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the JSC agreed to the request from the project proponents to reallocate \$29,200 in unspent funding for WQ 01 to WQ 05; and ● JSC Secretariat distribute of letters of thanks to WQ and Salinity SIP Board members. 	JSC Secretariat to prepare letters of thanks to Board members as per JSC decision	J Harris C Macdonald	30 Sep 07

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M 33	4.35	Continuing the legacies of the investment in social and economic RD & E (NR CB SE 01)	The JSC: 1. noted the JSC Summary Analysis compiled by RLOs to report on the status of the final report. 2. noted the regional highlights for the period. 3. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. approved a payment of \$45,907 (Jul-Sept 07).	Contract Management unit to progress a payment for NR CBSE 01 as per JSC decision	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.36	Capacity Building SIP Projects	The JSC: 1. noted the Capacity Building SIP Projects (SW LGQ01, CB SI01-B and CB SI02) performance report package. 2. noted the highlights for the period. 3. noted that there were no issues of concern or actions. 4. agreed the recommended actions. 5. approved the following payments: • SW LGQ 01 : 15,375 (Jul-Sept 07); • CB SI 02 : \$20,000 (Jul-Sept 07); and • CB SI 01-B : \$67,907 (Jul-Sept 07)	JSC secretariat to incorporate the Capacity Building SIP projects into the performance reporting feedback letter to LGAQ as per JSC decisions. Contract Management unit to progress payments to LGAQ as per JSC decision.	C Macdonald J Harris M Bradby B Goatley W Yuen	17 Sep 07 21 Sep 07
M 33	4.37	Strategic Reserve Project: SE SR 01 – QIRIS	The JSC: 1. noted the SR Project – QIRIS performance report package. 2. noted that the project name has changed (given that ViSTA could not be trademarked) to <i>enQuire</i> -environmental QLD information regional, targeting three types of enquiries: contract management, project management and reporting. 3. noted the regional highlights for the period.	JSC secretariat and RLOs to incorporate JSC decisions and feedback for SE SR 01 in performance reporting feedback letter as per agenda item 4.30.	C Macdonald J Harris N Blackett I Gaze	17 Sept 07

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			<p>4. noted the summary of issues of concern and actions.</p> <p>5. agreed the recommended actions.</p> <p>6. agreed that feedback on QIRIS / enQuire include relevant matters covered above, comments provided in item 4.0, as well as the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the JSC commended the project team on its responsiveness and flexibility to date in supporting and enhancing the system and providing a valuable resource for regional bodies and governments; • the JSC noted the name change to enQuire as of 28 August 2007; and • the JSC noted current implications that enQuire has sufficient funds on hand to maintain operations until the end of June 2008. <p>7. approved the following payment \$62,854 (Oct-Dec 07 & Jan-Mar 08).</p>	Contract Management unit to progress payments for SE SR 01 as per JSC decision.	W Yuen	21 Sep 07
M 33	4.38	Final Report Process	<p>The JSC:</p> <p>1. noted the verbal report provided by the L&E unit including that there are CDs both of all 177 NHT2 final reports to 30 of June 2007 and a tabulation and outline of all 1000+ NHT1 QLD projects. The JSC also noted the statement that NHT1 final reports contain information covered under protection of privacy and not available to the public. The JSC concluded that this privacy issue needs further examination.</p> <p>2. commended the ongoing work of the L&E unit in managing final reporting processes.</p>	The L&E unit to prepare paper for M34 on whether there is any scope for NHT1 reports to be made publicly available.	N Blackett C Carter	M 34
M 33	4.39	Performance Reporting	The JSC:	The L&E unit to provide one or more papers at	N Blackett	M 34

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		Wrap Up	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the verbal performance reporting wrap up provided by the L&E unit. 2. agreed that one innovation to be adopted in the next performance reporting round is that each Summary Analysis will include a page which features a consolidated list of 'recommended actions' (from all other pages of the Summary Analysis' document) for ease of reference, in line with the examples of Burnett Mary and SEQC summary analyses this round. 3. noted the need to further normalise, but not homogenise, schedule 3s among regions, which will thus be of a more similar scale and cover the same types of things, in turn facilitating comparison, aggregation and analysis at a cross regional and Statewide level. 4. agreed to further consider alternatives to 6-monthly performance reporting including 12-monthly performance reports (with or without less detailed interim reporting, such as standard enQuire output / milestone reporting but narrative reporting by exception) and / or presentations by regional bodies at future JSC meetings. 5. reaffirmed its intention that changes to reporting processes should seek to reduce the future reporting burden on regional bodies. 	meeting 34 to cover this issue including in consultation with regional bodies.	I Gaze	
M 33	5.0	GENERAL BUSINESS				
M 33	5.1	Mitchell River Arrangements Shared Management MOU	<p>The JSC:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. noted the paper tabled at the meeting by Mr Speirs; 2. reaffirmed its view that it is the Regional bodies who are the primary vehicles for NHT investments across the whole of the Mitchell River area; 3. reaffirmed its belief that resolution of relationship 	A letter to be drafted to Ms Gross.	B Speirs M Lee J Harris	17 Sep 07

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			management in the area remains the responsibility of the regional NRM bodies; and 4. agreed , subject to the designation of a regional body for Cape York, to support the process of brokering an MOU between the relevant regional NRM bodies in this matter.			
M 33	5.2	<i>Included as part of item 5.1</i>				
M 33	5.3	Monitoring Evaluation Reporting and Improvement (MERI) – Emerging Approaches to MERI	The JSC: 1. noted with appreciation the verbal presentation and reports tabled at the meeting by Mr Rowley including the ongoing focus on program logic, performance story reporting and intermediate outcome approaches to MERI in the current NRM context, i.e. away from efficiency and effectiveness to appropriateness and impact; and 2. noted proposed moves from exhaustive reporting on aggregated input and output data to more selective sampling of outcomes at various stages from each region, with consequent changes to simpler reporting formats, and improvements in regional bodies' capacity and confidence in "learning by doing".			
M 33	5.4	Review of the Queensland Monitoring and Evaluation Plan	The JSC: 1. noted the reports tabled at the meeting; and 2. approved the proposed directions and conduct of the plan.			
M 33	5.5	New item Update of Australian Government Variations Protocol	The JSC: 1. noted favourably the changes to delegations flowing from the amended Australian Government Variations Protocol approved at the Australian Government Natural Heritage Board meeting on 8 August 2007, reflected in the paper tabled on this matter and outlined below; 2. noted that the threshold for needing Australian			

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			<p>Government Ministerial approval for changing funding provisions among activities within a region – typically among different RIS programs in the Queensland context – has been raised from 10% of the given activity's / program's funding to 30%;</p> <p>3. noted that NHT2 and NAP activities need no longer be completed by end June 2008 and in fact can be extended until 31 December 2009, but that all extensions requested beyond 30 June 2008 need to be justified for formal consideration by delegates as reflected in the Australian Government Variations Protocol;</p> <p>4. agreed that, despite the greater flexibility noted above, regional NRM bodies should be encouraged to continue to strive to complete all NHT 2 and NAP funded activities by 30 June 2008;</p> <p>5. noted that, if required, payments can now be made up to end June 2008 for activities to be completed by end December 2008 (variations can subsequently be sought up to end December 2009 if justified):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whilst also noting that there is no need for this in Queensland as things stand, given that all available funding is already reflected in existing or imminent financial agreements and that no payments have needed to be scheduled later than February 2008; <p>6. noted that if new bilateral agreements are not signed by 30 June 2008, existing Financial Agreements should continue to operate to allow finalisation of projects;</p> <p>7. agreed that relevant AG and QG officers prepare letters for signature by JSC co-chairs to regional bodies, communicating the relevant, key aspects</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat to prepare and distribute letters for JSC co-chair</p>	<p>C Macdonald J Harris</p>	<p>30 Sep 07</p>

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			of the updated Australian Government Variations Protocol, reviewing and revising the template letter at Attachment C as appropriate; and 8. agreed that the JSC Administration Directive be updated to reflect relevant changes to the Australian Government Variations protocol. This will be completed Out of Session.	signature to regional bodies as per JSC decision JSC Secretariat to update the JSC Administration Directive as per JSC decision and submit to co-chairs for approval OoS.	C Macdonald J Harris S McLean	30 Sep 07
M 33	5.6	New item Coordinated Review of Multi Region Initiatives	The JSC agreed that a paper be prepared for meeting 34: 1. advising all thematic issues and / or initiatives which are currently the subject of separate, discretely funded projects in multiple Queensland regions; and 2. outlining a suggested scoping exercise which would guide the JSC on options and other considerations in determining how to ensure shared learnings and other outcomes and synergies can be captured among these activities in the short and longer term.	L&E unit to prepare the requested paper in line with JSC decision	N Blackett F Tromp E Wensing	M 34
M 33	5.7	New item Bilateral Implementation and associated action prior to NHT3	The JSC: 1. noted the information provided by Mr Wensing as a basis for discussion regarding the actions required to advance the bilateral arrangements in the lead up to NHT3 – refer Attachment A to this Record; and 2. agreed that the AG and RGC will advance work, for further discussion at meeting 34, on business and time critical issues in the context of transitioning from NHT2 to NHT3, including clarifying the prospective solvency of all regional NRM bodies post 30 June 2008 and the possible case for extending strategic reserve and regional competitive projects as appropriate.	JSC Secretariat to include agenda item for M34.	J Harris C Macdonald	M 34

Bilateral Implementation and Associated Actions

(Ed Wensing, Director, Department of the Environment and Water Resources)

1. operational arrangements – to be developed within 6-12 months of signing
2. statement of program emphasis to guide investment
3. decisions on funding allocations 2008-2013 (ensuring due consultations with regional bodies and other relevant stakeholders)
 - state level / cross regional? investments
 - strategic reserve (emerging issues)
 - indicative allocations to the 14 regions (including multi criteria analysis)
4. protocols / guides for revision of NRM plans (building on / tweaking of the OoS protocol approved by the JSC in Feb 07)
5. protocols / guides for developing new RIS's for NHT3 (internal QLD / AG govt working group established)
6. other legacy issues from current bilaterals.
 - Review of QLD MERI plan
 - Contractual issues

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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
Ed Wensing	Regional NRM Team (Qld)	Dept of the Environment and Water Resources
Ted Rowley	Director, MERI	Dept of the Environment and Water Resources
Colin Macdonald	Regional NRM Team (Qld)	Dept of the Environment and Water Resources
Queensland Government		
Bob Speirs	JSC co-chair	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Joe Pappalardo	JSC member	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Jim Groves	JSC member	Dept of Primary Industries and Fisheries
Lindsay Delzoppo	JSC member	Environmental Protection Agency
Fred Tromp	Director, Strategic Policy & Support	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Mike Bradby	Principal Project Officer, Client Services	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Sherrie Mclean	Manager, Contract Management	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Wallace Yuen	Finance Manager	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Jenelle Harris	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
Malcolm Petrie	Project Co-ordinator	Local Government Association of QLD

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Presenters / RLOs		
Nicole Blackett	Performance Reporting Coordinator	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Claire Carter	Performance Reporting Coordinator	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Michelle Coeli	L&E Unit	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Debbie Guzek	RLO	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Adam Richardt	RLO	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Kelly Flower	RLO	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Donna Robinson	Project Officer	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Chris Chinn	Principal Project Officer, Reef & Wetlands	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Daniel Franks	Senior Project Officer, Social Sciences	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Robert Orth	Finance Manager	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Scott Cawley	Project Officer	Dept of Primary Industries and Fisheries
Anita Leahy	Project Manager	Environmental Protection Agency
Sara Williams	Project Officer	Environmental Protection Agency
Maria Vandergragt	Project Officer	Environmental Protection Agency
Mike Ronan	Project Manager	Environmental Protection Agency
David Forsyth	AG RLO	Dept of the Environment and Water Resources