



Meeting 36 – FINAL Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Emerald 25/26 June 2008



Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M 36	1.1	Agenda for JSC M36 The JSC noted apologies provided by: Jim Groves	<p>Mr Speirs welcomed members, representatives and staff to the 36th meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the area and respect for the Elders.</p> <p>The JSC noted with great appreciation the informative and enjoyable field visit expertly organised by the host regional body, the Fitzroy Basin Association, on the previous day.</p> <p>The JSC agreed the agenda for JSC M36, noting that reports would be received from the Regional Groups Collective and the Local Government Association of Queensland and a presentation would be given by the Fitzroy Basin Association.</p>			
M 36	1.2	Welcome to new AG JSC Member and RGC Chair	<p>Mr Speirs welcomed incoming Australian Government (AG) representative Ms Glenda Kidman.</p> <p>Mr Speirs welcomed incoming RGC Chair and newly appointed JSC observer Mr Mike Berwick.</p>			
M 36	1.3	Record of Decisions for M35	<p>The JSC noted that the record of decisions and actions for JSC M35 had been agreed prior to M36.</p>			
M 36	1.4	Work plan Update / Exception Report	<p>The JSC noted the work plan update/exception reports presented under this agenda item and thanked the staff involved in ensuring actions are</p>			

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attachment 2.1c – Trust Extension Single Holding Account Movements (By Program) - Attachment 2.1d – Trust Extension Funding Status - Attachment 2.1e – NLP Single Holding Account Movements. <p>Interest earned on SHA was treated under rules that JSC had previously approved.</p> <p>Transitional period for Caring for our Country Activity Agreements has a specific clause regarding the interest earned on funding to be expended only on Caring for our Country priorities.</p> <p>The AG requested 2006-07 in-kind acquittals be finalised urgently.</p>	C Macdonald to be advised of process timelines.	D Wildermuth	11 July 08
M 36	2.2	Update on uncommitted NAPSWQ & NHT2 funds	The JSC noted the paper and associated tables which showed that nearly all uncommitted NAPSWQ and NHT2 funds in the Single Holding Account had now been committed, leaving \$1332 and \$22 872 respectively. The JSC thanked the staff involved in ensuring the required contracts and payments had been processed within deadlines.			
M36	3.1	Timeline critical steps for winding up concluding programs	The JSC noted that post 31 December 2008 NHT2 and NAP related activity will be purely administrative. In preparation for finalisation of			

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			<p>NAP and NHT2 financial activity by 30 June 2009, the JSC does not intend to approve any further extensions to RISs and other projects or to existing activity agreements.</p> <p>The JSC will write to proponents. These letters will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. advice on projects, their end dates and outstanding final reports; 2. advice of the critical dates for conclusion of NAP and NHT2 programs 3. reference to a clause in the Caring for our Country Open Grants 2008-2009 Guidelines for Applicants relating to performance reporting. <p>The JSC has requested a more formal process be implemented by the RLOs for validation of regional / cross-regional project investments.</p>	<p>RLOs, L&E and JSC secretariat to draft letters to regional bodies with specific information as detailed.</p> <p>AG and State RLOs to submit an OoS paper on formal guidelines for field validation processes.</p>	<p>AG RLOs State RLOs</p> <p>F Tromp I Gaze D Wildermuth P Maher</p>	<p>18 July 08</p> <p>25 July 08</p>
M36	3.2	Strategic issues delivering Caring for our Country	<p>The JSC discussed a range of issues relating to the development and implementation of Caring for our Country over years 2-5 and the delivery of a complementary program of state investment. A new bilateral agreement is to be negotiated for implementation from 1 July 2009. This will include comprehensive governance arrangements and will reflect the Caring for our Country Business Plan expected to be released in September 2008. The</p>	<p>Relevant officers to advance planning for and development of the Caring for our Country Bilateral Agreement as appropriate over the remainder of 2008-09.</p>	<p>R Speirs H Taylor F Tromp I Gaze</p>	<p>30 June 09</p>

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			<p>following issues were noted to be included on a running list of matters to be considered as the longer term arrangements are negotiated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parallel delivery of concluding NAP, NHT2 and new programs - The Reef - Cape York - State investment (complementary program) - Strategic investment - State-level investment - Efficiencies among regional NRM bodies - Status and role of regional plans - Financial security and solvency - The role of the JSC(governance arrangements including RGC and LGAQ role) - Non-government investment - Business improvement reviews and reporting - Consistent contracting and reporting systems for Caring for our Country sub-programs - Science alignment - Regional and local planning - Indigenous engagement <p>The JSC noted that the administration of the concluding NAP and NHT2 programs is to be kept entirely separate from administration of the new programs.</p>			

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4.0		RGC Chair and CEO Presentation to JSC	A report was submitted to JSC regarding the Qld Regional NRM Groups Collective activities to June 2008.			
5.0		FBA CEO Presentation to JSC	The CEO of FBA addressed the JSC and distributed a document called "Toward a Natural Resource Management Framework for Queensland - A Horizons Paper".	The JSC Secretariat to email this document to all JSC members and representatives.	M Wharton	30 Jun 08
6.0		LGAQ Representative Presentation to JSC	LGAQ acknowledged the NHT2 funding of the NRM local government facilitator position and have created and are funding an NRM climate change officer position.			
			Meeting closed at 2:30 pm			

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JSC Meeting 36 (25-26 June 2008) – Attendees		
Australian Government		
Hilton Taylor	JSC co-chair	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Glenda Kidman	JSC member	Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Ian Gaze	A/Manager, Regional NRM team (Qld)	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Rebecca Miller	AG RLO, Regional NRM team (Qld)	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Queensland Government		
Bob Speirs	JSC co-chair	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Peter Macdonald	JSC member	Environmental Protection Agency
Lea Diffey	Principal Policy Officer (Acting for Mr Groves)	Dept of Primary Industries and Fisheries
Fred Tromp	Director, Strategic Policy & Support	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Michael Bradby	Regional Liaison Officer	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Anita Leahy	Project Manager	Environment Protection Agency
Maxine Wharton	JSC secretariat	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Nicole Blackett	Senior Project Officer, L & E	Dept of Natural Resources & Water
Regional Groups Collective / Local Government Association of QLD		
Mike Berwick	Chair	Regional Groups Collective
Andrew Drysdale	Executive Officer	Regional Groups Collective
Mark Myerson	Manager	Local Government Association QLD
Malcolm Petrie	NRM Project Coordinator	Local Government Association QLD