



Meeting 40 – FINAL – Record of Decisions & Actions
Joint Queensland / Australian Government NRM Steering Committee
Held in Townsville 19 May 2009



Meeting No.	Agenda Item No.	Issue	Decision	Action	By Whom	By When
M 40	1.1	Agenda for JSC M40	Mr Taylor welcomed members, representatives and staff to the 40 th meeting and acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the area on whose land the meeting is taking place. The JSC agreed the agenda for JSC M40.			
M 40	1.2	Record of Decisions for M39	The JSC noted that the record of decisions and actions for JSC M39 had been agreed prior to the meeting.			
M 40	1.3	Work Plan Update / Exception Report	The JSC Noted the work plan update / exception report. M35 agenda item 4.13 The JSC requested an OoS paper regarding SW NRM financial acquittals for winding up of NAP and NHT. M37 agenda item 3.14.1 The JSC has decided not to undertake the independent assessment under NHT funding and may consider it under JSIP business. M39 agenda item 3.7 The JSC has requested TSRA fully	Contracts Management and Grants unit to complete SW NRM financial acquittals as per JSC decision. RLOs to note that no independent assessment under NHT funding is to be carried out but may consider it under JSIP business. RLOs to follow up on	R White K Flower G Dyne K Flower	29 May 09 - 5 Jun 09

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			reconcile TS RIS 01. M 39 agenda item 3.21 The JSC requested an OoS paper attaching a draft letter to advise Condamine Alliance of how accrued interest should be applied.	submission of full reconciliation for TS RIS 01. Contract Management & Grants unit to submit an OoS paper attaching a draft letter to advise Condamine Alliance of how accrued interest should be applied.	M Lodder R White	29 May 09
M 40	1.4	RGC Update	The JSC noted the RGC Update report which was presented by Mr Drysdale.			
M 40	1.5	LGAQ Update	The JSC noted the LGAQ Update report which was presented by Mr Petrie.			
M 40	2.1	Single Holding Account Financial Summary Reports as at 31 March 2009 for NAQSWQ, NHT & NLP	The JSC noted the work that had been carried out to administer and deliver the NAP programme. The JSC acknowledged the work carried out by Contract Management in administering these funds. The JSC noted the financial summary reports as at 31 March 2009 for NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP.			
M 40	2.2	Update on Uncommitted NAPSWQ, NHT2 & NLP funds including projects with funds on hand as at 31 March 2009	The JSC noted the schedules which reflect uncommitted amounts in the Single Holding Accounts (SHAs) as at 31 March 2009 of \$279,030 in NAPSWQ funds, \$286,683 in Trust funds and \$1,119,533 in NLP funds.			

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			<p>The JSC agreed that Contract Management & Grants Unit will arrange to transfer the balance of uncommitted funds in each of the SHA of NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP as at 30 June 2009 to the Caring for our Country Holding Account in accordance with the instruction from the AG at that time.</p>	<p>Contract Management & Grants unit to arrange to transfer the balance of uncommitted funds in each of the SHA of NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP as at 30 June 2009 to the Caring for our Country Holding Account in accordance with the instruction from the AG at that time.</p>	R White	30 Jun 09
			<p>The JSC agreed that Contract Management & Grants Unit will arrange to remit to the AG or transfer the balance in each of the SHA, if any, within 30 days from the date of the auditor’s report on the final financial acquittal of NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP (financial acquittals completed around 30 November 2009) in accordance with the instruction from AG at that time.</p>	<p>Contract Management & Grants unit to arrange to remit to the AG or transfer the balance in each of the SHA, if any, within 30 days from the date of the auditor’s report on the final financial acquittal of NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP (financial acquittals completed around 30 November 2009) in accordance with the instruction from AG at that time.</p>	R White	29 May 09
			<p>The JSC noted a balance of \$5,502 of interest earned on NAPSWQ funds has been set aside for M40 meeting expenses. If this</p>			

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			<p>is not sufficient to cover the expenses, the JSC agreed that the shortfall will be met by interest on NAPSWQ funds.</p> <p>The JSC requested Contract Management and Grants Unit clarify the mechanism for payment for further JSC meeting expenses.</p>	Contract Management and Grants Unit to clarify the mechanism for payment for further JSC meeting expenses.	R White	29 May 09
M 40	3.1	Status of NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP Wind-up as at 30 June 2009	<p>The JSC noted the potential risk as assessed by RLOs and FLOs of the attached NHT/NAP & NLP projects not expending all projects funds by 30 June 2009.</p> <p>The JSC noted that CY PA 25, CY PA 26 and CY PA 28 are now seen to be medium to high risk projects.</p> <p>The JSC agreed to send the attached pro forma letter to project proponents, as identified on the attached table, and requested RLOs to also follow-up and monitor project completion and ensure any unspent funds as at 30 June 2009 are returned.</p> <p>The JSC will respond to the DCQ letter dated 12 May 2009 declining an extension of the programs DC RCF 02 beyond 30 June 2009.</p>	<p>RLOs and JSC Secretariat to finalise letters to project proponents regarding project completion and return of any unspent funds as at 30 June 2009.</p> <p>RLOs and JSC Secretariat to finalise letter to DCQ declining an extension of the programs DC RCF 02 beyond 30 June 2009.</p>	<p>K Flower G Dyne M Wharton M Lodder</p> <p>D Robinson M Lodder M Wharton</p>	<p>5 Jun 09</p> <p>5 Jun 09</p>

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M 40	3.2	Strategic risks to Natural Resource Condition and Investments	The JSC would like to thank Mr Maher for providing this paper and for the thought provoking discussion that arose and referred the matter for further consideration under JSIP as part of business planning and program development discussions.			
M 40	3.3	Coordination of Indigenous NRM programs	The JSC thanked Ms Eden and Mr Barclay for the information and the discussion that was generated by this presentation.			
M 40	3.4	Report on field checks	<p>The JSC noted previous JSC OoS 619 decision of 31 October 2008 approving the field check process to verify selected on-grounds projects under the NAPSWQ, Trust and NLP programs in each region. It is intended that field checks will be undertaken for as many regional NRM bodies as possible before 30 June 2009.</p> <p>The JSC noted the attachment listing the status of field checks across all Queensland NRM regions and that to date there are no issues requiring JSC attention / intervention.</p> <p>The JSC noted that AG & QG RLOs will continue to undertake field checks as per the time frames outlined in the attachment and report</p>	<p>RLOs to note that field checks to be undertaken for as many regional NRM bodies as possible prior to 30 June 2009.</p> <p>RLOs to report on field checks as per the time frames outlined in the attachment and report on updated status at the next JSC</p>	<p>All RLOs</p> <p>All RLOs</p>	<p>30 Jun 09</p> <p>20 Aug 09</p>

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			<p>on updated status at the next JSC meeting number 41 in August.</p> <p>The JSC requested field checks to be attached to the Summary Analyses which will be presented at the Performance Reporting Meeting 41 on 25 / 26 / 27 August.</p>	<p>meeting number 41 in August.</p> <p>JSC Secretariat to ensure Field Check Status is an agenda item for JSC M41 in August.</p> <p>RLOs requested to attach field checks to Regional Body Summary Analyses which will be presented at the JSC / JSIP Performance Reporting Meeting 41 on 25 / 26 / 27 August.</p>	<p>JSC Secretariat</p> <p>All RLOs C Carter</p>	<p>10 Aug 09</p> <p>Aug 2009</p>
M 40	3.5	BMRG RIS – Final Report	The JSC accepted BM RIS 01 Final Report subject to financial acquittal following receipt of final Audited Financial Statements for this project.	Contract Management & Grants unit to complete financial acquittals for BM RIS 01 following receipt of final Audited Financial Statements.	R White	30 Jun 09
M 40	3.6	Lessons from Lake Eyre Basin (LEB) – stakeholder participation	The JSC thanked Dr Robinson for the information and the discussion that was generated by this presentation.			
JSIP Update to be annexed to M6 27/28 May 09 minutes		Caring for our Country Status Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Status of Bilateral b) Timeline / Activity schedule – May to 30 June 09 	The JSIP noted the preparations for the discussions and decisions for 2009-10 investments by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government to be held in Brisbane on 27/28 May 09.			

The JSC meeting closed at 3:05 pm.

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JSC Meeting 40 (19 May 2009)		
Attendees		
Australian Government		
Hilton Taylor	JSC co-chair, Australian Government Land & Coasts (AGLC)	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts
David Lambert	Director, Regional NRM team (Qld), AGLC	Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Mark Lodder	RLO, Qld Regional NRM Team, AGLC	Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Geoff Dyne	RLO, Qld Regional NRM Team, AGLC	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts
Kathryn Kirk	Graduate, Qld Regional NRM Team, AGLC	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts
Shaun Barclay	Program Coordinator (North Qld), Working on Country, AGLC	Dept of the Environment, Water, Heritage & the Arts
Queensland Government		
Bob Speirs	JSC co-chair	Dept of Environment and Resource Management
Peter Macdonald	JSC member	Dept of Environment and Resource Management
Brett de Hayr	JSC member	Dept of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation, Primary Industry & Fisheries
David Wildermuth	Manager, Client Services	Dept of Environment and Resource Management
Anita Leahy	Project Manager	Dept of Environment and Resource Management
Maxine Wharton	JSC Secretariat	Dept of Environment and Resource Management
Kate Eden	Principal Policy Officer	Dept of Environment & Resource Management
Phil Maher	Principal Project Officer	Dept of Environment & Resource Management
Dr Cathy Robinson	Senior Research Scientist	Sustainable Ecosystems, CSIRO
JSC Representatives		
Andrew Drysdale	CEO	Regional Groups Collective
Mike Berwick	Chair	Regional Groups Collective
Nick Montague	Manager	Local Government Association Qld
Malcolm Petrie	NRM Project Coordinator	Local Government Association Qld