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Fitzroy Basin Association Secures Additional Foundation Funds

On Friday 19th September the JSC met with the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) regarding proposed Foundation Funding extension and Capacity Building Priority Action Proposals. The JSC will be recommending both proposals (with some minor modifications) to Ministers.

An important issue raised by the FBA was the problems associated with really defining acceptable resource condition and management action targets within an accredited plan. It is important that this issue be worked through in open dialogue between Regional Bodies and Regional Coordination Groups as both parties have so much at stake in making targets meaningful and practical. Both also have a critical role in monitoring the achievement of targets. Regional Bodies and Regional Coordination Groups can seek broad State-level guidance from Queensland's Monitoring, Evaluation and Review Working Group. The Group will release the draft Target Setting Guidelines for comment within the next two weeks.

For more information please contact Linda Lee on Ph 07 3238 3189 or Email Linda.Lee@nrm.qld.gov.au

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Facilitator-Coordinator In Kind

Great news in that both the State and Commonwealth Ministers have now signed off in-kind contributions to cover the NHT Facilitator/Coordinator Bids for the remainder of this financial year. John Keating has provided most regions with draft contracts, and

these need to be returned to the Taskforce as soon as possible with the appropriate tax invoices.

For more information please contact John Keating on Ph 07 3224 2389 or Email John.Keating@nrm.qld.gov.au

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More Guidance Products On the Web

The Taskforce website now boasts a wider range of planning guidance products. These can be viewed at http://www.nrm.qld.gov.au/regional_planning/nap/priority_docs/index.html. Shannon Burns is currently revising the draft Regional NRM Planning Guidelines following feedback from Regional Bodies and Regional Coordination Groups over recent months. Shannon is the key person to contact regarding planning guidance products. He is available on 07 3224 8408 or Email Shannon.Burns@nrm.qld.gov.au

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CRC Irrigation Futures

The CRC Irrigation Futures has recently signed its operating agreement with the Commonwealth Government. The Taskforce will play a lead role in establishing the Planning for Change Program within the CRC. Glen Starkey has taken on a significant role in working towards the development of this important program; one that will provide important support for Regional Bodies with significant irrigation areas.

For further information or to provide input into the project please contact Glen Starkey on Ph 07 3227 6370 or Email Glen.Starkey@nrm.qld.gov.au

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