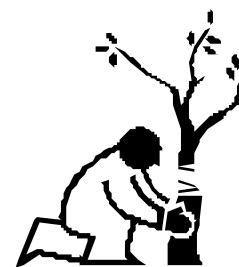


# Taskforce Weekly Bugle



## KEY MESSAGES

### Nationally Competitive Funding

Some thirteen National Competitive project proposals were received from Regional Bodies this week, and JSC will be considering these at a special purpose meeting on 7 November. Many thanks for the efforts of the Bodies in working collaboratively, both together and with other State's and Territory's at very short notice. JSC will be making recommendations up to the National selection process. For any queries, contact David Wildermuth on telephone (07) 3224 2475.

### JSC Meeting in Esk

JSC met in Esk on the 30th and 31st of October. Minutes will soon be added to the web and a brief communiqué of decisions will also be distributed. Our key discussions included reviewing June performance reports from Bodies and State Investment Project Implementation Boards, in-kind contributions for Foundation Funding and consideration of the concept of indicative funding allocations. Both the SEQ Regional NRM Body and Western Catchments Group presented their significant progress to the JSC, and the Committee toured some important natural resource management sites within the region. Many thanks for the community effort put into these presentations and the tour. For further detail on JSC decisions, please contact Deb Guzeck on telephone (07) 3225 2676.

### Social and Economic Advice Now Available

Social and economic assessment advice is now available to Regional Coordination Groups and Regional Bodies following the appointment of Janet Stanley (Social Assessment) and Beth Clouston (Economic Assessment: Ph. (07) 3224 7704). Janet will be residing with the CBNRM Team in Canberra till

early next year. Anne Goeths (Ph. (07) 3224 2152) also recently joined Jim Binney in the Policy Development Team and is the primary Taskforce contact for Regional Coordination Groups' on in-kind issues.

### **In-Kind Finalisation for Foundation Funding**

JSC will this week be finalising an out of session paper regarding State in-kind contributions against Foundation Funding bids considered by the JSC in October. Foundation Funding bids can only be recommended to Minister's once in-kind contributions have been agreed between Regional Coordination Groups and the Regional Bodies. JSC requires written confirmation of such agreement. Most Regional Bodies have now completed their in-kind negotiations with their Regional Coordination Groups.

### **Prospectus**

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines (NR&M) is about to release its "Prospectus"; a book outlining its products and services available to natural resource management bodies. This NR&M prospectus specifically relates to those regional natural resource management bodies recognised under the NAPSWQ bilateral agreement and the pending NHT2 bilateral agreement. It details departmental expertise, products and services; how we will work with our regional natural resource management partners; and how accredited regional natural resource management bodies can access our products and services. For further information please contact Carl Glen on telephone (07) 3224 7792.

### **New RAPT Team Leader**

After 12 months as Team Leader of the Regional Arrangements and Planning Team (RAPT), Mike Bradby has returned to his substantive position (still within this team). Dave Wildermuth now takes on a stint as the new Team Leader.

