

Regional NRM Bugle



KEY MESSAGES 06/08/04

Joint Steering Committee update

- The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) was informed in last week's meeting of the current and future developments of Information Systems for Regional Arrangements (ISRA) and that there will be a need for multiple funding partners as there will be multiple beneficiaries. The JSC thanked Andrea Kennedy and her team for their work.
- The final Regional Investment Strategy guidelines will be distributed soon.
- The Regional Liaison Officer workshop will be organised by Dave Wildermuth with Australian Government counterparts.
- The JSC confirmed that the designation criteria was met by the Burdekin Dry Topics, Wet Topics, Mackay-Whitsunday, Desert Channels Old, Northern Gulf and Southern Gulf.

For further information, contact [Allan Dale](#) on 07 3227 6587.

Water Resource Charges – discussion paper

The Queensland Government is reviewing water resource charges. A discussion paper has been released to inform the community and promote discussion on future charges. It summarises the findings of an independent review of the value of water and outlines key issues associated with setting and implementing future charges. New charges will apply to parties who are authorised to take water under the *Water Act 2000*. Interested parties are invited to read the paper and make a submission. Closing date for submissions is **30 September 2004**. The paper can be obtained from the NRM&E web site at www.nrme.qld.gov.au/water/reform or by contacting [Ruth Dow](#) on 07 3227 6695.

Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest are invited for conducting innovative social research within a working partnership between researcher/s and the National Action Plan for Salinity and Water Quality (NAPSWQ) regional natural resource management (NRM) bodies. The focus may be within one region or across NAPSWQ regions in Queensland. The closing date is 1 October 2004. For further information, visit www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/state_wide/nap/se03_eoi.html or email [Lyn Aitken](#)

Cape York Peninsula regional NRM plan

The Cape York Peninsula Regional NRM Plan: Community Information Paper is now available on the regionalnrm website. Information in the document includes

information on the natural resources in Cape York Peninsula and how the NRM plan was developed. The link is
www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/plans/cape_york.html

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