

Regional NRM Bugle



KEY MESSAGES 20/08/04

Regional Arrangements Advisory Group

The initiative to create the Regional Arrangements Advisory Group was attended by Queensland's key stakeholders on 16 August in Brisbane. The head of power for this group comes from the National Heritage Trust Extension (the Trust) Bilateral which enables peak stakeholder groups to have a role in state level policy and assist their members in identifying meaningful roles in the delivery of the Trust.

The Australian Government and the Queensland State partner agencies – the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy - together with Department of Local Government, Planning, Sport and Recreation, set the scene for discussion. The forum provided an opportunity for 16 diverse stakeholder groups to share perspectives and understanding of regional arrangements. The views provided were constructive, informing and broad ranging and the feedback was positive. Several areas for focus were identified and a work plan will be drafted along with continued work on the foundational terms of reference.

The group made a commitment to meet again in late November and subsequently schedule three meetings a year. For further information, contact [Anne Stuart](#) on 07 3224 7505

Regional Investment Strategies

The Joint Queensland/Australian Government NRM Steering Committee (JSC) has prepared guidelines to assist regional bodies with the development of Regional Investment Strategies. The guidelines outline the key points that Regional Investment Strategies will need to cover in order for the JSC to consider it and provide a recommendation to Ministers on an investment package. While the JSC has not prescribed a template or particular format for Regional Investment Strategies as a whole, there is a set of templates at Attachment B to the guidelines for key elements of the Regional Investment Strategy to ensure the JSC can extract this information in a consistent manner.

Australian and State Government Regional Liaison Officers can assist with interpretation and application of these guidelines. The Regional Investment Strategy guidance documents can be viewed at www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/guidance/ris.html

Welcome Lynda Pollock

We welcome Lynda Pollock who has started as a Senior Policy Officer in the Socio-Economic State-level Investment Projects (SIPs). Lynda's previous role was as Principle Rural Development Officer with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and is on a two year secondment in the SIP role. She will be located in Rockhampton and will continue in her role with the Regional Arrangements team until later this year.

Lynda has a coordination role with the SIPs for projects aimed at building the understanding within agencies and regional bodies about social and economic considerations in NRM plan development and implementation. Her email address and phone numbers have now changed to Lynda.Pollock@nrme.qld.gov.au, phone 07 4938 4382 and mobile 0428 103 475.

Guidelines for Target Setting

The *Guidelines for Target Setting in Regional NRM Planning* are now on the regional NRM web site and can be viewed at www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/guidance/target_setting.html

Community Resource Information System - a Queensland standard!

The Geographical Information System (GIS) Standards Manual and Library Catalogue have been earmarked to become the Queensland standard for regional bodies, according to Ken Adsett from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy. The Condamine Alliance is the first program partner to complete the process of populating the new library catalogue with bibliographic information. The ability to search for books, reports and audiovisual material via an online search facility is provided and will facilitate information sharing between our satellite offices. This is a substantial win for the Community Resource Information System (CRIS) team and demonstrates the leadership of the Condamine Alliance, Queensland Murray Darling Committee and South West NRM in the field of regional body information management and GIS. For more information contact [Ken Adsett](#) on 07 4938 4598.

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