

Regional NRM Bugle



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JSC, regional bodies to discuss investment strategies

The Joint Steering Committee will be meeting with six regional bodies in Brisbane on December 15-16 to discuss their regional investment strategies. It will give the regional bodies an opportunity to talk about their progress and hear what the JSC's expectations are. The six bodies are: NRM SEQ, SEQ WCG, Wet Tropics, Northern Gulf, Burdekin Dry Tropics, and Cape York.

Next year, the JSC will meet as follows:

21/22 February – Brisbane

10/11 March – Townsville

20/21 April – Canberra

15/16/17 June – Karumba

10/11 August – Brisbane

5/6 October – Mackay

30 Nov/1 Dec – Canberra

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Qld lends a hand in the Territory

The CSIRO (Sustainable Ecosystems) and Queensland Government have been helping the Northern Territory's Landcare Council prepare a draft natural resource management (NRM) plan for public release. The council is the body charged with preparing an NRM plan for the territory, which under the Natural Heritage Trust Extension program is considered one region. This cooperation will benefit the 'Healthy Savannas Planning Systems' project, an investigation into regional planning in northern Australia being undertaken by the Tropical Savannas Cooperative Research Centre. In its draft plan, the council emphasises the things that separate the Northern Territory from other Australian jurisdictions: its largely intact landscapes, diverse environments (from arid centre to Top End) and vast areas of sparsely populated land. For more information, contact [Michelle Walker](#) on 3405 6882.

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Accreditation sought for SEQ WC plan

The Joint Steering Committee has forwarded the South East Queensland Western Catchments Group's draft regional natural resource management plan to Ministers for accreditation. The plan, *Healthy Land – Our Future*, is the result of many months of hard work by the group, which is now developing its regional investment strategy. For more information, contact [Annie Goeths](#) on 3224 2152.

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