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### **Social innovations in NRM: A handbook of social research in NRM in Queensland**

Social Innovations in NRM: A Handbook of Social Research in Natural Resource Management in Queensland is now available on the net at [http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/state\\_wide/nap/se03.html](http://www.regionalnrm.qld.gov.au/planning/state_wide/nap/se03.html) and <http://www.cirm.org.au/>

The handbook captures the work of around 100 researchers and PhD students in Queensland making this latest research accessible to a wide range of people in key NRM sectors. It provides a description of research projects and studies, focusing on outcomes for regions and natural resource management, with details for further reading and further information. There is a brief section on key concepts and biographical details of contributors.

For those of you who have used the handbook already, you will be interested to know that some documents have been updated and the links will take you to the very latest versions. For further information or to let us know about research or programs that you or your networks think should be included in future updates, please contact [Lyn Aitken](#) on 07 3896 9601

### **'Healthy Land-Our Future': Southeast Queensland Western Catchments NRM plan approved**

Ministers Truss and Robertson will launch South East Queensland Western Catchments Board's regional natural resource management plan "Healthy Land-Our Future" and the first component of their Regional Investment Strategy on Friday 18 February.

The regional plan directly addresses threats to the natural resource assets of land, water and biodiversity. They believe this will help protect the environment we all share in south east Queensland. The plan will help reduce the impacts of weeds, salinity and erosion on rural areas. It will assist in protecting the viability and productivity of natural and modified systems through restoring and improving natural ecosystem functions.

On-ground work to improve and protect native forests, animals, land and water resources will intensify following the injection of \$4.25 million through the regional investment strategy in Queensland's south east area. For more information contact [Anne Goeths](#) on 07 32242152.

### **Organisational Performance Framework for NRM Bodies**

The Organisational Performance Framework was developed by Charlie Zammit and Norbert Vogel with the support of the Regional Groups Collective. Charlie and Norbert are available to assist NAPSWQ bodies to apply the framework. Some funds are available through the CB03 Capacity Building State level Investment Project to assist NAPSWQ bodies to do this. These funds are only available until June 2005.

The framework can be used to throw light on what good management practices you have in place and prioritise improvements to close the gaps. This is conducted through a two-day facilitated assessment that includes a workshop with senior management and board members. Alternatively, a more rigorous assessment can be conducted by an independent external assessor to highlight areas in the organisation where you can make improvements. The framework is not designed to be used to evaluate compliance rather, as a set of guidelines for establishing a high performance organisation.

NAPSWQ regional bodies interested in learning how to apply the Organisational Performance Framework for NRM Bodies should contact [Deirdre Lawrence](#) on 07 3225 7677 as soon as possible.

We welcome your input and feedback on this newsletter. If you have any contributions, comments or suggestions please contact [Shona Strachan](#) or [Carl Glen](#).