



Far North Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group

AGENDA

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No. 70

to be held
9am on Thursday 5 September 2013
at
Cairns Local Disaster Coordination Centre, Windarra Street, Woree

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1. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
 2. **Apologies**
 3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - 3.1 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 69 held on 8 July 2013 in Cairns **1-8**
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 - 4.1 FNQROC Joint Reseal Contract
 - 4.2 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Woobadda Creek Crossing
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 - 4.12 Additions to the LRRS Network
 - 4.13 2012/13 Works Program – Final Position
 - 4.14 2013/14 Works Program – Progress Review
 - 4.15 Capability Agreement & Action Plan
 - 4.16 STEP
 5. **Additions to the LRRS Network**
 - 5.1 Submission from Etheridge Shire Council **15-20**

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- 6. 2013/14 Works Program**
- 6.1 Program Variations
 - 6.2 Unallocated 2013/14 Funds
- 7. Program Development**
- 7.1 Timeline for Development of 2014/15 - 2017/18 Program
 - 7.2 PPT weightings and MCA sub-criteria
 - 7.3 2014/15 Funding Allocation
- 8. Update from the Roads Alliance**
- 9. Capability Agreement & Action Plan – 2013/14 Draft for adoption** **21-23**
- 10. Asset Management**
- 10.1 NAMS.PLUS2 Training
 - 10.2 Data Collection – Regional Options
- 11. Road Safety**
- 12. General Business**
- 12.1 National Heavy Vehicle Law
 - 12.2 Roads 2 Recovery Guidelines
 - 12.3 Council Reporting (David Goodman)
 - 12.4 Street Lighting
 - 12.4.1 FNQROC Report Regional Street Lighting Program **24-27**
 - 12.4.2 Letter to Ergon Energy dated 21 August 2013. **28-30**
 - 12.5 Other items
- 13. Next RRG Meeting (*for information*)**
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| Date | Monday 14 October 2013 |
| Venue | Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council, Spence Street, Cairns |
| Time | 1.30pm (following the FNQROC Board Meeting) |
- 14. Next Technical Committee Meeting**
- Scheduled for Friday 15 November in Innisfail.



Far North Queensland Regional Road Group

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING No.69

Held on Monday 8 July 2013

at the Civic Reception Room, Cairns Regional Council, 119-145 Spence Street, Cairns

ATTENDANCE	David Goodman (Chair) Sam Wakeford Michael Ringer Helius Visser (left at end of item 2) Natasha Murray (left at end of item 2) Margery Jones (left at end of item 2) Stephen Agius (left at end of item 2) David Purkiss (left at end of item 2) John Bewert (left at end of item 2) Bruce Gardiner (left at 12:40pm) Tony Lickiss Ray Kirkman Garry Pickering Rohana Samarasekera John Breen Tony Hughes David Hamilton Darlene Irvine Scott Britton Steve Cosatto (left at 12:45pm) Gerard Read (arrived 10:40am) Sandra McCormack Zac Murphy (arrived 10:15am) Ross Kirkman	Cassowary Coast Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cairns Regional Council Cook Shire Council Croydon Shire Council Croydon Shire Council Etheridge Shire Council Tablelands Regional Council Tablelands Regional Council TMR Far North FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC FNQROC TMR / RAPT LGAQ / RAPT
APOLOGIES	David Trotter Terry Whitaker Trevor Adil Brett Martin Cassowary Coast Regional Council Etheridge Shire Council Tablelands Regional Council TMR Far North	

1. Opening Remarks and Welcome

The meeting was opened at 10:00am. Scott Britton noted that this was the first Technical Committee Meeting for both Croydon and Etheridge Shires as members of the FNQRRG. General introductions around the room introduced all members.

2. Presentation

Jon Roberts from ARRB (Melbourne Office) gave a presentation on the STEP program and a copy is available upon request.

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3. Apologies

As noted above.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

4.1 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.68 held on 15 May 2013 in Cooktown

MOVED Sam Wakeford SECONDED David Goodman
That the minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 67 held on 15 March 2013 at Atherton be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
CARRIED

4.2 Minutes of RRG Meeting No.38 held on 3 June 2013 in Cairns

The minutes were received and noted for information.

5. Election of Technical Committee Chair and Deputy Chair.

Nominations were called for the position of Technical Committee Chair.

Tony Lickiss nominated David Goodman to be re-elected as Chair of the Technical Committee.
SECONDED: David Hamilton
There being no further nominations it was resolved that David Goodman is Chair of the Technical Committee.

The Chair then called for nominations for Deputy Chair. In the absence of nominations for the position of Deputy Chair, Mr. Tony Lickiss volunteered to undertake the position which was accepted by members.

RESOLVED:
Mr. Tony Lickiss be appointed to the position of Deputy Chair of the Technical Committee.

6. Business Arising out of Minutes

6.1 FNQROC Joint Reseal Contract

Noted for information. Steve Cosatto provided an overview of process undertaken and further advised:

- Tender Evaluations are complete, with recommendations having been made to Councils.
- In addition to the Bitumen Reseal Contract, a Register of Prequalified Suppliers (ROPS) for Road Construction and Maintenance Services formed part of the recommendation put forward to Councils.
- The Reseal Tender attracted 6 responses, with the ROPS attracting 9 responses.
- A 'rise and fall' clause has been included in the contract in response to the outcomes of the Early Contractor Engagement Process. Any applicable rise and fall will apply on a pro rata basis across the region.
- State-wide Capability Funding had been secured to assist with the engagement of a program superintendent for the first year of the program.

Ray Kirkman asked how Croydon Shire (as new members) could access the arrangements. Steve Cosatto advised that there could be opportunity to access the reseal arrangement in the second year, but all other works could be accessed through the ROPS.

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Tony Hughes asked about the progression of a regional asphalt arrangement. David Goodman advised that CCRC would utilise the ROPS to complete its works. Members discussed the potential for undertaking a combined bitumen chip seal and asphalt tender in future years. Tony Lickiss suggested the possibility of exploring the provision of cement powder.

Discussion among members noted extent of savings that individual councils were expecting to achieve through the arrangement. Timing of individual council meetings to endorse the arrangement was also noted.

6.2 ABM Study Report Review

Gerard Read advised these actions had not been completed to date. Scott Britton advised that many outstanding items throughout the agenda were to be dealt with in the handover to occur between Gerard and Scott in the days following the meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **The activities table (Appendix F) is to be updated. (Gerard Read / Scott Britton)**
- **The cost/benefit analysis (Appendix J) is to be checked and updated if necessary. (Steve Cosatto)**
- **The balance of the report is to be updated. (Darlene Irvine / Gerard Read / Scott Britton)**

6.3 Bridge Asset Management – Alternative Timber Bridge Manual

Gerard Read noted that the Gladstone RRG (Gladstone Regional Council) had been in negotiations with TRS. No formal letters of support had been secured to date.

Ross Kirkman advised that approximately \$330,000 (of a total \$660,000) remained available in the SCDF for the 2013/14 financial year.

Zac Murphy advised that any revised SCDF application would need to address the grounds on which the previous application was rejected.

Members discussed concerns with existing manuals in place.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Other RRGs to be approached regarding support for the manual (Scott Britton / Gerard Read)**

6.4 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Woobadda Creek Crossing

Sam Wakeford advised:

- The project is progressing
- Environmental permits were expected to be received within a week
- Once all permits have been received final negotiations would occur with contractor.

6.5 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Bloomfield River Crossing at Wujal Wujal

David Hamilton advised:

- Report currently being considered by the Minister.
- Funding for the project was been revisited following withdrawal of funds by the QRA.

6.6 Kirrama Range Road

David Goodman advised:

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- A formal application for the proposed \$1m in Federal funding for the project has been submitted and approved.
 - The State Government funding of \$2.5m is showing in QTRIP
 - Cassowary Coast has committed funding in its 2013/14 budget, subject to availability and security of Federal Government funding.
 - If outstanding MOU and funding issues are resolved quickly, estimated that 75% of works would be completed this financial year.

6.7 NHVR Pilot

Sam Wakeford advised Cairns had had attempted to trial the PBS Route Assessment Tool, however the trial period had ended shortly after Cairns commenced using the tool.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Scott Britton to follow up trial of PBS Route Assessment Tool with Cairns (Scott Britton)**

6.8 Roads Alliance TIDS – Budget Cuts Methodology

Letter to Roads Alliance Board clarifying a misstatement was noted for information

6.9 Statements of Intent

Sam Wakeford advised that he had previously met with Gerard Read regarding an alternative SOI and had agreed on what data needed to be included, however the format on how to present data was still to be finalised.

Discussion noted that all members should use existing SOI format until alternative SOI has been developed.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Cairns to develop the alternative SOI for one of its LRRS. (Sam Wakeford / Scott Britton)**

6.10 Traffic Counts

Gerard Read advised no further traffic counts had been forwarded since the previous meeting. David Goodman queried the process to update traffic counts.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **All members are to forward any updated traffic count details to Scott Britton.**
- **Scott Britton to review traffic count data held by FNQROC and advise members of counts that are greater than 3 years old.**

6.11 Capability Agreement and Action Plan

Gerard Read and Scott Britton advised that no potential actions had been received from councils for inclusion in the 2013/14 plan.

6.12 Road Safety

In relation to the Interactive Mapping Tool, Zac Murphy advised:

- Tool built for TMR Regions is in final stages of User Acceptance Testing with a few minor modifications to be made. Advice will be provided to RRGs once complete.
- Distribution of the tool for local government use will be delayed as funding for roll out is no longer available
- The data contained within the Interactive Mapping Tool dates back to 2002 and includes local government roads.

6.13 Blackspot Funding

Michael Ringer advised that information regarding Blackspot projects had been received from TMR and included within CRC's budget.

7. **DTMR Speed Limit Review**

Ross Kirkman advised that 100 roads state-wide, state, local and private would be reviewed. Open to public consultation for nomination with LGAQ advocating Councils/RRGs putting forward roads within their boundaries they would like to see reviewed - Safety and Traffic Division of TMR undertaking the review.

Tony Hughes advised that no one in TRC has completed QLimits training. Understood that training being held off until review is complete and revision of Part 4 of the MUTCD is complete. This could be an area for capability funding.

Scott Britton advised an email had been sent to councils advising of the review and that to date responses had been received from Cairns and Croydon.

David Goodman suggested that the Tully Mission Beach Road should be considered noting that recent research completed by JCU suggesting that speed limits could not be linked to Cassowary deaths – research showed that deaths were linked to where people were feeding Cassowaries.

Tony Lickiss suggested the Mulligan Highway should be included.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **FNQRRG to write to DTMR nominating roads for consideration as part of the Speed Limit Review (Scott Britton).**

8. **New Regional Road Group Members**

8.1 Etheridge Shire Council

Rohana Samarasekera advised:

- Road network, both state and local, is mostly unsealed
- Forsyth Einasleigh Road on LRRS network – 80 km with approx. 25km unsealed.
- Proposing to add the North Head and Agate Creek Roads which are used to access local tourist attractions – previously submitted LRRS Nomination form to NW RRG
- Taking QRA on inspection of roads, have had issues with crossings

Darlene Irvine advised that a copy of FNQROC's NDRRA submission would be forwarded to Croydon and Etheridge for their information.

Tony Hughes advised that TRC would be open to discussing access to gravel pits.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **A copy of FNQROC's NDRRA submission to be forwarded to Croydon and Etheridge (Darlene Irvine).**

8.2 Croydon Shire Council

Ray Kirkman advised:

- Richmond Road – 214km in length, approximately 80km sealed – major cattle transport corridor
- Approx 7km being sealed each year
- Currently drought declared, having to cart water for projects

- Having similar problems as Etheridge with QRA and stabilized crossings
- Other LRRS road is the Nelia Bunda Road – approx. 14km in length unsealed. Rest of the road is in McKinlay Shire. Richmond Road is the priority.

9. Additions to the LRRS Network

Proposed additions to the Etheridge network were discussed as part of Item 8.1.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Etheridge to provide updated LRRS nomination form for consideration at next meeting.**

10. 2012/13 Works Program – Final Position

The comparison table of expenditure for RRGs to the end of May 2013 is shown following.

Regional Road Group	Revised Budget (\$'000)	Forecast Expenditure at 30/6/13 (\$'000)	Revised Budget v Forecast Expenditure	Actual Expenditure (\$'000)	Percentage of Budget Spent
North Queensland	2,288	4,729	207%	4,226	185%
Far North Queensland	3,080	3,224	105%	3,175	103%
Banana	330	347	105%	323	98%
Outback	2,578	2,527	98%	2,502	97%
Whitsunday	1,886	1,887	100%	1,627	86%
Northern SEQ	3,678	3,678	100%	3,165	86%
Wide Bay Burnett	3,213	3,046	95%	2,642	82%
Eastern Downs	2,520	2,417	96%	2,039	81%
Southern Border	1,301	1,372	105%	994	76%
Southern	1,351	1,351	100%	921	68%
CHIRRP	1,633	1,632	100%	1,020	62%
South West	1,848	1,837	99%	980	53%
Western Downs	885	886	100%	466	53%
North West Queensland	2,938	2,937	100%	1400	48%
Brisbane Metro Alliance	938	813	87%	444	47%
Rockhampton	770	682	89%	310	40%
Gladstone	466	394	85%	156	33%
Scenic Valleys	1,707	1191	70%	336	20%
ROCCY	219	219	100%	19	9%
TOTAL	33,629	35,169	105%	26,745	80%

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Gerard Read and Scott Britton to review 2012/13 program and confirm with David Hamilton.**

11. 2013/14 Works Program – Design and Construction Planning Progress Review

Gerard Read advised that depending on the state-wide outcome (balancing of the TIDS program), the forward claiming of \$1.2 million in 2012/13 could result in these funds being available to the RRG again in 2013/14.

David Hamilton advised that 'accelerated' funds will make the close out of 2012/13 messy and it will take a little longer than usual to roll over the program to the next financial year.

ACTION REQUIRED

- **Scott Britton to obtain project status update from each council for 2013/14 projects**
- **Scott Britton to confirm quantum of potential 'unallocated' funding for 2013/14 program year with David Hamilton and advise members**

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- Councils to provide potential projects for consideration and allocation against 'unallocated' funds at next meeting, should this position eventuate.
- Councils to provide updated Statements of Intent, using current format, for roads with potential projects for unallocated funds at next meeting.

12. Update from the Roads Alliance

Ross Kirkman advised that the Roads Alliance Board meeting was postponed and that there was nothing further to update since the previous meeting.

13. Capability Agreement & Action Plan - Progress Review

Darlene Irvine advised that due to time constraints that the Capability Agreement and Action Plan would be sent out for review and consideration at the next meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED

Scott Britton to send out draft Capability Agreement & Action Plan for review and consideration at the next meeting.

14. Asset Management

Noted that the FNQROC Asset Management Group will have a teleconference on 17 July.

15. Road Safety

Noted in Item 6.12

16. General Business

16.1 Royalties for the Regions

Ross Kirkman advised that Round 2 of the Royalties for the Regions will open on July 15 to all councils outside of SEQ.

Zac Murphy advised that of the \$95m in the program, approx. half had already been allocated to projects. A competitive bid process will be used – Councils to submit Proposals and if accepted then a Business Case would be required. Information is available (limited) on DSDIP website. RRG has to endorse road projects.

16.2 STEP

Scott Britton advised that early discussions with ARRB indicated that costs for the STEP program were as follows:

- \$10 per point for FWD data collection and \$10 per point for analysis
- A minimum of 1000 points required to make program viable.

ACTION REQUIRED

Scott Britton to follow up potential costs of STEP with Jon Roberts and Carlos Rial (ARRB)

17. Next RRG Meeting (for information)

Date	Monday 12 August 2013
Venue	Cooktown Community Events Centre, May Street, Cooktown
Time	12.30pm (following the FNQROC Board Meeting)

18. Next Technical Committee Meeting

Date	Thursday 5 September 2013
Venue	Cairns Regional Council, Cairns
Time	9.00am (TBC)

19. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, Chair David Goodman closed the meeting at 2.00pm and thanked everyone for attending.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item	Action	Responsible Person(s)
ABM Study Review Report	The activities table (Appendix F) is to be updated.	Gerard Read / Scott Britton)
	The cost/benefit analysis (Appendix J) is to be checked and updated if necessary.	Steve Cosatto
	The balance of the report is to be updated.	Darlene Irvine / Gerard Read / Scott Britton
Bridge Asset Management – Alternate Timber Bridge Manual	Other RRGs to be approached regarding support for the manual.	Scott Britton / Gerard Read
NVHR Pilot	Scott Britton to follow up trial of PBS Route Assessment Tool with Cairns	Scott Britton
Statements of Intent	Cairns to develop the alternative SOI for one of its LRRS.	Sam Wakeford / Scott Britton
Traffic Counts	All members are to forward any updated traffic count details to Scott Britton	All members
	Review traffic count data held by FNQROC and advise members of counts that are greater than 3 years old.	Scott Britton
DTMR Speed Limit Review	FNQRRG to write to DTMR nominating roads for consideration as part of the Speed Limit Review.	Scott Britton
New Regional Road Group Members	A copy of FNQROC's NDRRA submission to be forwarded to Croydon and Etheridge	Darlene Irvine
Additions to the LRRS Network	Etheridge to provide updated LRRS nomination form for consideration at next meeting.	Rohana Samarasekera
2012/13 Works Program – Final Position	Gerard Read and Scott Britton to review 2012/13 program and confirm with David Hamilton.	Gerard Read / Scott Britton
2013/14 Works Program – Design and Construction Planning Progress Review	Scott Britton to obtain project status update from each council for 2013/14 projects	Scott Britton
	Scott Britton to confirm quantum of potential 'unallocated' funding for 2013/14 program year with David Hamilton and advise members	Scott Britton
	Councils to provide potential projects for consideration and allocation against 'unallocated' funds at next meeting, should this position eventuate.	All councils
	Councils to provide updated Statements of Intent, using current format, for roads with potential projects for unallocated funds at next meeting.	All Councils
Capability Agreement and Action Plan – Progress Review	Scott Britton to send out draft Capability Agreement & Action Plan for review and consideration at the next meeting.	Scott Britton
General Business - STEP	Scott Britton to follow up potential costs of STEP with Jon Roberts and Carlos Rial (ARRB).	Scott Britton



Far North Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group

MINUTES

REGIONAL ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP MEETING No.39

Held on Monday 12 August 2013
at the Cooktown Events Centre, May Street, Cooktown

ATTENDANCE	Cr Peter Scott (Chair)	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Bill Shannon (Deputy Chair)	Cassowary Coast Regional Council
	Cr Bob Manning	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Julia Leu	Cairns Regional Council
	Cr Penny Johnson	Cook Shire Council
	Cr Trevor Pickering	Croydon Shire Council
	Cr Rosa Lee Long	Tablelands Regional Council
	Cr Alister Gibson	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Tony Potter	DTMR Far North
	Terry Brennan	Cassowary Coast Regional Council (CEO)
	Bill Kerwin	Croydon Shire Council (CEO)
	Ian Church	Tablelands Regional Council (CEO)
	Peter McCulkin	Weipa Town Authority (Chairman)
	Ian Pressley	Weipa Town Authority (CEO)
	Greg Hoffman	LGAQ / RTAB
	Jo Lencz	DTMR / RTAPT
	Don Cousins	DLGCRR
	Darlene Irvine	FNQROC (Executive Officer)
	Scott Britton	FNQROC
	Steven Cosatto	FNQROC
	Sandra McCormack	FNQROC
APOLOGIES	Cr William Attwood	Etheridge Shire Council
	Cr Clifford Harrigan	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
	Peter Tabulo	Cairns Regional Council (CEO)
	Steve Wilton	Cook Shire Council (CEO)
	Lew Rojahn	Etheridge Shire Council (CEO)
	Alan Neilan	Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council (CEO)
	David Goodman (TC Chair)	Cassowary Coast Regional Council

1. Opening Remarks and Welcome

Chair, Cr Peter Scott opened the meeting at 12.25 pm and welcomed Croydon and Etheridge Shire Council's to their first official meeting as members of the FNQRRTG.

2. Apologies

As noted above.

3. FNQRRG Annual Report 2012-2013

The Annual Report for the 2012-13 financial year was received and noted.

4. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair

The positions of Chair and Deputy Chair were declared open.

4.1 Election of Chair

Ms Irvine called for nominations for the position of Chair.

Cr Peter Scott

NOMINATED by Cr Bill Shannon

SECONDED by Cr Trevor Pickering

There being no further nominations, Cr Peter Scott was elected Chair of FNQRRTG.

4.2 Election of Deputy Chair

The Chair called for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair.

Cr Bill Shannon

NOMINATED by Cr Peter Scott

SECONDED by Cr Rosa Lee Long

There being no further nominations, Cr Bill Shannon was elected Deputy Chair of FNQRRTG.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

5.1 Minutes of RRG Meeting No.38 held on 3 June 2013 in Cairns

<p><i>MOVED Cr Bill Shannon</i> <i>SECONDED Cr Trevor Pickering</i></p> <p><i>That the Minutes of RRG Meeting No. 38 held on 3 June 2013 in Cairns be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>CARRIED</i></p>

5.2 Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No.69 held on 8 July 2013 in Cairns

<p><i>RESOLVED</i></p> <p><i>That the Minutes of Technical Committee Meeting No. 69 held on 8 July 2013 in Cairns be received and noted.</i></p>
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6. Business Arising out of Minutes

6.1 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Woobadda Creek Crossing

Noted for information. Cr Johnson raised concerns with the design of the project and its potential impacts. Cr Manning requested that Ms Irvine meet with him to discuss the project.

ACTION: Ms Irvine to meet with Cr Manning to discuss the Woobadda Creek Crossing project.

6.2 Cape Tribulation to Bloomfield Link – Bloomfield River Crossing at Wujal Wujal

Noted for information. Mr Potter advised:

- Tenders received were in excess of the project budget.
- Funding for the project is coming from 3 sources: ATSI TIDS, Federal Government and NDRRA (from existing causeway).

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- Revision of project scope has been undertaken to reduce project costs. Currently being reviewed by technical staff in Brisbane.
 - An extension to award of tender had been sought and granted. Further delays would result in need to renegotiate with preferred tenderer.

Mr Cousins advised the Federal Inspectorate is undertaking a 'Tier 2' review of the project. There was a risk that the temporary works undertaken could be viewed as the final works required.

6.3 Kirrama Range Road

Cr Shannon advised the Federal funding is coming through the State and that Cassowary Coast had drafted an MOU which was provided to the State Government approximately 3 to 4 weeks ago. These procedural matters would be finalised prior to orders for materials being placed.

6.4 FNQROC Joint Reseal Contract & Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers

Mr Cosatto advised:

- Participating Councils have ratified recommendations of the Project Steering Committee
- Councils currently in process of sending letters of acceptance to Pan Materials.
- Excellent work delivering strong result in first year. It is anticipated that there will be some bumps during the first year (being a new initiative for both councils and the supplier) and we anticipate further improvements in the second year.
- Further savings could be achieved through access to State Government arrangements.

7. **2012/13 Works Program – Final Position**

The 127% expenditure level achieved in 2012/13 was noted.

Cr Scott commended the efforts of all members in the achievement of this result. Mr Hoffman advised that the 'use it or lose it' mantra is the position adopted by Treasury and is being enforced across all State Government agencies.

8. **Update from Roads Alliance**

8.1 TIDS "One Bucket" Funding Model

Ms Lencz advised:

- The Roads Alliance has been expanded to the Roads and Transport Alliance given that TIDS funding can now be applied to transport projects.
- There were a number of changes arising from the adoption of the "One Bucket" approach by the RTAB, including a number of TIDS funding categories having been merged into one for allocation by RRTGs.
- A new MOA for the Roads and Transport Alliance was signed by the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and the LGAQ President in Longreach last week.
- The TIDS Policy and the Operational Guidelines had been updated to reflect the One Bucket approach.

8.2 2014/15 Onwards TIDS Funding Levels

Mr Hoffman tabled the RTAB's response to Ms Irvine's letter regarding previous RTAB correspondence that notified revised funding levels. Mr Hoffman further advised:

- Two part allocation formula used to determine funding allocations to RRTGs:
 - 20% based upon number of councils in the RRTG.
 - 80% based upon the overall length of local government controlled roads in the RRTG.

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- The new methodology is different to those that had been used in previous allocation rounds.
 - The Douglas and Mareeba Shire Councils were not included in the calculation of the 20% based on the number of councils as they do not come into existence until 1 January 2014. Allocations would be revised to consider these Councils at some point in the future. A timeframe for this adjustment has yet to be set.

Ms Irvine advised that correspondence received from the RTAB indicated a 12.5% increase. However, once the funding from Croydon and Etheridge was factored in, there was in fact a 9.9% decrease. The letter to the RTAB sought clarification of this point. Further to this:

- Ms Lencz advised that the decision to transfer 2013/14 funding with Croydon and Etheridge was made by the North West Queensland RRTG not the RTAB.
- Ms Irvine further advised that FNQRRTG has gone out of its way to be supportive of the initiatives of the alliance, abiding by the guidelines being set and helping other groups with funding transfers in 2012/2013, however we continue to be penalised for doing the right thing.

Mr Britton advised the 2014/15 program is over-committed when compared to the revised allocation. The task for the Technical Committee will be to undertake a further round of deferrals/cuts to the program to balance the program to the revised allocation.

Cr Scott noted that commitments had been made by Councils to meet previous funding levels. A review of priorities by the Technical Committee may warrant a case for additional funding being put to the RTAB. Cr Shannon noted that consideration should be given to phasing in the changes over a couple of years. Mr Hoffman gave an undertaking to advise members of the RTAB of the concerns raised by FNQRRTG at the next RTAB meeting.

8.3 Other

No other items to report.

9. Road Safety

Nil.

10. Asset Management

Mr Britton advised that an application for State-wide Capability Funding regarding the hosting of an IPWEA NAMS.PLUS 2 Asset Management Training workshop in Cairns had been prepared. Consultation with the RTAPT has been undertaken, and the application would be lodged in the coming days.

ACTION: State-wide Capability Funding application for asset management training to be lodged with the RTAB (Mr Britton).

11. General Business

11.1 DTMR Speed Limit Review

Mr Britton advised that this project is being undertaken by DTMR to review the speed limits on up to 100 roads across Queensland. Technical Committee has considered roads to be nominated with a letter to be sent to the Road Safety Division of DTMR in Brisbane.

ACTION: Letter to be sent to the Road Safety Division of DTMR nominating roads for consideration as part of the review (Mr Britton).

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11.2 DTMR Freight Strategy

Mr Britton advised that the consultation period closes today. Opportunity provided for Councils to provide direct feedback on draft strategy to DTMR.

11.3 DTMR Roadside weed management (late item)

Mr Potter advised:

- Roadside weed management not seen as a high priority under the department's state-wide 'elements' process.
- Limited funding available state-wide, further impacted by budget cuts
- Some weed management had been factored into RMPC
- If there were priority areas and projects let DTMR know and they will work with councils.
- Will confirm the quantum of funds available and advise

ACTION:

1. **Mr Potter to advise Ms Irvine of quantum of funds available for roadside weed management (Mr Potter).**
2. **Ms Irvine to provide Mr Potter with information regarding councils' priority programs (Ms Irvine).**

11.4 Royalties for the Regions Round 2 (late item)

Mr Britton advised that a letter of support from the RRTG was required for roads projects under the submission guidelines. Three projects were circulated to the Technical Committee for consideration, with no objections received. Letters of support have been drafted for two projects on state-controlled roads:

- Georgetown to Forsayth Road – application for \$6 million in funding (being 100% of estimated project cost) for the formation and sealing of a 13.57km section that will complete the sealing of this road (Etheridge Shire)
- Burke Developmental Road – application for \$9.5 million in funding (being 100% of estimated project cost) to progress the formation and sealing of various sections totalling 6.5km between Almaden and Chillagoe (Tablelands Regional Council).

There were no objections to a letter of support for being provided for these projects.

Ms Irvine noted that the third project was the Lake Street Extension Project in Cairns. Mr Britton advised that the request for a letter of support had been withdrawn.

Mr McCulkin advised that the Weipa Town Authority would seek support of FNQRRTG and others for road projects between the Archer River and Weipa. This support would be for an application under Round 3 which is expected to open in early 2014. Members advised they would be happy to consider supporting in the next round.

RESOLVED

That the FNQRRTG provide a letter of support for the following projects under Royalties for the Regions Round 2:

1. ***Georgetown to Forsayth Road - \$6m for 13.57km which will complete the sealing of this road (Etheridge Shire Council), and***
2. ***Burke Developmental Road – \$9.5m for 6.5km to progress the sealing of this road between Almaden and Chillagoe (Tablelands Regional Council)***

ACTION: Letters of support to be provided to Etheridge Shire and Tablelands Regional Councils for their respective projects (Mr Britton)

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11.5 RAPTAR Initiative (late item)

Cr Johnson provided an overview of the RAPTAR Initiative (road safety education program) and encouraged all present to promote this initiative within their respective communities, particularly through schools.

12. Next Technical Committee Meeting

Date Thursday 5 September 2013
Venue Cairns Regional Council, Cairns
Time 9.00am

13. Next RRG Meeting

Date Monday 14 October 2013
Venue Cairns Regional council
Time 1.30pm (following the FNQROC Board Meeting)

14. Meeting Closure

There being no further business, Cr Scott closed the meeting at 1.30pm and thanked everyone for attending.

ACTIONS

Agenda Item	Action	Action Officer
Woobadda Creek Crossing	Ms Irvine to meet with Cr Manning to discuss the Woobadda Creek Crossing project	Ms Irvine
Asset Management	State-wide Capability Funding application for asset management training to be lodged with the RTAB	Mr Britton
DTMR Speed Limit Review	Letter to be sent to the Road Safety Division of DTMR nominating roads for consideration as part of the review	Mr Britton
DTMR Roadside weed management	Mr Potter to advise Ms Irvine of quantum of funds available for roadside weed management	Mr Potter
	Ms Irvine to provide Mr Potter with information regarding councils' priority programs	Ms Irvine
Royalties for the Regions Round 2	Letters of support to be provided to Etheridge Shire and Tablelands Regional Councils for their respective projects	Mr Britton

Regional Road Group	Date
FNQRRGTC	22/08/2013

Area initiating the change (RRG, RRG Tech Committee, Local Government, Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) etc)

Etheridge Shire through the FNQRRG Technical Committee

Change requestor name	Contact number
Director Engineering Services - Etheridge Shire Council	07 40621233 ext 208

Change details

Type of change to LRRS Network

- Addition (any additions must meet LRRS functionality criteria)
- Removal
- Change in road ownership

Nominated road name

North Head Road

Local Government/s impacted

Etheridge Shire - Georgetown, Forsyth, Mt Surprise and Einasleigh and neighbouring Reigions

Reason for change

A much travelled tourist route leading to the popular Cobbold Gorge Resort.
 Road users:
 8 Pastoral Leases with agistments that increases the usage.
 Road Trains on an average 236 decks over a 12 month period (120 from Robin Hood Station, 50 decks from North Head and 66 decks from Townley, Heliman and long Gully).
 Tourism approximately 3000 sedans and 4WD's and 80 coaches visit Cobbold Gorge and Agate Creek Gem Fields over an 8 month period annually.
 Local traffic comprise of 14 households, Mail

Map attached: (this is a mandatory requirement) Yes No A locality map is provided with the location marked on the current RRG map for reference.

Note: The scale of the map must be appropriate to clearly define the change extent (the start and end points of the addition or removal)

Current road owner

State Government (TMR)

Local Government

What is the financial impact on the road owner's annual average committed funding level from this LRRS network change.

a favourable 20% to Council

Council will adopt fitness for purpose solutions and minimise risk. Council is also committed to maintaining the current level of maintenance funding.
 configuration and standard of the road desired is clear vision, 8m wide and unsealed at present. in the future there may be a need to seal and or stabilise crossings or perhaps provide RC crossings.
 short term - will be maintenance with Council funding.
 long term - adress roughness and ride quality with TIDS and

Road owner's representative signature	Date
Approved <input type="checkbox"/>	Not approved <input type="checkbox"/>

RRG Review

Technical committee recommendation

Chair name	Signature	Date reviewed
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Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not approved <input type="checkbox"/>		

RRG recommendation	Signature	Date approved

Approved Not approved

Local Roads of Regional Significance Change Request... Continued (page 2 of 2)

TMR Region

Name

Signature

Date

Approved Not approved

Roads Alliance Board endorsement of proposed change

Chair name

Signature

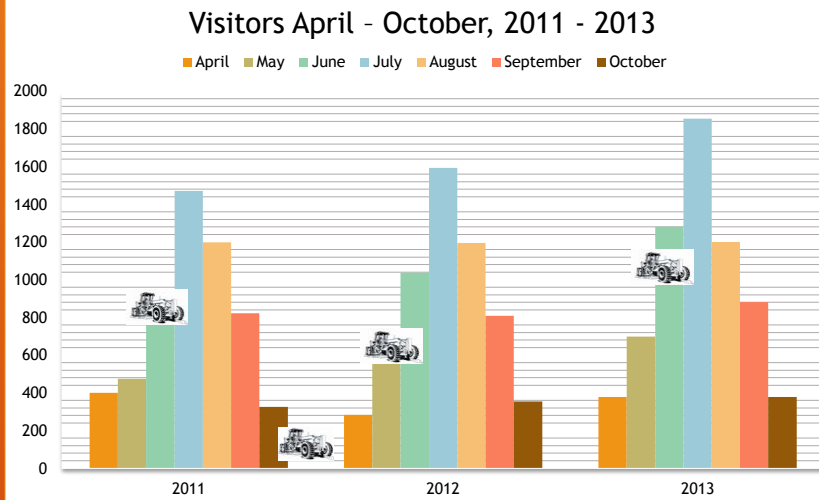
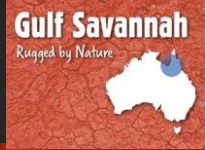
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Approved Not approved

If you require any additional information, please contact the TMR or LGAQ officer who supports your Regional Road Group.

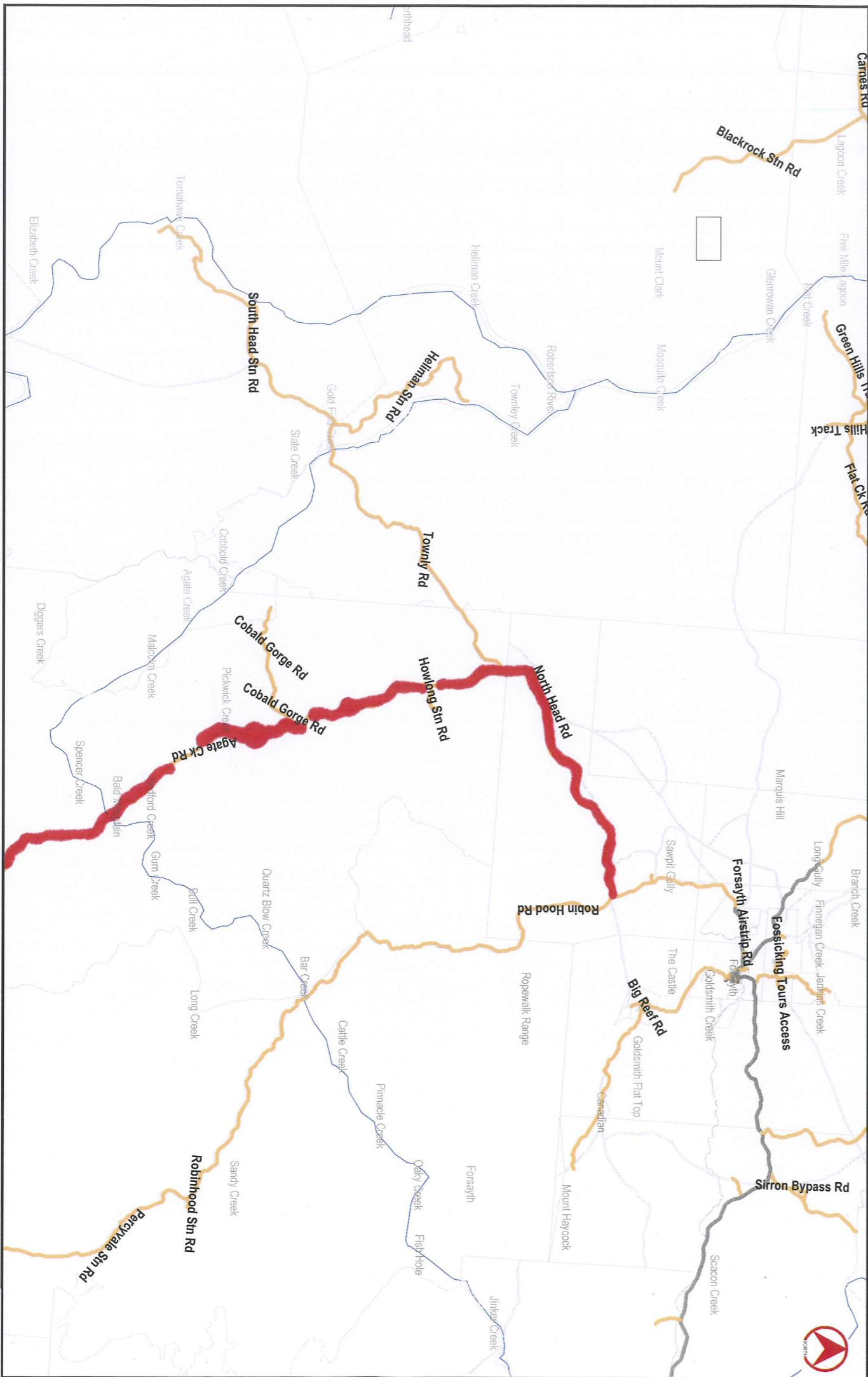
Configuration	Vision to be at a desirable standard, 8m wide unsealed
Condition Standard	Maintain existing road. Short term – maintenance (Council) Long term – improve roughness and ride quality
Gap analysis	Some sections of road require improvement to roughness (maintenance). Approximately 80% of the road require widening to reach the desired level.
Scope of work under TIDS over 15 years	Widening of road. Improve drainage structures thereby improving on access over the wet season. Improve roughness (stabilising). Form and seal sections based on most needed basis. Improve flood immunity across water courses.
Scope of work under TIDS over 2 years	Undertake routine maintenance as required (Council) Undertake form and seal Improve drainage structures
Projected outcomes	Improved safety of travel for all traffic videlicet: local, heavy transport, tourists and Council during all seasons
Projected Performance in 15 years	Vision: 100% of subject road to conform with configuration standards and maintained to the required condition standards in accordance with Council's CSS.
Projected 15 year investment collectively	An Estimate considering industrial standard increases (CPI etc) @ \$3.83M

Increase in Visitor Numbers & Schedule of Historical Grades



- 2013 figures based on data to date as projected September/October
- Monthly totals taken from Tour numbers.

NOTE: Historically, road maintenance has occurred outside peak traffic flow periods.



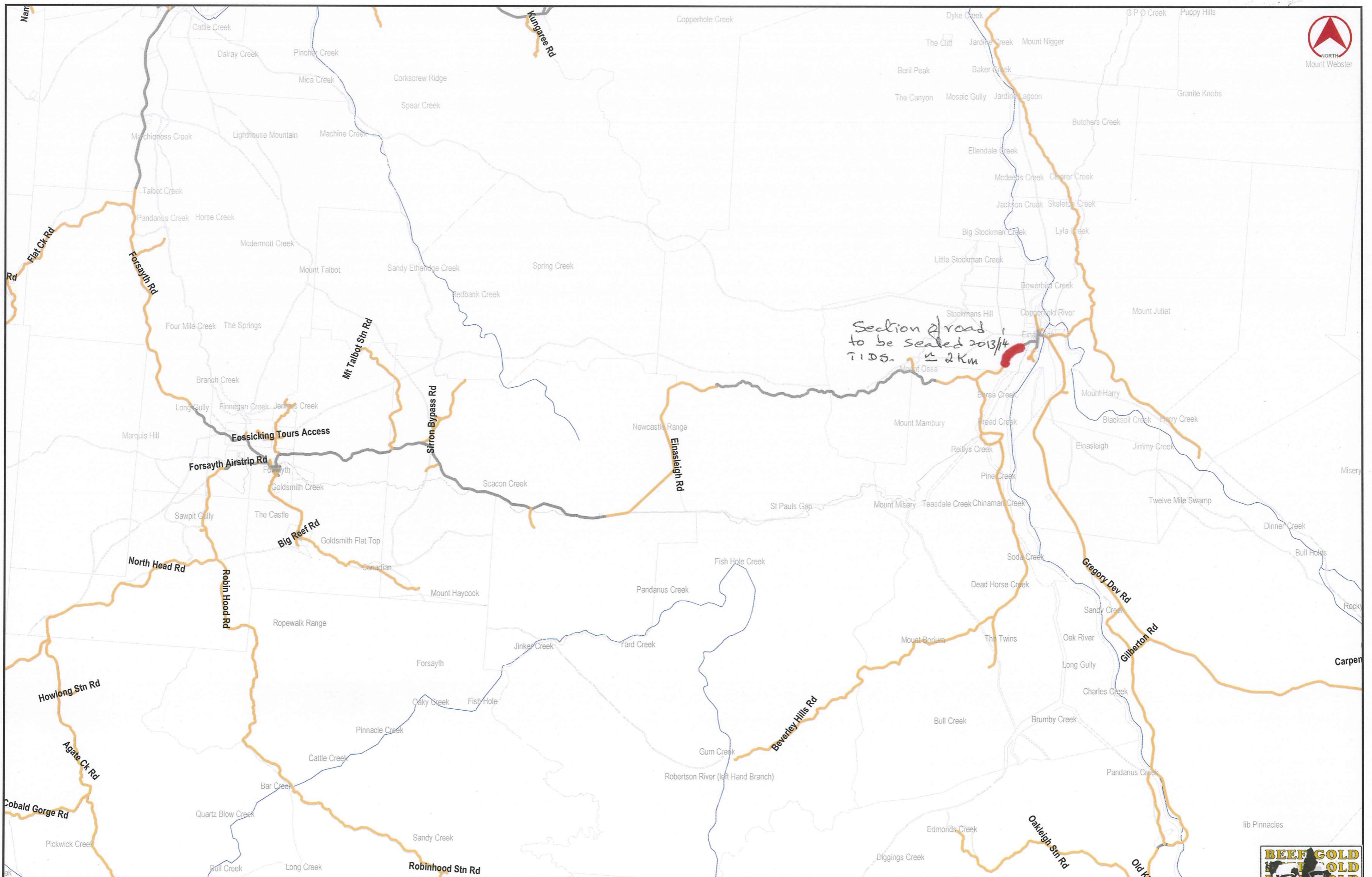
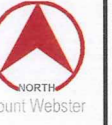
North heads

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Far North Queensland RRTG CAPABILITY AGREEMENT & ACTION PLAN – 2013/14

DRAFT for consideration 5 September 2013

Please note – costs shown are external costs only to FNQRRTG and don't include members' time costs.

Current Capability Level (at 30/06/13)	Desired Capability Level (by 30/06/14)	Agreed Actions	How will this Action get your RRTG to the Desired Capability Level?	Costing (Informal Estimate) & Funding Source*	Accountable Officer	Timeframe for Completion	PROGRESS
OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS							
HIGH (HIGH at 30/06/13)	HIGH	Secretariat / administrative support.	Ensures RRTG functions successfully and effectively. Information sharing, communication, and relationship between members will be maintained and improved. Regional focus will be enhanced.	\$61,000 (RRTG Capability) \$61,000 (Councils)	FNQROC	Ongoing	
		Minimum of 6 x TC meetings to be held and scheduled in advance.		Nil	Regional Infrastructure Project Coordinator (RIPC)	30 June 2014	
		Minimum of 4 x RRTG meetings to be held and scheduled in advance.		Nil	RIPC	30 June 2014.	
		Each member to be represented at minimum 5 out of 6 TC meetings.		Nil	TC Members	Each TC Meeting.	
		Each member to be represented at minimum 3 out of 4 RRTG meetings.		Nil	RRTG Members	Each RRTG Meeting.	
		Agendas of meetings to be documented and distributed.		Nil	RIPC	One week prior to each TC and RRTG Meeting.	
		Minutes of meetings to be documented and distributed.		Nil	RIPC	Two weeks following each TC and RRTG Meeting.	
		RTAPT to be represented at minimum 5 out of 6 TC meetings.		Nil	RTAPT	Each TC Meeting.	
		RTAPT to be represented at minimum 3 out of 4 RRTG meetings.		Nil	RTAPT	Each RRTG Meeting.	
		All Roads Alliance documentation (correspondence, circulars, technical notes, reports etc) to be distributed to all members.		Nil	RIPC	As required	
		Information session on the RA for new TC members when existing TC members are replaced.	Nil	RIPC	As required		
		Information session on the RA for new RRTG members appointed to RRTG.	Nil	RIPC	As required		
		Review Capability Agreement & Action Plan at each TC Meeting and present review to each RRTG Meeting.	Nil	RIPC & TC Members	Each TC Meeting.		

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT							
MODERATE TO HIGH (MODERATE to HIGH at 30/06/13)	MODERATE TO HIGH	Review and update LRRS Statements of Intent.	Regional investment strategy will be relevant and current.	Nil	TC Members RIPC	31 December 2013	
		Review and update regional investment strategy using Roads Alliance "Investment Strategy Tool".		Nil	TC Members, RIPC	TBD (once Tool released by RTAPT)	
		Inspection of LRRS network.	Knowledge of the network by each RRTG member will be adequate for discussion and decision making.	Nil	TC Members	30 June 2014	
		Presentation of 2013/14 (and beyond) TMR LRRS works program to TC Meeting.	Compliance with the Roads Alliance Operational Guidelines will be met.	Nil	TC Members from TMR Far North	September 2013 TC Meeting	
		Confirm detailed design is complete for 2014/15 projects	As projects will be 'shovel ready', timely expenditure of TIDS expenditure rates will be in line with new 'Use it or lose it' mantra of the RAB.	Nil	TC Members	June 2014	
		Develop 2014/15 to 2018/19 Roads Alliance TIDS works program using PPT and other tools.	Defensible and robust works programs will be produced in accordance with new TIDS Policy. LGs will have an increased knowledge and greater input into TMR works program on the LRRS network.	Nil	TC Members RIPC	28 February 2014	
		Regular review of design progress, construction planning, construction progress and expenditure progress of the 2013/14 works program for: • Roads Alliance TIDS • SafeST TIDS • Capability TIDS • RSDP • ATSI TIDS • TMR LRRS	Potential underspend of TIDS funding will be detected early and action taken to rectify. Works program will be amended and funding will be reallocated to ensure TIDS funding is spent expeditiously.	Nil	TC Members RIPC	Each TC Meeting.	
		Training for TC members in use of PPT.	TC members' skills will increase and consequently input data will be more accurate and adequate, thus more robust works programs will be developed.	Nil	RTAPT to Deliver	As required	
		Regular submission of TIDS claims to TMR.	TIDS expenditure rates will be in line with new 'Use it or lose it' mantra of the RAB	Nil	TC Members	Quarterly as a minimum.	
ROAD SAFETY							
MODERATE (MODERATE at 30/06/13)	MODERATE	QT Road Safety representative to attend TC Meetings.	TC members will be aware of regional road safety strategies, initiatives and programs. Ensures road safety will be considered and treated collaboratively.	Nil	TMR	Each TC Meeting.	
		NetRISK Training for TC members.	Road safety problems on the LRRS network will be identified and addressed in a prioritised and defensible manner.	Nil	TC Members RIPC	As required	
		Analysis of NetRISK data by individual TC members and review by RRTG.		Nil	TC Members	Ongoing	
		Analysis of road crash data by individual TC members and review by RRTG.		Nil	TC Members	Ongoing	
		Treatments or projects scheduled (capital or maintenance) from NetRISK and road crash data analysis.		Nil	TC Members	Ongoing	
		RSRM Training for TC members.		Defensible, appropriate and "best fit" initiatives will be scheduled to address road safety problems on the general road network.	Nil	TC Members	As required

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JOINT PURCHASING & RESOURCE SHARING							
MODERATE to HIGH (MODERATE TO HIGH at 30/06/13)	HIGH	Review Stage 2 findings of "Alternative Business Models" pilot study.	Working relationship between members will be improved.	Nil	TC Members	31 December 2013	
		Retention of Regional Procurement Officer.	Joint purchasing opportunities and potential regional efficiencies will be identified and capitalised upon.	\$65,000 (RAB Capability) \$65,000 (Councils)	FNQROC	Ongoing	
		Process review of FNQ Bitumen Reseal Tender and ROPS		Nil	Regional Procurement Officer TC Members	30 June 2014	
ASSET MANAGEMENT							
MODERATE (MODERATE at 30/06/13)	MODERATE	Develop and review LRRS network central asset registers.	Road asset data will be current and of high quality to produce accurate and comprehensive AM Plans and associated LTFPs.	Nil	RIPC TC Members	30 June 2014	
		Undertake road condition assessment of LRRS network.		\$75,000 (RAB Capability) \$75,000 (Councils)	TC Members (ARRB/TMR to deliver?)	30 June 2014	
		Training for TC members in use of the Roads Alliance HUB database software.	TC members' skills will be developed and consequently data and reporting will be more accurate and adequate, thus integrity of Roads Alliance HUB will be established and maintained.	Nil (assumed)	RTAPT	When required by RTAPT	
		Review opportunities, and if approved by FNQRRTG, establish Pilot to further evaluate pavement strength testing	Pavement data will be current and of high quality as input into comprehensive AM Plans and associated LTFPs.	\$TBD (RAB Capability Application to be made)	RIPC TC Members	31 December 2013	
		Undertake training for Member Councils on NAMS.PLUS 2. Training session to be held in FNQ Region	Development of comprehensive AM Plans	Up to \$25,000 (RAB Capability)	RIPC TC Members IPWEA	31 December 2013	
		Gain support from other RRTGs/Organisations for the Development of alternative Timber Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Manual.	Increase the technical capabilities of Council and TMR staff and significantly reduce whole-of-life costs without compromising service levels.	\$164,000 (RAB Capability)	RIPC TC Chair Other RRTGs and Organisations (Timber Restoration Systems Pty Ltd to deliver?)	31 March 2014	
		Undertake traffic counts on LRRS network.	Traffic data on LRRS network will be of high quality and accurate.	Nil	TC Members	Ongoing	



FNQROC REGIONAL STREET LIGHTING PROGRAM

Daniela Gambotto: #4065385

Recommendation:

That:

1. FNQROC write to Ergon Energy Executive requesting that a Service Level Agreement be developed which outlines what our maintenance charges cover including:
 - a. details of forward planning for bulk replacement programs,
 - b. maintenance reporting requirements and
 - c. energy efficient opportunities in replacement cycles.
2. We also request that all existing out of date luminaires be identified for replacement with Energy Efficient equivalents as a priority in Ergon Energy’s Bulk Replacement Program.

INTRODUCTION:

In the FNQROC region, there are an estimated 4361 mercury vapour luminaires that are over 15 years old. By the Australian Energy Regulator definition, these are considered close to, or beyond their economic life.

The following table indicates the energy costs councils are currently paying for those out-of-date luminaires and the savings that could be made if these were to be retrofitted with Energy Efficient Compact Fluorescent Globes (based on current electricity tariffs):

Savings if all M50/M80 replaced with CFL32			
Council	Total current cost (p.a.) (M50 & M80)	Total cost CFL32 (p.a.)	Total saving (p.a.)
Cairns Regional Council	\$370,864.26	\$191,263.76	\$179,600.49
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	\$24,202.14	\$14,172.06	\$10,030.08
Tablelands Regional Council	\$44,248.97	\$25,923.06	\$18,325.91
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	\$50,415.80	\$20,962.84	\$29,452.96
Cook Shire Council	\$8,850.37	\$5,196.42	\$3,653.95
TOTALS	\$498,581.54	\$257,518.14	\$241,063.39

Up until July 2012, Councils were paying an Alternative Control Services (ACS) charge for the installation, operation and maintenance of street lighting assets owned by Ergon Energy. Currently the state government is wholly subsidising this charge.

However, from July 2014, we understand that the government is likely to reinstate ACS charges at a sliding scale increase commencing with 10% of the full charge. This is likely to continue increasing until councils are again paying the full ACS charge.

As an indication of what this might look like, early calculations based on available data indicate the following costs being reinstated for the current stock of out-of-date luminaires:

Alternative Control Services Charge (ACS) on out-of-date luminaires				
Council	Total luminaires	Scenario 1 - current fully subsidised ACS charge	Scenario 2 - LG paying 10% ACS charge	Scenario 3 - LG paying full ACS charge
Cairns Regional Council	3,239	\$0.00	\$89,072.50	\$890,725.00
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	240	\$0.00	\$6,600.00	\$66,000.00
Tablelands Regional Council	439	\$0.00	\$12,072.50	\$120,725.00
Hinchinbrook Shire Council	355	\$0.00	\$9,762.50	\$97,625.00
Cook Shire Council	88	\$0.00	\$2,420.00	\$24,200.00
TOTALS	4,361	\$0.00	\$119,927.50	\$1,199,275.00

And the following table shows the ACS charges that will apply across the regions entire street lighting stock:

Alternative Control Services Charge (ACS) for all FNQROC luminaires								
Council	Wattage	No. Luminaries	Rate	Scenario 1 - Fully subsidised ACS charge	Scenario 2 LG paying 10% ACS charge	Total Scenario 2	Scenario 3 - LG paying full ACS charge	Total Scenario 3
CRC	<135W	13,689	\$200.75	\$0.00	\$274,806.68	\$393,614.18	\$2,748,066.75	\$3,936,141.75
	>135W	3,500	\$339.45	\$0.00	\$118,807.50		\$1,188,075.00	
CSC	<135W	267	\$200.75	\$0.00	\$5,360.03	\$6,989.39	\$53,600.25	\$69,893.85
	>135W	48	\$339.45	\$0.00	\$1,629.36		\$16,293.60	
HSC	<135W	973	\$200.75	\$0.00	\$19,532.98	\$35,147.68	\$195,329.75	\$351,476.75
	>135W	460	\$339.45	\$0.00	\$15,614.70		\$156,147.00	
CCRC	<135W	2,134	\$200.75	\$0.00	\$42,840.05	\$58,386.86	\$428,400.50	\$583,868.60
	>135W	458	\$339.45	\$0.00	\$15,546.81		\$155,468.10	
TRC	<135W	2,408	\$200.75	\$0.00	\$48,340.60	\$58,693.83	\$483,406.00	\$586,938.25
	>135W	305	\$339.45	\$0.00	\$10,353.23		\$103,532.25	
TOTAL				\$0.00		\$552,831.92		\$5,528,319.20

These figures paint a good picture of the contributions Councils have been paying for maintenance in the past. The key question to flow from this is – if Council’s have been paying so much in maintenance, why have we still got infrastructure in place that is beyond its economic life (and is costing councils more in terms of energy usage)?

To date there is no Service Level Agreement (SLA) in place between Councils and Ergon Energy so we have no way of knowing what we have been getting in the past, or will get in the future for our ACS charge. If an SLA were implemented, we would be better able to hold Ergon Energy accountable. This matter has been pursued with Ergon Energy staff, however, to date no action has been taken.

OPTIONS

1. Retain the status quo - continue paying Ergon Energy ACS charges without question.
2. Threaten to refuse payment of ACS charges when they are reinstated.
3. Work together with Ergon to put in place a Service Level Agreement which outlines what ACS charges cover including details of forward planning for bulk replacement programs, maintenance reporting requirements and energy efficient opportunities in replacement cycles. The flow on from this will be the retrofit of the existing out of date luminaires. It will also put Ergon on notice that FNQROC members are no longer going to pay the ACS charge without question.

Daniela Gambotto
Regional Planning and Sustainability Coordinator

Darlene Irvine
FNQROC Executive Officer

Our ref: 4027/4086372

21 August 2013

Mr Ian McLeod
Chief Executive
Ergon Energy
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TOWNSVILLE QLD 4810

Dear Mr McLeod

Street Lighting Service Level Agreement – FNQ Councils

The Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) membership is made up of Councils from Ingham north to Cooktown and west to Croydon in Far North Queensland, covering a total area of approximately 250,000 square kilometres. We include the Local Government areas of Hinchinbrook, Cassowary Coast, Cairns, Cook, Tablelands, Croydon and the Aboriginal Shire Councils of Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah. We are a Local Government representative body which facilitates partnerships, programs and efficiencies across these eight Local Government areas.

We write to firstly thank your organisation for the provision of street lighting data to our member Councils. We have been able to undertake spatial analysis of this data and thus clarified some street lighting ownership issues across our region. We commend you on undertaking such a lengthy and tedious procedure and are keen to continue working with Ergon Energy to finalise and maintain these data sets.

However, the issue of costs (for energy consumption and maintenance) associated with street lighting has been highlighted as a key issue for our region. The FNQROC Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Strategy and Strategic Directions 2012-2017 paper both listed this as one of FNQROC's priority action areas.

Of particular concern to member Councils at this stage is the Alternative Control Service (ACS) charge. While it is recognised that ACS charges are currently being subsidised by the state, this cannot continue indefinitely. We are acutely aware of the significant increase in costs which are likely to be handed back to Councils in the coming years. As a result, we are keen to work with Ergon Energy to improve street light maintenance accountability prior to the reinstatement of charges to Councils.

The following highlights our key issues on this matter:

- There is no Service Level Agreement (SLA) and maintenance reporting process in place between Councils and Ergon Energy. Council is unaware of how its ACS charges have been or will be spent in the future;
- There is little communication between Councils and Ergon Energy on the forward planning for bulk replacement programs and associated strategic planning to maximise energy efficiency opportunities for lights scheduled for replacement at end of economic life (i.e. 20 years old);

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- There are more than 4000 luminaires still operating in the region which are nearing or past their useful life (20 years) and Councils are concerned as to why these lights have not been replaced as part of scheduled change-outs, paid via Council's previous maintenance charges;
- Councils would like to see the move towards embedding energy efficiency opportunities into an SLA to enable energy efficient replacements to take place as part of normal asset replacement cycles.

These matters have already been raised with Ergon Energy officers and the Line Maintenance Contractors, however, to date there has been no action. FNQROC is keen to commence negotiations with Ergon Energy on this matter as soon as possible. We are therefore requesting that this matter be listed as a high priority within your organisation.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. Should you wish to discuss this matter in further detail, please contact Darlene Irvine, Executive Officer on 07 4044 3038 or 0403 808 680.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill Shannon', written in a cursive style.

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