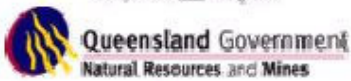


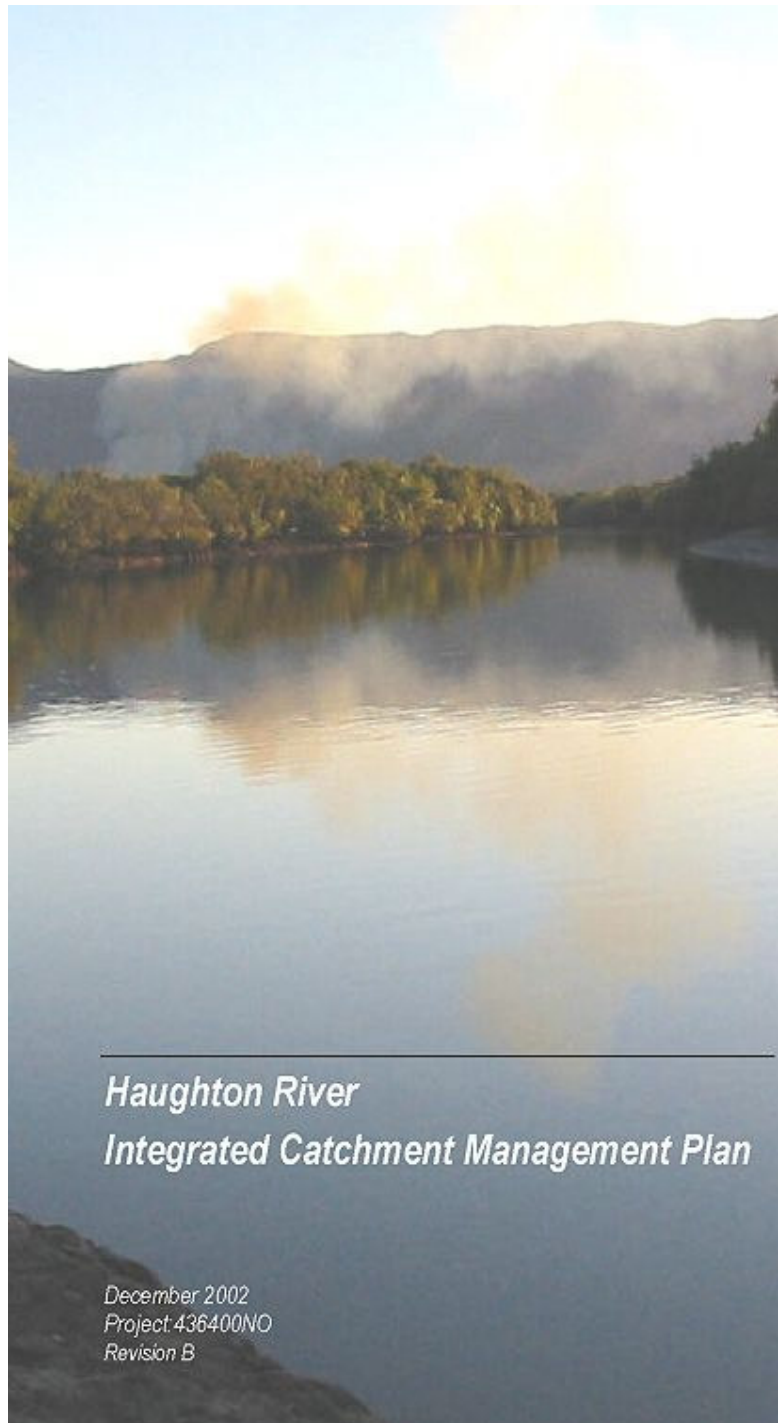
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Preface

This document is the *Integrated Catchment Management Plan for the Haughton River Catchment* in North Queensland. It should be read in conjunction with *Volume 2 – Appendices* and the *Haughton River Catchment Overview Report*, Connell Wagner, September 2002.

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Chairman's Foreword

It has become increasingly apparent that the social, economic, physical and environmental wellbeing of our current and future communities will only be maintained and enhanced if, when using land or waters within a river catchment, the natural systems and ecological processes are appropriately protected. Sustainable resource management can only be achieved through a catchment wide co-ordinated approach that is substantially community based.

The Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust recognised that, though its responsibility for the Haughton River is limited to managing the stability of the banks and the bed of its lower reaches, various elements of management of the river are co-dependent. The Trust resolved to facilitate total catchment management for the Haughton.

The Trust successfully sought support from the Natural Heritage Trust and Local Governments within whose boundaries the river catchment is contained. A Steering Committee was formed to facilitate the commencement of a Catchment Management Project for the Haughton. The Steering Committee engaged consultants to prepare a Catchment Management Plan. An extensive consultation process has allowed all stakeholders to have input into preparation of that Catchment Management Plan, and has also allowed for the commencement of the processes for formation of a community based Catchment Co-ordinating Committee (CCC). Invitations are currently being extended for membership of that CCC.

On behalf of the Trust and the community, I thank all that have been involved in the process to date, and encourage the community to be involved in and support the future activities of the CCC. I commend the Haughton River Integrated Catchment Management Plan to the future CCC and community, and trust that this will be a useful tool on which to base future management decisions for the Haughton River Catchment.

Matthew Patane

Chairman

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