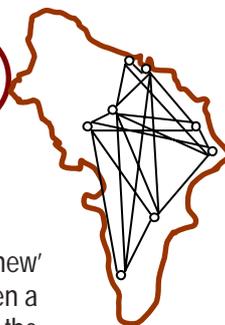


Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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Project Products – CB07

The Burdekin Dry Tropics component of the state wide CB07 project which was managed by HESROC on behalf of the Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) officially ended at 30 June 2005.

Some of the products from the project have already been distributed via email with the remainder to be finalised shortly and distributed on CD.

Register of Service Providers

As advised previously the Burdekin Dry Tropics Board has called for capability statements from potential service providers to establish a register to refer to when determining the most suitable people / organisations to implement components of the regional NRM Plan.

A capability statement has been prepared nominating HESROC / Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) as a service provider primarily to support the ongoing engagement of local government in regional NRM activities and to coordinate and project manage any initiatives that involve sub regional and regional groupings of Councils in NRM activities.

LGAQ Environment and NRM Conference

Representatives from local government in the Burdekin Dry Tropics attended and contributed to the recent LGAQ Environment and NRM Conference held at Gladstone. Attending were; Cr Brian Beveridge (Charters Towers City), Mark Allpress (Burdekin Shire), and Greg Bruce (Townsville City).

John Gunn also attended on behalf of HESROC / Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) and has prepared some notes which will be distributed via HESROC in the near future.

Open forums identified issues encountered throughout Queensland associated with the 'new' regional NRM arrangements. While it has been a challenge for most local governments and for the regional NRM groups themselves there was a general consensus that the situation is improving and can only get better from hereon.

Social and Economic Impacts To Be Checked

One of the preliminary actions associated with the delivery of the regional NRM Plan and Regional Investment Strategy is to assess the potential social and economic impacts of the actions and targets. The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board has issued a tender to appoint a consultant to undertake the assessment. The tender closes on 5 August 2005.

Regional Investment Strategy

The Regional Investment Strategy (RIS) has been signed off by State and Commonwealth governments and the funding agreement/s is in the process of being finalised. Funding is expected to be in place by mid August to commence plan implementation for the 2005/2006 financial year.

Green Paper Response

HESROC prepared a response to the 'Green Paper' issued by DNR & M on future arrangements for regional NRM in Queensland. The HESROC response was similar to the LGAQ response, which was based on consultation with Councils in 5 NRM regions in Queensland. Option 1.2 was supported.

Erosion and Sediment Conference

The Down to Earth Erosion and Sediment Management Conference will be held in Cairns from 6-8 September 2005. For further information regarding the Conference, please contact Danielle Bolton on 0407 026 819 or visit the Website at www.eianzseq.org

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