



**NRM in the
Burdekin Dry
Tropics**

Burdekin Dry Tropics

Burdekin
Solutions
Limited -
trading as
Burdekin Dry
Tropics Board



Map 2.5: Local Government Areas of the Burdekin Dry Tropics region.

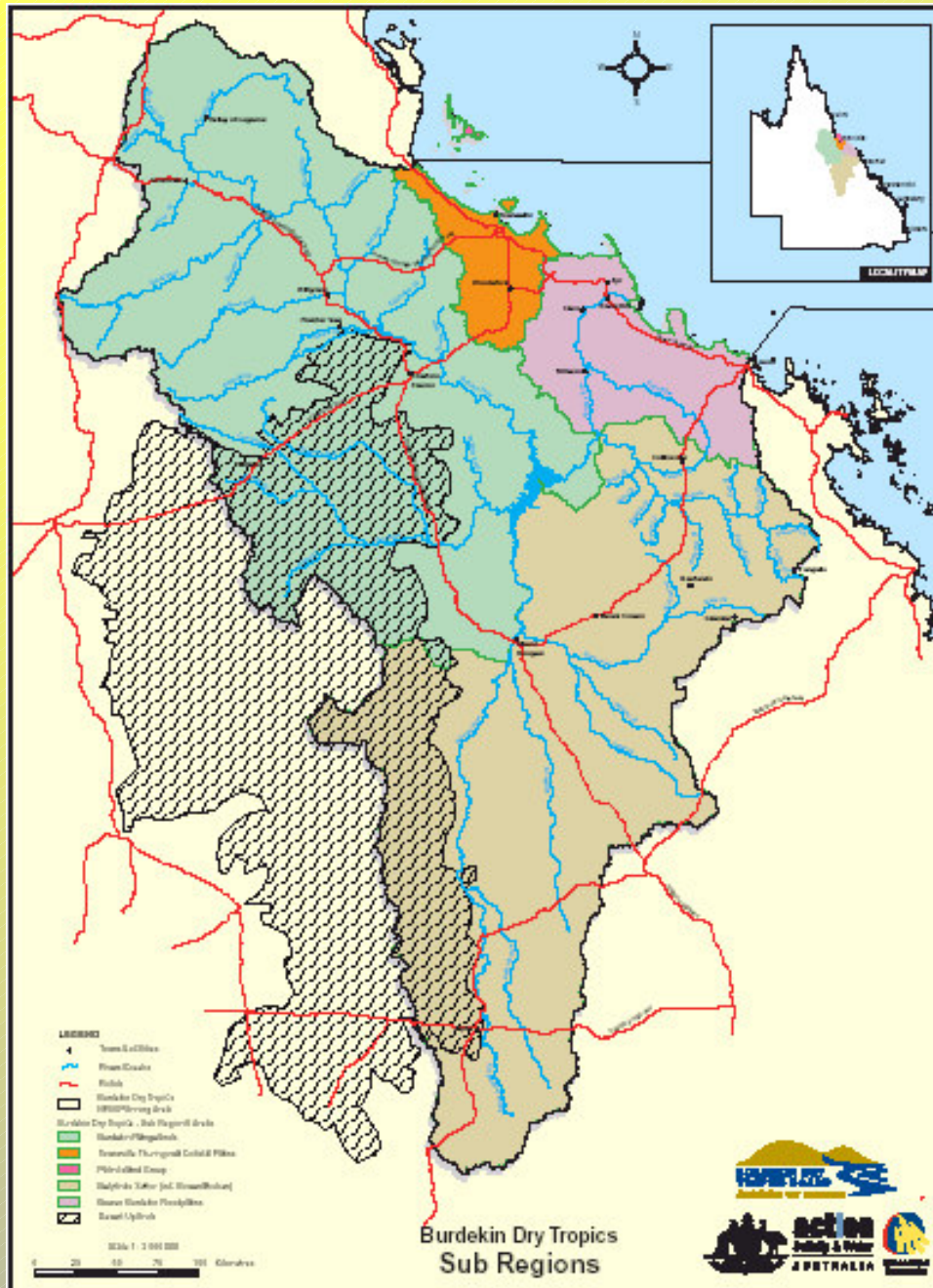
(Source: Map compiled by CSIRO from ABS, 1996a).

Burdekin Dry Tropics Board

- **Chair – Mike Cannon**
- **Science – Vacant**
- **Social – Vacant**
- **LG East – John Woods (Cr Trina List nominated)**
- **LG West – Vacant**
- **BBIFMAC - Tony Chandler (Secretary)**
- **BRIG – Tony Allingham**
- **BSIG – Gary Martin**
- **NaREF – Steve McDermott**
- **Desert Uplands – Lesley Marshall**
- **TO –Phil Rist and Ms Deree King**

Sub Regions

- Burdekin Rangelands
- Belyando Suttor
- Burdekin Bowen
- Townsville Thuringowa
- Desert Uplands



Accountability

- **Regional groups are required to prepare a Regional NRM Plan and Investment Strategy**
- **The format and contents of the Plan are guided by Intergovernmental and Bilateral Agreements**
- **The Plans have to be accredited by a Joint Steering Committee – Commonwealth and State government representatives – before funds become available**
- **Due to lag time time for planning interim funds have been made available to groups e.g. Priority Action Projects (PAP)**

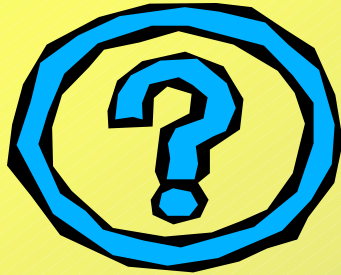
The BDT Regional Planning Process

- **Based on sub regional group processes with results combined for the Regional Plan**
- **Local government input was variable across sub regions**







The BDT Regional Planning Process

Sub Regional Components

- **Issue Identification**
 - **Issue Prioritisation**
 - **Issues Packaged**
 - **Priority Packages Identified**
 - **Targets Developed for Packages**
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## Targets

- ***Aspirational Targets*** – Longer term goals (50 years)  
- ***Resource Condition Targets*** – Medium term objectives (10 – 20 years)  
- ***Management Action Targets*** – Short term achievements from implementation (1-5 years depending on actions)  



# **The Regional Planning Process**

## **- Regional Forum - April 5 & 6**

### **Combining the Packages**

- **Soil and Pasture**
- **Biodiversity, Vegetation and Habitat**
- **Surface Water and Wetlands**
- **Groundwater**
- **Coastal and Marine**
- **Pests**
- **Pollutants**
- **Agriculture, Industrial and Urban Development**

# **The Regional Planning Process**

## **- Regional Forum - April 5 & 6**

- **Resource Condition Targets Reviewed**
- **Resource Condition Targets reduced from 86 to 48**
- **Attempt at prioritisation of Resource Condition Targets**
- **Vision, Goals and Principles defined**
- **Recognition of need to sort and refine Management Action Targets**

# **The Regional Planning Process – Investment Strategy**

- **Workshop 28 and 29 April – Pasture and Soils, Surface Water and Wetlands, and Pests packages dealt with**
- **Workshop 13 and 14 May – Biodiversity, Vegetation and Habitat, Groundwater, Coastal and Marine, Pollution, and Industrial and Urban Development and Traditional Owner package dealt with**



# **The Regional Planning Process**

## **- Back to the Plan**

- **Realisation that the Plan had to precede the RIS**
- **First Draft completed mid June**
- **Final draft to the Joint Steering Committee -28 September 2004**
- **Public Release - 8 November 2004**
- **Comments by - 19 December 2004**
- **Regional Investment Strategy by February / March 2005**

# **Issues Packages**

- **Land and Soils**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Surface Water and Groundwater**
- **Coastal and Marine**
- **Atmosphere**

# **Enabling Packages**

- **Capacity Building**
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- **Institutional Reform**

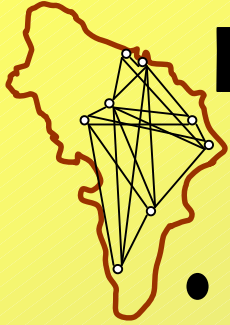


# **Local Government NRM Capacity Building Project**

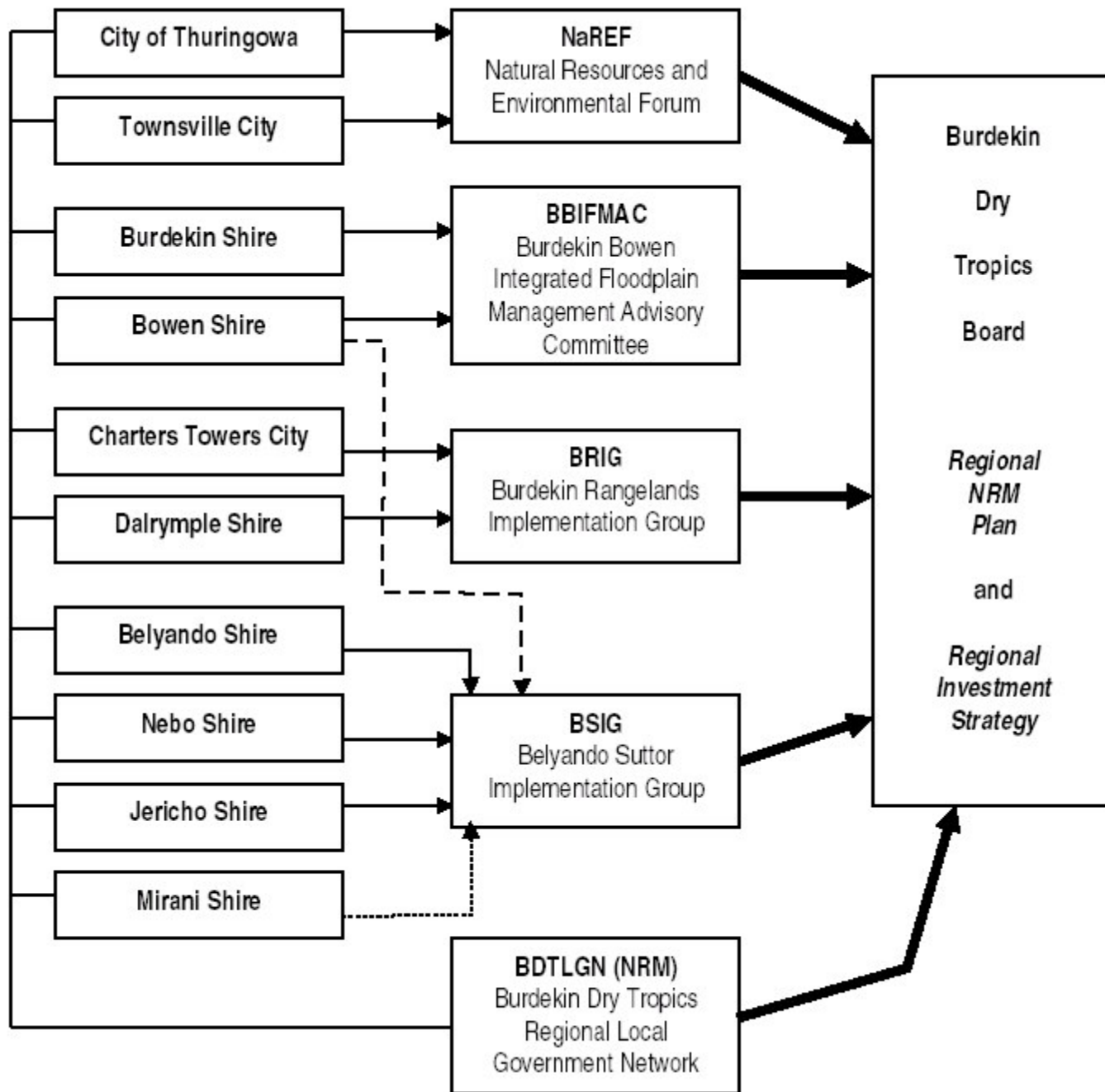
- **First NAP/NHT application submitted via Health and Environmental Services Regional Organisation of Councils (HESROC) - 2002**
- **Project reviewed, amended and resubmitted by HESROC – 2003 and 2004**
- **Proposal submitted to BDT Board to facilitate local government input to the Regional NRM Plan - 2004**
- **Revised project proposal submitted to CB07 – June 2004**
- **Funding through CB07 approved November 2004**



# **Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)**



- **Joint venture between HESROC and BDTB**
- **Approved by HESROC December 2003**
- **Accepted by BDTB February 2004**
- **Commenced March 2004**
- **Initial network established based on HESROC members and non-HESROC CEOs and Mayors**



# **Strengthening the Network**

- **Commitment by individual Councils**
- **Development of communication and reporting processes**
- **Increasing capacity of network members to be involved in NRM at local, sub regional and regional levels.**