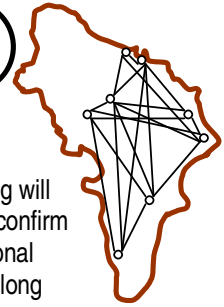


Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM)

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Draft Regional NRM Plan – Completed

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Board (BDTB) has advised that the Joint Steering Committee (Commonwealth and Queensland Government representatives) has approved the public release of the Draft Regional NRM Plan for the Dry Tropics region, subject to some modifications being incorporated.

BDTB staff are working on the amendments and expect that as soon as these are finalised it will take around three weeks to typeset and print the draft plan. A release date will be announced in the near future.

Last Network Meeting

The Burdekin Dry Tropics Regional Local Government Network (NRM) meeting held on 11 October helped those who attended understand the regional NRM planning process a bit better. The meeting also provided some guidelines for the response we, as local government, need to develop to ensure local government is appropriately represented in the implementation stages of the regional NRM plan.

We have issued the Management Actions from the draft plan to network members and are asking for comments and feedback. If you would like a copy of the information sent (resent) to you please contact Andrew Hannay or John Gunn.

We will get the network together again to review the draft plan based on the Management Actions issued so it is important to be familiar with those and to have some comments ready to go for that meeting (tentatively planned for December 6).

Any comments we receive prior to the meeting will be collated and discussed at the meeting, to confirm or modify, and will form the basis for the regional local government response to the draft plan along with the results from the meeting.

Regional Investment Strategy (RIS)

The consultants are currently reviewing the RIS to incorporate changes to targets and actions suggested by the Northern Region Coordinating Group and Technical Assessment Panel, and to align with the final version of the draft Regional NRM Plan.

Following the review we will incorporate the changes into the costed actions previously released to network members and use that as our base document for developing the combined local government input to help finalise the shape of the RIS. This will also form the basis for further negotiations on delivery of programs and projects through local government, or with local government involvement.

Implementing Implementation

The BDTB is developing the framework for a preferred implementation model for the NRM Plan. As part of the process the subregional groups have been presented with an options paper, which is aimed at stimulating thought regarding the next phase of the Plan. The options paper outlines potential delivery mechanisms and contains links to more detailed information that can be sourced through the InfoBase. The paper is available on the BDT InfoBase at www.burdekindrytropics.org.au.

If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to arrange a meeting please contact us.

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