



Natural Asset Management Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

1. Intent

- 1.1 To advise Council on best practice natural asset management.

2. Scope

- 2.1 The terms of reference apply to Councillors, committee members, and staff of Tablelands Regional Council (TRC).

3. Powers of the committee

- 3.1 This committee is an advisory committee to Council under Section 264(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

4. Purpose

- 4.1 Maintain constructive relationships between TRC and representatives of local landholders and interests concerning natural asset management and biodiversity.
- 4.2 Facilitate and improve communication between conservation community groups.
- 4.3 Provide advice on how TRC can better achieve ecological sustainability across its various functions and inform policy and practice.
- 4.4 Support community in managing and appreciating our natural assets.
- 4.5 Promote awareness of the outstanding natural values of the region.
- 4.6 Assist, where possible, in the maintenance of biosecurity.
- 4.7 Ensure there is a strategic and long-term approach to natural resource and biosecurity management including planning and on-ground coordination.
- 4.8 Exchange information and plan activities such as capacity building events and joint external funding opportunities.
- 4.9 Assist Council in the assessment of the impacts of climate change and the development and promotion of mitigation and adaptation measures.

5. Membership

- 5.1 Members comprise of a range of government, non-government and community stakeholders operating within the Tablelands region.

- 5.2 Members:
- 5.2.1 TRC Councillor or their delegate (Chair).
 - 5.2.2 TRC Manager Planning and Environment.
 - 5.2.3 TRC Coordinator Natural Resources.
 - 5.2.4 Partner agencies and relevant local groups including Baron Catchment Care, Biotropica, Department Natural Resources, Mines and Energy, Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils, Johnstone River Catchment Management Association, Malanda and Upper Johnstone Landcare, Tree Kangaroo and Mammal Group, Trees for the Evelyn and Atherton Tablelands, Wet Tropics Management Authority, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Nature Refuge Holders in Tablelands Region, Private Protected Areas partnership - Department of Environment and Science, South Endeavour Trust.
 - 5.2.5 The committee may seek the advice of persons with a specialist knowledge and invite them to attend a meeting.

6. Committee term

- 6.1 Ongoing to support operational requirements and collaboration with partner agencies.

7. Meetings

- 7.1 Meetings will be held every three months typically on a Tuesday at TRC Atherton between 1:30-3:30pm or at a time and location that suits members.
- 7.2 Out of session meetings between specific members are encouraged to progress actions and take advantage of opportunities for synergies with the work of other partner agencies.

8. Reporting

- 8.1 The committee, through the Council officer, will provide a report to Council at the end of each financial year including actions and outcomes, and when recommendations require Council endorsement.

9. Evaluation of performance

- 9.1 The committee will undertake an annual assessment of performance against the Terms of Reference.

10. Responsibility

Council is responsible for the adoption, amendment and repeal of the Terms of Reference and the Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the development and amendment of any associated procedures and guidelines.

11. Review

It is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer to monitor the adequacy of the Terms of Reference and recommend appropriate changes. This Terms of Reference will be formally reviewed every three years or as required by Council.

This Terms of Reference is to remain in force until otherwise amended/repealed by resolution of Council.