

R-PP 3: Local Planning for Local Action

Conduct appropriate planning and consultation at a local level to enable effective prioritisation, investment and implementation of a range of NRM projects.

This strategy delivers on these Regional Themes	Biodiversity	Biosecurity	Coastal Systems	Sustainable Industries	Water
	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
This strategy delivers on these Strategic Outcomes	Supportive, policies, plans and regulations	Collaborative, adaptive planning and action	Traditional Owner Benefits	Sustained and diverse resourcing	Community stewardship, values and action
	✓	✓		✓	✓

Outcome	<p>Effective planning processes which are implemented at a local level will ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local communities have ownership of their plans and are empowered to implement them. ▪ Identification of the highest priority issues and a coordinated, practical approach to action. ▪ Strong community support. ▪ Clear prioritisation of issues to guide investment and implementation.
Justification	<p>Good planning is the cornerstone of developing and implementing good projects. It provides a transparent process to identify and prioritise problems and investigate possible solutions, making the most of limited resources. Good planning generates stakeholder confidence in delivering successful projects and sourcing investment and, with good communication and consultation, can build on support within the community. Well-supported local level planning can also provide the community with a cohesive, coordinated way forward in dealing with a range of complex issues.</p>
Key steps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Identify a location / group/s to be involved in developing and trialling this process, which can then be expanded to other areas. 2) Identify and evaluate planning approaches used within and beyond our region to help develop a process appropriate for local-scale planning. 3) Implement a trial of the process, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders. 4) Evaluate and review the process and expand to other areas.
Feasibility considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Seemingly insurmountable regional issues can be broken down into smaller, more manageable, feasible projects using local level planning. ✓ Local communities can have their say on issues important to them and which they have good knowledge of. ✓ Clear prioritising of issues through good planning can help provide a way forward when dealing with multiple, complex NRM issues. ✓ Good planning processes result in a collaborative approach to identifying and developing priorities, ensuring cohesion and support for the final plan and its implementation. ✓ Good planning can be used as a leverage to access additional funding for an area. ✗ Planning requires a specific set of skills, and there may be a requirement for training and skill development to increase the capacity and ability within groups to plan effectively. ✗ The value of good planning can be overlooked when faced with the enormity of NRM challenges – there may be a desire to just get in and get things done, rather than spend valuable time and resources on planning. ✗ There is a certain level of planning fatigue within the community.

Local Landscape Projects	Local Landscape Project	Location
	DG14 Catchment Analysis of Crees Creek	Crees Creek, Douglas
	HB12 Catchment Plan and Prioritisation	Hinchinbrook
	RM9 Babinda Creek Management Plan	Babinda Ck
	CN15 Lidar Mapping for Cairns	Cairns
	DT4 BAC Community Development Plan	Daintree (Buru Aboriginal Corporation)