

Natural Environment Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

Title: Natural Environment Advisory Committee

Creation Authority: 23rd February 2015

Authority/Delegation: The role of this committee is:

- To identify avenues for greater involvement of the local community in Natural Resource Management activities.
- To review and make recommendations on various regional programs and reports.
- Provide advice (where necessary) on environmentally significant land for its suitability for acquisition utilising the Environmental Land Acquisition Fund.
- Provide input into the development of relevant environmental policies and plans.
- To review the role of the Committee on a regular basis to ensure it encompasses current environmental issues and priorities.

Key Milestones and Reporting Arrangements:

Any recommendations arising from the Committee's deliberations should be forwarded to Council.

Completion and or Review Date:

Ongoing Committee. The Committee should self assess its value to Council after every two years of operation.

Membership:

- Two Councillors;
- Three community representatives;
- One representative from Reef Catchments
- One representative from Sarina Landcare Catchment Management Association
- One representative from Pioneer Catchment and Landcare Group
- One representative from the Mackay Regional Pest Management Group

- Three Council Officers nominated by the Chief Executive Officer (initially Director Development Services, Manager Parks and Environment, Coordinator Natural Environment)

Membership Term

Appointments are for a four year period, with the committee to be appointed one year prior to council elections

Quorum

Simple majority including at least one Council representative.

Frequency of Meetings: Bi-monthly.