



Natural Resource Management Strategy for South East Queensland

Purpose of NRM Strategy

The purpose of the Natural Resource Management Strategy is to identify opportunities for an **integrated, coordinated approach to improving the management of land, water, native vegetation and biodiversity** throughout the region. By drawing on existing strategic planning work and consulting with local communities, the strategy will identify priority needs for natural resource management and biodiversity protection which may be addressed through onground projects undertaken by a range of government and community organisations. The strategy will also provide a reference framework for projects seeking funding from the Commonwealth Government's Natural Heritage Trust and other sources.



The strategy will give direction for the development of local, onground projects.

While the Department of Natural Resources has the task of coordinating the strategy development, input to the strategy will be gained from a wide range of government and non-government sources.

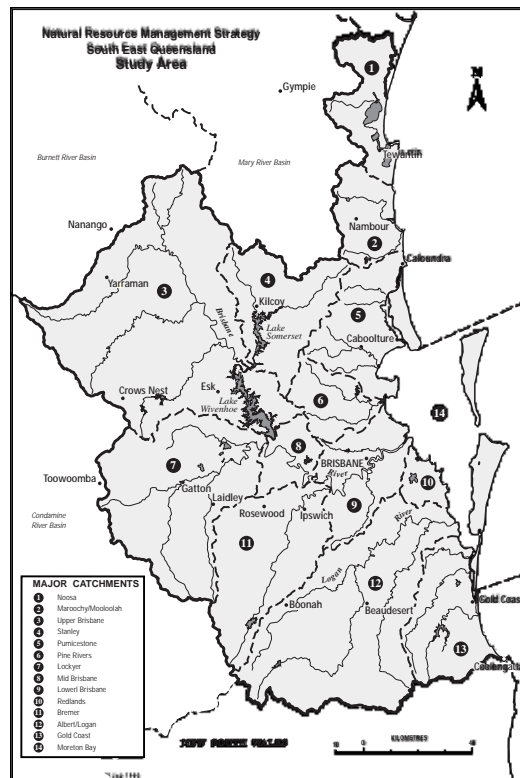
Vision Statement

South East Queensland will be a caring community using, enjoying, understanding and sustaining the region's natural resources, beauty and biodiversity, now and for future generations.

The Strategy area

The area addressed for the NRM Strategy is similar to that of the SEQ2001 studies, although based on water catchment areas rather than local government boundaries. The area extends from the Noosa River catchment in the north, west to include all of the Brisbane River catchment and south to the Logan-Albert catchment. The Mary River Catchment is not included, as it fits more appropriately in the Burnett-Cooloola Region, for which a separate Regional Strategy will be prepared.

Nineteen local government areas (or part areas) are included in the strategy area, from Noosa Shire in the north to Rosalie Shire in the west and south to the NSW border.



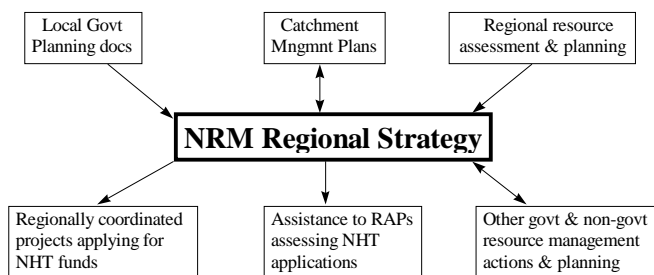
Another regional strategy?

Many strategies and plans relating to the management of the region's natural resources already exist, or are currently being prepared. Such plans range from area specific catchment management plans to broad regional strategies such as the *Waterways Management Plan* (applying to the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay catchment) and the *SEQ Regional Framework for Growth Management*.

The NRM Strategy will not re-examine issues already addressed in existing studies but rather, present an integrated regional overview of key resource management issues and identify opportunities and priority areas for actions to address these key issues.

The development of the NRM Strategy will rely on gaining information from existing planning activities and

coordinating outcomes with existing strategies and plans. The diagram below indicates the inputs and outputs of the NRM Strategy and its relationship to other planning activities.



Community involvement

The strategy will be developed during 1998 and will be released in January 1999. During this period, consultation with key stakeholders throughout the region will be sought through a variety of means. The table below shows the major consultation activities and opportunities for interested parties to participate in the strategy development

Activity	Date	Details
Liaison with resource management interest groups	March to November	Gather and exchange information with community groups, govt and non-govt agencies, other strategic planning groups.
Release Key Issues Discussion Paper	August	Discussion Paper to describe key regional and sub-regional issues. Distribute paper to community groups, local authorities, govt agencies for feedback and comment by the end of September.
Focus group workshops with key stakeholders, independently facilitated	September	Workshops to be held in Nerang, Esk, Brisbane, Nambour. Invitations to local govt, Catchment & Landcare Groups, other interest groups. Seek response to Key Issues Discussion Paper and further input to Draft Strategy
Preliminary release of Draft Regional Strategy	October/ November	Available at workshops conducted by DNR extension staff, to assist in preparation of 1999 NHT applications.
Public release of Draft Regional Strategy	January 1999	Launch of Strategy accompanied by press release, newspaper advertisements

The Regional Strategy Group

An important aspect of the strategy development is developing linkages with, and gaining input from, key community stakeholders. A **Regional Strategy Group** representing resource management industries, local and state governments, conservation, indigenous and other key community groups has been formed to fulfil this role and to oversee the development of the strategy.

The Regional Strategy Group will also draw on the skills and experience of a range of people involved in resource management, nature conservation and strategic planning activities throughout the region. Members of the Regional Strategy Group are listed below.

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