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PURPOSE

We are the people shaping the environment of the future.



VISION

Healthy and resilient natural assets.



LEGACY

Inspired and empowered communities who value our natural assets.





"Our region's roadmap to a sustainable future"







Fitzroy Region



3.2 million head of cattle (MLA, June 2018)



5178 native species thrive in our region (Department of Environment and Science, 2021)



77% of QLD active coal mines (Department of Resources, 2020)



8,534 wetlands, that's 1/3 of QLD wetlands (Department of Environment and Science, 2021)



79% of the land is managed by farmers and graziers

(Department of Agriculture, 2020)



224 rare or threatened species

(Department of Environment and Science, 2021)



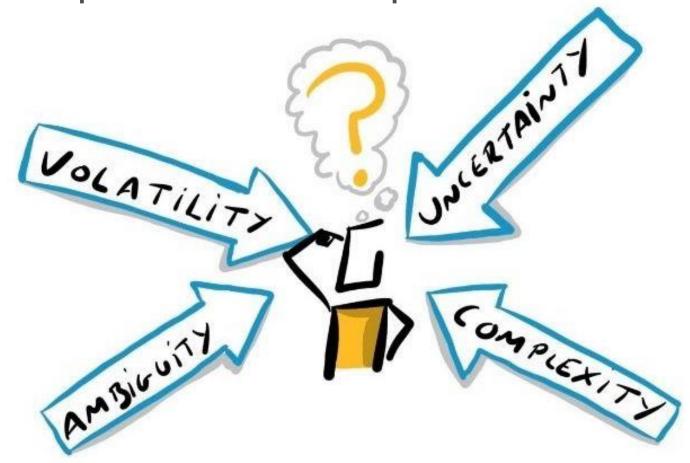
Home to one of the largest coal exporting terminals in the world (Department of Transport and Main Roads, 2017)



373 marine islands (Department of Resources, 2014)

..and one of the most variable climates in the world

Achieving positive change for people and environment through a regional NRM plan is a wicked problem...

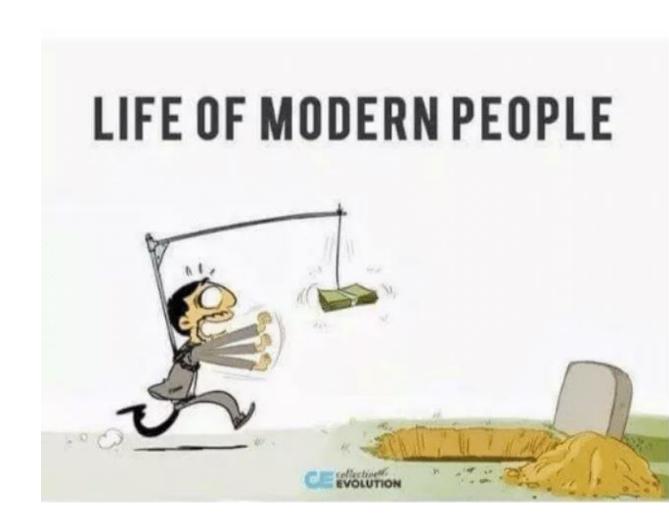


How do you...

? bring it into and keep it in every day consciousness

? get enough people to care

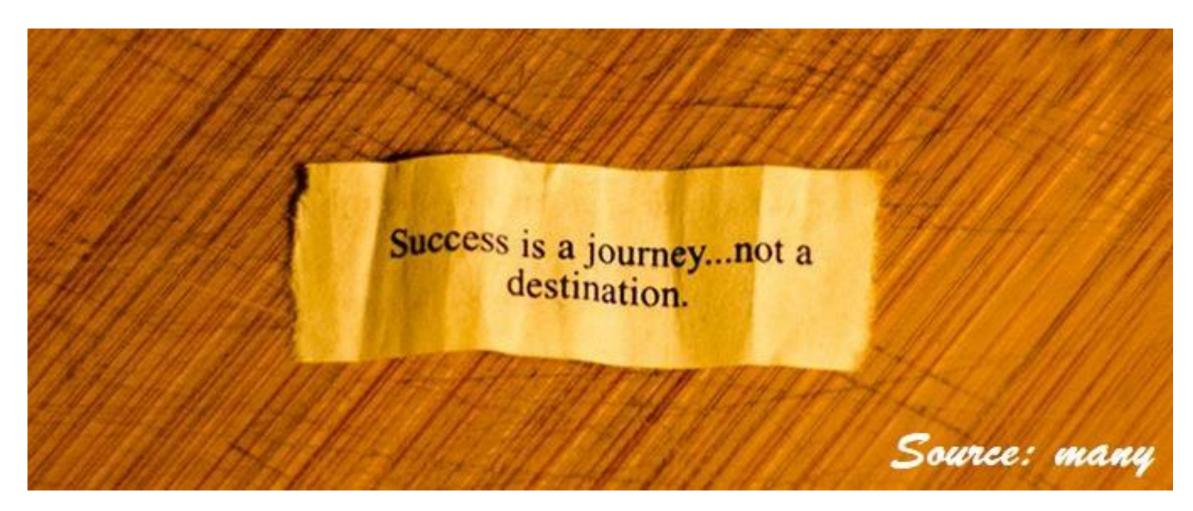
? leverage it to create meaningful, positive and lasting change



Part of the answer...

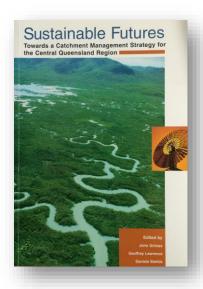


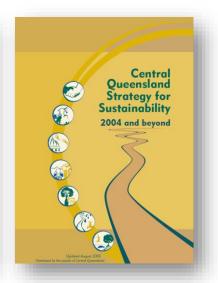
Collaboration and actions through the planning process must become and remain more important than the plan itself.



CQSS2030 beginnings can be traced back to the 1970s...

Community concern and coordinated action leads to political responses and the rise of Landcare









Pre-1970s 70s and 80s

1998

2004

2014

2021

CQSS2030 (2014) aimed to...

Provide a blueprint for how we could work together to manage and protect our natural assets by:



bringing together the latest science and knowledge and making it accessible



encouraging

governments, industry and the community to work together



providing strategic direction for research, planning and practice change



connecting people to current and recent initiatives

The current CQSS2030 still is...

A long-term strategy for our region

A website cqss2030.com.au

A repository for **best practice**

An umbrella document



1. Outlines what is required to sustain the natural systems that underpin our lifestyles and our future.

































2. Draws together the best available science, community insights and globally agreed priorities.

Local priorities



5,178 native plant and animal species





20,000km waterways



Traditional lands of at



79% land managed



Over 17,000 businesses



Overlaps 12 local government areas

Global priorities









Mitigate natural disasters







Sustainable practices





Protect land based

Places and species of international significance



1 RAMSAR wetland 1 World Heritage area



77 migratory species

National priorities



54 invasive plant and



109 native plants and



119 marine species



14 whales and other





wetlands



2 Commonwealth Heritage places



1 National Heritage

State priorities



238 native plant and animal species NCA**



6 fish habitat areas



3 bloregions





3. Provides a common platform for individuals, families, businesses and organisations to learn and share.



- · Australian Academy of Science Air pollution: what's the situation? and Better air quality for all
- Australia State of the Environment 2016 Atmosphere, air quality and climate
- · Bureau of Meteorology Smoke and air quality information
- · Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment Air quality
- · Environmental Justice Australia How to monitor air quality: advice for community groups
- . IQAir Air quality in Australia
- Queensland Government About air quality, trends, monitoring and pollution
- Queensland Government Live air data
- World's Air Pollution Real-time Global Air Quality Index

Soils

Land-based (terrestrial) Ecosystems

Freshwater Ecosystems

Groundwater



Learn more

How to get involved

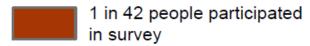
1200+ responses to a region-wide, month-long, online community survey

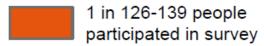


Survey responses came from...

2020 Natural Assets survey engagement by LGA

Percent of population who responded to the online 2020 natural assets survey by local government area (LGA). NB: Total partial and full survey responses included N = 1278. LGA population statistics source: ABS 2018.





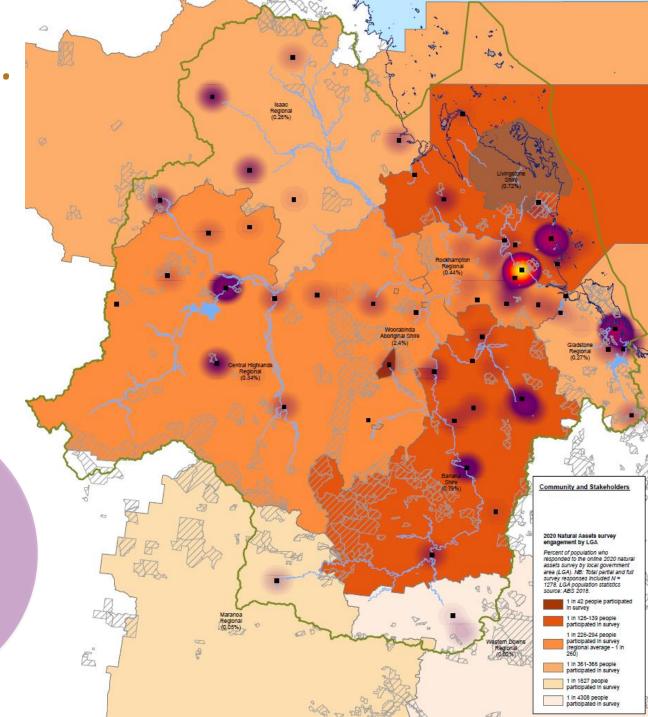
1 in 226-294 people participated in survey (regional average - 1 in 260)

1 in 361-366 people participated in survey

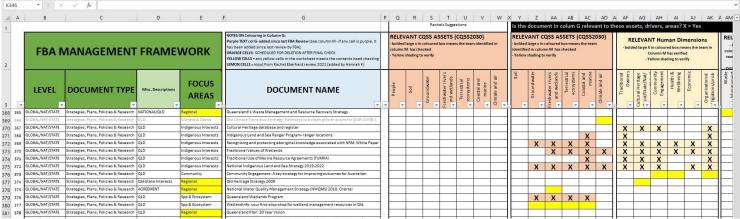
1 in 1827 people participated in survey

1 in 4308 people participated in survey

Purple markings represent distribution and relative # of business, community group and landholder nominations



5 internal and 2 contracted desktop reviews



Review of draft targets for the Central Queensland Strategy for Sustainability

for the

FITZROY BASIN ASSOCIATION

August 2021





a 2-day technical specialist's workshop





Technical Specialist NRM Workshop 2021

Monday 22 to Tues-23 February

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

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About the workshop

Following the significant work undertaken in 2014 to review and update the CQSS:2030, the 2021 workshop aimed to fine tune existing CQSS:2030 objectives and strategies to reflect recent changes in natural asset conditions, trends, <u>values</u> and threats, as well as advancements in best practice, research, monitoring and reporting. The workshop also sought to identify opportunities for new partnerships and coordinated monitoring and reporting on the state of our region's natural assets. Workshop sessions bought together technical specialists on each of the six asset areas to

- 1. Prioritise/rank existing CQSS objectives for each of the assets
- 2. Review existing and identify additional asset targets
- 3. Identify gaps and opportunities in monitoring and reporting for each of the assets

The following summary outlines common threads from conversations and outcomes across multiple asset groups and whole-of-group workshop sessions. This summary should be read in conjunction with the 6 asset summaries and workshop spreadsheets which document key discussion points and outcomes for each asset.

Key discussion points

- The impact and significance of Climate and weather pattern changes as a direct actor, and indirect driver on condition of all other assets (ig drought, and weather conditions leading to higher fuel loads and hence more intense fires respectively)
- The need for consideration of Human dimensions within and as part of each of the 6 assets
 people need to be bought along the journey. The success of this strategy and on the
 protection of all 6 assets depends on collective actions of many people.
- Inter-relatedness of all assets and how the health of one has flow on effects to multiple
 others. What are the overarching objectives/targets/strategies that bring benefit to all 6
 assets? Where are there key interconnections? Eggs Groundwater and groundwater
 dependant ecosystems.

consultations with 4 First Nations' groups and 6 regional councils



2 weeks holed up in post-it note central to distill everything...



Website revamp objectives? Make it...

- 1. RELEVANT
- 2. INCLUSIVE
- 3. EMPOWERING
- 4. ENGAGING
- 5. CREDIBLE



New website provides a platform to

- 1. Share stories (on-ground action & photo gallery pages)
- 2. Promote organisations (connect page)
- 3. Provide feedback (surveys, have your say page or email)
- 4. Report back to our region on asset condition and trends



Tech platform

- 2-5year establishment, collaborative cross-sector, private/public partnership
- Collate multiple data sets to track progress against CQSS targets for all assets
- Produce yearly report on state of region's assets
- Extending existing reporting initiatives (e.g. FPRH, GHHP, Ramsar Wetland Tool)



















