



CQ 2022 Big Data Forum

Outcomes Summary

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The information contained in this document was shared at the CQ 2022 Big Data Forum to foster collaboration, innovation and improvements in how we (all Forum participants and regional stakeholders) collect, collate, analyse and report monitoring data to foster a more sustainable central Queensland.

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Workshop sessions outcomes summary

The following 5 key themes from the workshop sessions at the 2022 Big Data Forum have been summarised based on the most often expressed themes arising from participants' notes.

1. Genuine, broad and inclusive collaboration with and feedback to community is fundamental to achieving CQSS2030
2. Traditional Owner involvement in all NRM research, planning and investment on Country is necessary
3. Multiple ways of knowing and measuring asset condition/Country health are valid and necessary
4. Identifying, understanding and leveraging interconnections between assets, within the landscape, and between people and organisations is crucial in that it achieves greater value/saves costs
5. Identifying, assessing and securing access to relevant data sets and establishing baselines is required

A number of other key points arose regularly, and while they were not as common as the 5 themes outlined above, they are integral to understanding how the region may best progress.

- a) Intellectual Property must be acknowledged and respected – transparent and legal agreements must be in place
- b) The broader conversation around the value of natural assets/the environment/ecosystems needs to change – we cannot afford not to have this at the centre of our economic system
- c) Legislation, regulations and enforcement are not achieving the environmental outcomes needed

On the next three pages, a summary of each of the workshop activities is provided, including the most common themes arising in answer to each group question/discussion point in activities 6 and 7.

Activity 5a – CQSS2030 targets

Forum participants were invited to walk around a visual gallery of asset/driver posters (7 in total), which outlined the Key attributes, Shared Goals and Targets for each. Participants were asked to:

1. add their name to any TARGETS they were working/collaborating on
2. note any questions, comments or suggestions about the goals and targets for each asset/driver along with their name

Activity 5b – CQSS monitoring and reporting

Forum participants were invited to walk around a visual gallery of Monitoring & Reporting (M&R) posters related to each of the 7 asset/driver posters. Participants were asked to:

1. add their name to any M&R programs they deemed relevant to measuring progress against the targets/goals (including which goal and/or target they deemed it relevant to)
2. add any additional M&R programs they were aware of that may be relevant to measuring progress against targets (participants were asked to note the M&R program name, collecting organisation and type of data collected)

Collated participant comments from Activities 5a and 5b will inform ongoing discussions between Forum participants, regional stakeholders and future work to progress the CQSS2030.

Activity 6 – common themes summary

In small groups, participants discussed the CQSS plan for one asset or driver, and its accompanying monitoring and reporting poster (which include all information added by Forum participants earlier in the day). Each group was given three questions to answer in relation to their chosen asset/driver – the most common themes arising across all groups are summarised below:

Q1 – In order to get a full picture of progress what else might we need? Common themes arising:

1. Greater inclusion and consultation with First Nations in program development/delivery using a free, prior and informed consent process to understand the significance and value of cultural natural resource management
2. Cross sector collaboration, data sharing and community ownership of the plan that is inclusive and accessible to all community sectors
3. More work to identify and assess available and relevant data sets and establish baselines to measure progress against targets
4. Historical and contemporary qualitative and quantitative evidence to assess and measure asset condition and trends

Q2 – What factors do we need to consider? Common themes arising:

1. Competing/conflicting and changing priorities
2. Existing data from public/private/local/broader sources and knowledge gaps (our blind spots)
3. Local vs bigger picture trends and the interplay between them
4. Interconnections between assets/trends/priorities
5. Multiple and diverse perspectives

Q3 – What might help us move forward? Common themes arising:

1. Better collaboration and transparent communication between all relevant stakeholders
2. Inclusion of First Nations within the entire process (from data collection and provision to decision making)
3. Community drive, awareness, and ownership of the NRM plan, with inclusivity of all demographics

Activity 7 – common themes summary

In activity 7, groups working on the same asset/driver were paired with another group and invited to discuss each others' work from Activity 6. This larger group was then asked to identify the 3 key insights, 2 most important things and 1 next action they would share with the other workshop participants. The most common themes arising across all groups are summarised below:

3 key insights (most common themes)

1. Greater collaboration and consultation with First Nations on all new projects (and retrospectively if missed); including respect of spiritual context and history [traditional knowledge and values] into all projects
2. Everything is interconnected – we need to identify and leverage the strengths and opportunities therein
3. We need a united approach that values and utilises all ways of seeing and knowing
4. There are many gaps and limitations – focus and investment needs to be on what achieves greatest impact (which needs to be identified in line with theme 1 and 2 above)

2 most important things (most common points)

1. Genuine and inclusive collaboration, sufficient funding, clear focus (targets) and access to relevant data are required to successfully monitor and report on asset condition and trend
2. This and the communication of the outcomes back to the public in a meaningful and engaging way will need to take place in an ever-shifting context (ie climate, methods, economics, politics, social norms and values will continue to change)

1 next action (common recommendations)

1. Establish a regional First Nation's group/body/forum
2. Complete and communicate data and gap analysis for all assets/drivers to determine appropriate regional baselines