



Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2009–2031

planning for a stronger, more liveable and sustainable community

FACT SHEET



Consultation

The *Far North Queensland Draft Regional Plan 2025* was released for public comment on 9 May 2008. The regional plan has now been finalised, taking into account feedback from the community and advice from the Regional Coordination Committee and state and local government.

Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

The FNQ regional plan classifies Wujal Wujal as a rural activity centre and provides a range of services to this remote Indigenous community.

The urban footprint includes land within the deed of grant in trust as well as freehold land owned by the council on the south of the Bloomfield River, within the boundaries of Cairns Regional Council.

This large urban footprint has been designated to facilitate the council's plans for community housing south of the river and provide flexibility for council to develop a detailed land use plan and planning scheme.

Not all areas of the urban footprint will necessarily be suitable for development.

Key changes to the regional land use categories

Location	Draft regional plan	Final FNQ regional plan	Comment
Wujal Wujal Parcels on south of Bloomfield River	Urban footprint	RLRPA	Two freehold parcels owned by Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council have been retained in the urban footprint
Bloomfield River	Urban footprint	RLRPA	Bloomfield River removed from urban footprint





Kuku Yalanji Indigenous land use agreement

The draft FNQ regional plan

The draft plan did not make specific mention of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Land Use Agreement. The land covered by the Indigenous Land Use Agreement, between Mossman and the Bloomfield River, was included in the regional landscape and rural production area land use category.

Issues raised

The draft plan was released for public comment last year. Submissions from the traditional owners advised that the Queensland Government and the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people have signed a series of Indigenous Land Use Agreements to resolve native title issues over lands between Mossman and Cooktown, within the traditional country of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people. The agreements recognise the native title rights of the Eastern Kuku Yalanji people and provide for Aboriginal ownership and living areas, conservation areas, extended national parks, public access to designated tourist sites, some grazing areas and restrictions on hunting of rare and threatened species.

The final regional plan should recognise the Indigenous Land Use Agreement and not impede in any way the implementation of the agreement.

Addressing the issues

Section 3.8 of the FNQ regional plan has been significantly amended to provide stronger recognition of the special requirements of Indigenous people wishing to live on their traditional lands (see policy 3.8.2), with the Eastern Kuku Yalanji Indigenous Land Use Agreement featured specifically.

The final regional plan identifies investigation areas (the Indigenous Land Use Agreement 'pink areas') where further planning work is needed to determine the location of future living areas and how environmental constraints and infrastructure requirements can be met. The land is included in the regional landscape and rural production area.

This regional land use category allows for a range of uses, including private housing (a private residence, secondary residence and manager's residence), agriculture, small-scale tourism (up to 250 people), sport and recreation activities (such as an indoor sports facility, café or tavern), community activities (such as a community hall or education facility) and incidental commercial and retail activities.

However, this land use categorisation may need to be reviewed and the local government planning scheme amended to implement the findings of the planning studies, once completed.

Further information

Copies of the final FNQ regional plan are available:

- online** www.dip.qld.gov.au
- for viewing** at most council chambers and libraries within the local government areas covered by the regional plan
- on CD-ROM or in hard copy** Department of Infrastructure and Planning
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