



**LAKE EYRE BASIN MINISTERIAL FORUM**  
**Community Advisory Committee**

**MEETING No. 20 Adelaide**

**10-11 February 2009**

**SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES**

**Caring for our Country – Arid Lands proposal**

- Need to explore links with SA/NT Gov't Arid Lands Nature Links Proposal (SA DEH and NT NRETAS; driven at DG level of both departments)
- Need to stress that the project would complement the camel project proposed by DK-CRC
- Key messages for compilation of the proposal:
  - link with camels
  - engage Joc on tourism segments
  - links with LEB 5-Yr plan and LEB projects to be clear and strong (e.g. rivers assessment, LEB SE project)
  - Cane toads importance needs to be included
  - Aboriginal people links
  - must build on and be complementary to the existing cross-border stuff that is happening
  - need a focus on what can we do to assist and change people's behaviour, we don't want this to be just another information gathering and research project

**LEB 5-Yr Plan**

- CAC discussion about priorities in the plan
  - Governance remains highest priority, other actions are all equally important, unable to be separated into high and medium priorities.
- Responses to jurisdiction responses
- Points picked up:
  - lack of firm budget numbers for the out years, gives an impression of a lack of commitment to the plan

**Actions**

- CAC will get their response to the SOG by early march
- CAC response to the MF at their 2009 meeting.

## Camels

- CfoC large project bid to be put together:
  - utilise existing collaborations (all state and territory jurisdictions, all Aboriginal Groups and the NRM Boards)
  - \$20 million to \$25 million application to fund a comprehensive, cross-jurisdictional, 15-20 yr plan for dealing with camels; project to be complemented by existing plans of CLC, APY and others.

### Actions

- CAC will provide a letter of support for the large CfoC project proposal for a camel control plan, with the proviso that it will address camel issues within the LEB (Simpson Desert is one of several high priority areas)

## Cane toads – community survey

- Inconclusive
  - 64 responded out of 410 total questionnaires (email, fax and post)
  - southern distribution to Stonehenge, Windorah and Yarraka disputed, confirmation needed
- Info now being sought from schools in the LEB to tap community knowledge better
- Redclaw crayfish data not yet been collated

### Actions

- CAC to compile a generic support statement for coordinated cane toad research, recommending that priority be given to work that directly improves or assists control.

## Communications strategy

### Actions

- Members to provide comments direct to Michelle Rodrigo within 2 weeks
- Members to provide responses to baseline survey within 2 weeks.
- CAC to request financial contributions from stakeholder organisations (e.g. Santos, BHP Billiton, tourism industry) for funding for the communications strategy.

## Aboriginal Forum

### Actions

- CAC and SAP members to confirm attendance or not at Aboriginal Forum by COB 20 Feb

- (NOTE – question regarding sitting fees for CAC members attending the Aboriginal Forum)

## **People, Communities and Economies of the LEB**

- CAC supportive of a release of the reports from this project by the MF at their meeting this year.
- Important need to utilise the things learnt from the study in both the LEB process generally and in the large project application under CfoC specifically.

## **CAC report to MF 2009**

- CAC Telelink Wednesday 4 March to finalise CAC report.
- CAC report should include feedback and on:
  - 5-Yr action plan
  - communications plan
  - camels – CAC position
  - cane toads and redclaw – CAC position
  - SE study report
  - LEB rivers assessment support document

## **MF report to the LEB Community**

### **Actions**

- CAC members to review and provide feedback to Michelle on this report

## **CAC Protocols**

- CAC overall happy with the draft protocol

## **2010 LEB Conference**

- Alice Springs suggested as location