

Question on Notice
No. 798
Asked on Tuesday 17 August 2004

MS LEE LONG asked the Minister for Local Government, Planning and Women (MS DESLEY BOYLE)–

QUESTION:

With reference to the Far North Queensland Regional Plan 2010 Executive Summary which refers, in several places, to the need to review the plan over time to ensure it remains current and relevant–

- (1) Has the plan been reviewed; if so, by whom?
- (2) What was the result and when will it next be reviewed?
- (3) Has public consultation occurred in previous reviews?
- (4) Will it occur in future reviews?

ANSWER:

- (1) The FNQ Regional Plan has not yet been reviewed.
- (2) The Beattie Government's commitment for additional funding of \$3.6m over four years for the regional planning program outside South-East Queensland has provided the additional resources to reactivate the FNQ Regional Plan program. I recently met with the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils to discuss ways in which the State Government can work with Far North Queensland local government Mayors to progress implementation arrangements.

One of the recommendations of the FNQ Regional Plan is to review the Regional Structure Plan following the completion of more detailed land use planning, economic and infrastructure studies. The purpose of the review is to refine the regional settlement pattern and the broad development sequencing within that pattern focusing on Cairns and the northern tablelands area from Kuranda to Mareeba. With the completion of a number of relevant studies, it may be possible to commence a review of the Regional Structure Plan in the current financial year.

- (3) Although the FNQ Regional Plan has not yet been reviewed, considerable consultation with key regional stakeholders and the community was an integral part of the preparation of the Regional Plan.
- (4) Public consultation will form part of any substantive review of the FNQ Regional Plan.