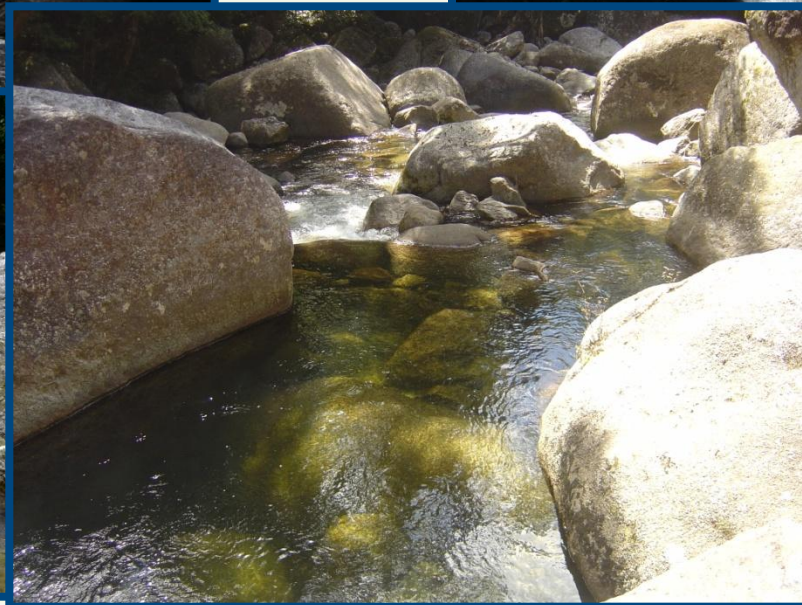
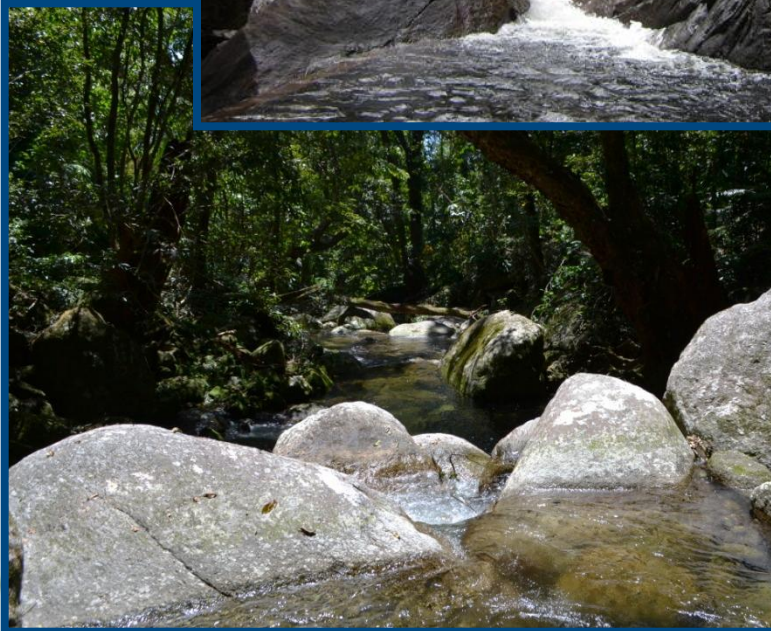


INDIGENOUS PARTNERSHIPS - OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

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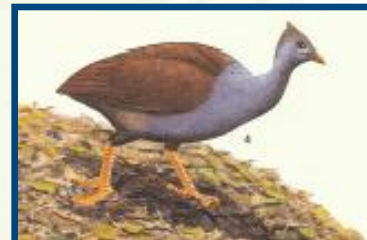
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Ngadjon-jii
People



Wanyurr Majay
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Objective



**Implementing
Cultural
Heritage
Agreements**

**Barriers and
Opportunities**

**May 2009 - Former Mayor Val Schier (CRC) and
Njadjon-jii elder Ernie Raymont at Signing Ceremony**

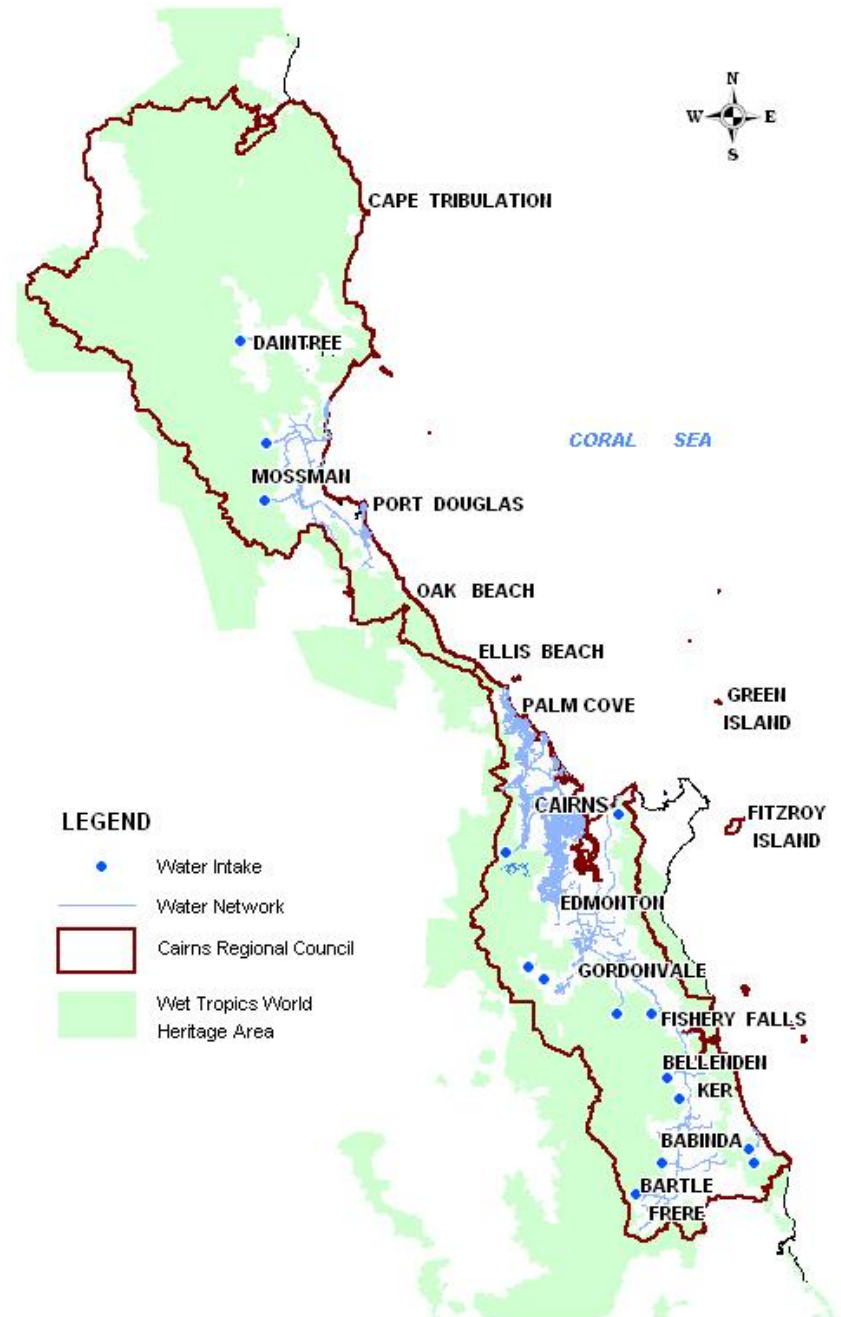
Presentation Outline

- Project History
- Rationale for Cultural Heritage Agreements
- Implementing the Cultural Heritage Agreements
- Implementation obstacles
- Opportunities
- Future Possibilities



Project History

- 15 drinking water intakes
- Sensitive environment
- Activities highly regulated
- Need for infrastructure development
- Cultural heritage 'Duty of Care'



Rationale for Agreements



Implementing Cultural Heritage Agreements

May 2009

Cultural Heritage Agreements

(Surveys, monitors, training, vegetation management)

2010- 2011

Infrastructure Development

- * Cultural surveys
- * Indigenous monitors for infrastructure development
- * Reports on project delivery

2011 - Current

Vegetation Management Agreements

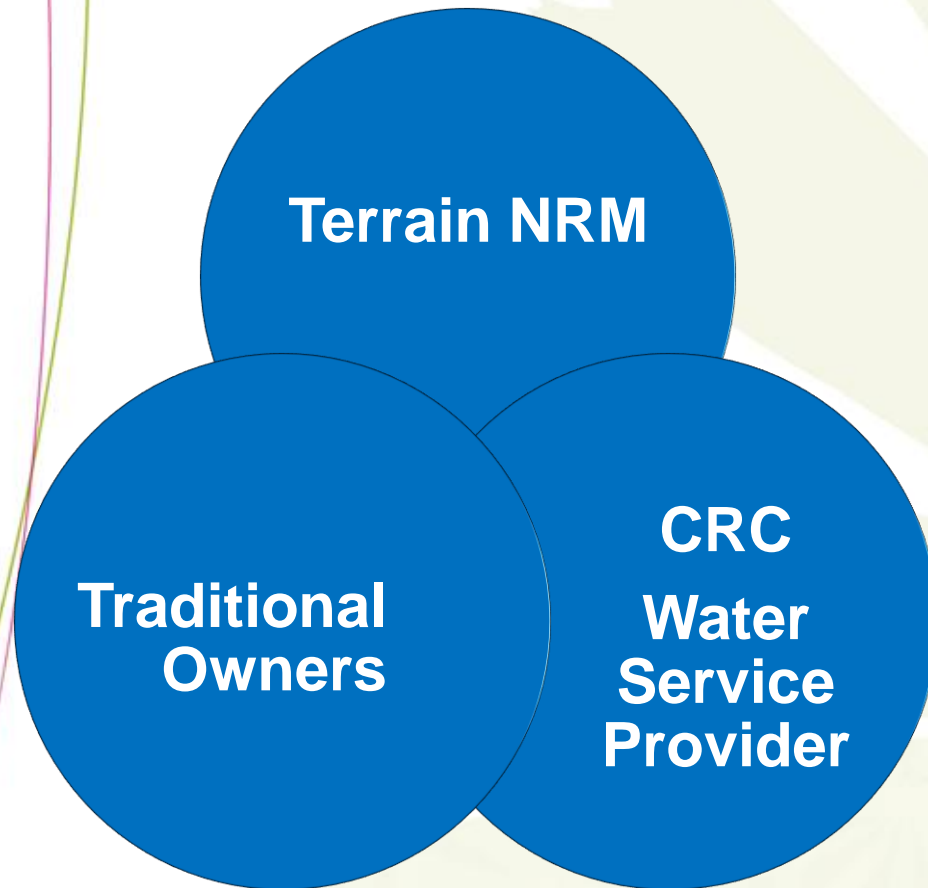
- * Vegetation Management Plans for water intakes
- * Business enterprise and NRM skill development
- * Vegetation management opportunities

Implementation Obstacles

1. Project expectations
2. Knowledge and skills gaps
3. Enterprise skills for traditional owners
4. NRM capacity building for traditional owners
5. Flexible employment and training arrangements
6. Flexible model



Opportunities

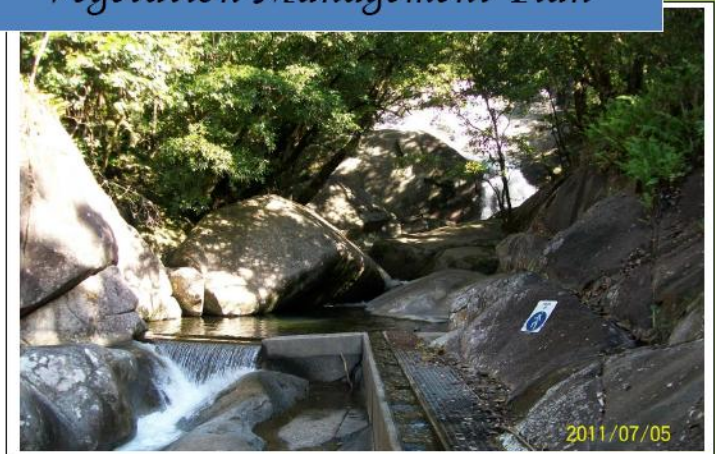


Traditional Owners

- Links to other traditional owner groups
- Sustain full time employment
- Access to traditional lands
- NRM and enterprise skill development
- Influence management of vegetation on traditional lands
- Relationship development with Council

2012

Fishery Falls Vegetation Management Plan



Terrain NRM

- Hub for training, capacity building, quality control and access to projects
- Seen as provider of high quality vegetation management work

2011

*Majuba Creek water intake
Vegetation Management Plan*

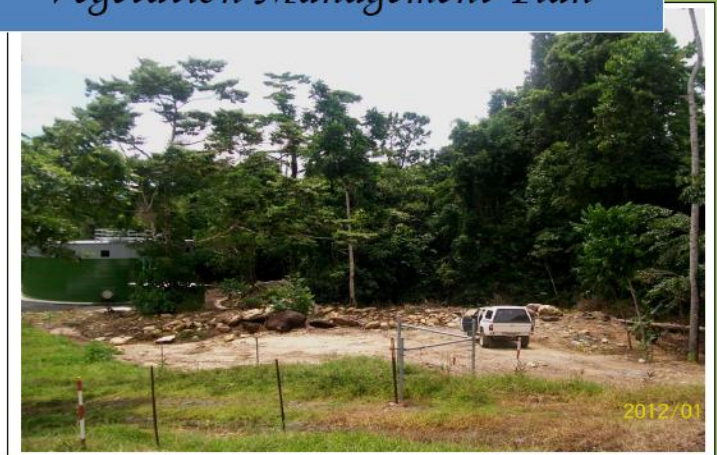


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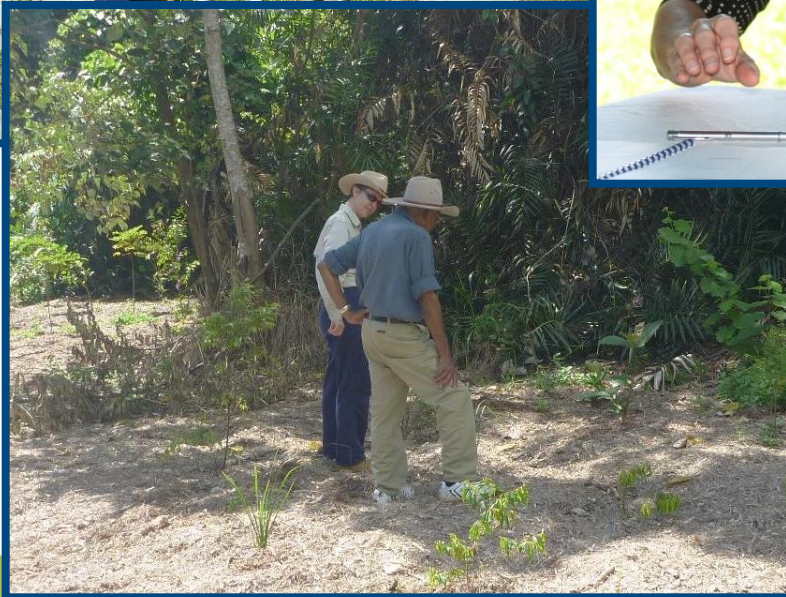
- Reconciliation and relationship building
- Environmental Duty of Care
- Cultural Heritage Duty of Care
- Cost effective
- Able to focus on delivery of water supply

2012

Junction Creek Vegetation Management Plan



Reconciliation



Future Possibilities

**Council,
Industry
or
Water
Service
Provider**

**Traditional
Owners**



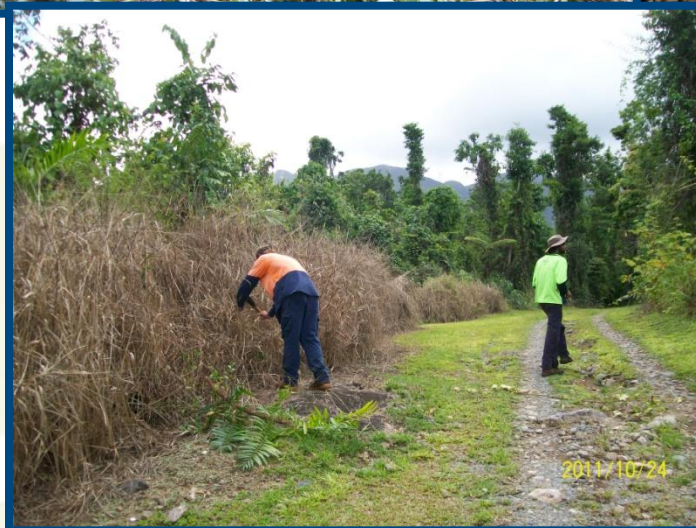
Summary

reconciliation Action Plan

FOR THE YEAR FEBRUARY 2012 – 2013



- **Cost effective**
- **Flexible and supportive**
- **Social and environmental sustainability**



Thank you



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