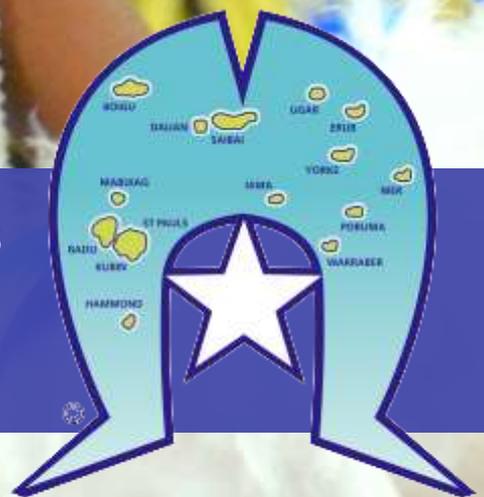




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Infrastructure

Major Infrastructure and Other Projects (MIOP)

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Recommendation:

That the Queensland Government:

- Work with the Federal Government to review MIOP governance, administrative and funding arrangements to ensure better fit with Council Asset Management Plans and funding requirements, with a view to including this key investment area of the Northern Peninsula Area and Torres Strait regions in the proposed State Productivity Commission review into Indigenous service delivery.

Background:

Council has an asset base of \$1.1 Billion. To replace and renew assets to an acceptable standard requires an annual budget of \$40 million that Council is currently unable to fully fund. Council's major funding comes from both federal and state funding sources.

The Major Infrastructure and Other Program (MIOP) is the key Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula environmental health infrastructure development initiative. It is funded and coordinated by the Australian Government, through the Torres Strait Regional Authority, in partnership with the Queensland Government's Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning.

Key Issues:

Council's key focus is to deliver services supported by value for money and fit for purpose assets. To maintain service delivery, MIOP funding needs to align to local government Asset Management Plans to ensure that current and future community needs are met.

Since it commenced other local governments have joined the MIOP funding program (Torres Shire Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council). Governance, administrative, and funding arrangements need to reflect the broadened scope of commitment in the region to provision of essential to life environmental health infrastructure.

Council seeks to effectively and efficiently achieve its service delivery priorities through fit for purpose and value for money asset investment decisions. Better alignment of MIOP governance, administration and funding to Council Asset plans would greatly assist this aim.