

# HERBERT RIVER IMPROVEMENT TRUST

## *SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES*

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009  
AT 1.00 P.M.



### **A. ATTENDANCE –**

Present were Mr. W.H. Pickering (Chairperson), Cr. P. Lynch (Member), Mr. I. Baker (Invitee – DNR & W, Ingham Office), Mr. B.E. Leach (Trust Engineer), Mr. R.W. Clark (Trust Secretary), Mr. S. Hall (Acting Trust Works Manager) and Mr G. Weston (Council Engineering Services)

An apology was received from Cr. G.P. Gianotti (Member),

### **B. GENERAL BUSINESS –**

Consideration of proposal to appoint a consultant to assess completed works to date and to report on final commissioning of the automation of the Ripple Creek and Catherina Creek Floodgates.

The meeting was advised by the Chairperson Mr Pickering on the history of the floodgate changes including the efforts to date to finalise the implementation of the automation. The Trust Engineer also advised the meeting on issues associated with the manual operation of the gates and the cost and difficulty associated with it. He advised that in view of the current situation the Trust should consider appointing suitably qualified consultants to assess and report on the final commissioning aspects of the floodgates and in so doing allow the Trust to engage the stakeholders in the area and to identify the practical and cost effective level of floodgate operations.

The Trust Chairperson and the Trust Engineer reported on inspections of the floodgates held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 with consultant representatives (Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty Ltd). Consideration was also given to an email dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2009 from Rockfield Technologies Australia Pty Ltd detailing the whole of system approach they would take to the project should they be appointed to undertake the consultancy. It was noted that several consultancies had been approached regarding undertaking the work however Rockfield appeared the most suitable based on expertise in the fields of both hydraulics and technologies.

Resolved – That Rockfield Technologies be invited to submit a costed consultancy proposal to address the flood gate commissioning in line with their suggested scope of works and that the Trust Engineer be authorised to commission them subject to consultation with the Trust Chairperson and the estimated cost being within the indicative costing of \$15K to \$20K.  
(Cr. Lynch and Mr Pickering – Carried)

### **C. CONCLUSION – The meeting concluded at 2.30 p.m.**

(Sgd) Mr. W.H. Pickering,  
**TRUST CHAIRPERSON.**