

The Traprocket

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Traprock Meeting: 29th April 2022 at Terrica

Report by PvJ

REGEN Farmers Mutual. – Andrew Ward

<https://regenfarmersmutual.com/>

Andrew provided some background to how the COOP came about and its plans for the future.

I strongly recommend you visit the website.

In principal REGEN will be owned by its members to be in a better situation to aggregate their market power to better engage and negotiate.

Currently corporate participation in AUS is voluntarily.

Farmers have all the Aces in hand and must ensure they get the best value for their assets.

REGEN assist and work with its members to get the best outcome.

The mutual assists farmers across all five phases of an EG&S transaction:

Engagement – Farmers can leverage the mutual’s resources, and those of its partners, to better understand and explore the types of opportunities that may be available to them in environment markets, and then to gather around prospective candidate transactions.

Definition – Once a potential transaction is identified, farmers can draw on the mutual to help them define its terms – including the types of technology, legal and regulatory factors that may influence the way an EG&S is created and delivers the desired outcomes.

Marketing – With a clear understanding of a prospective transaction’s parameters, the mutual can assist farmers by finding and negotiating with prospective buyers – whether delivering a public good for government, or meeting specific EG&S outcomes for private capital.

Execution – Given that the terms of a transaction are agreed with buyers, the mutual can then enable efficient and effective execution via its legal and digital infrastructure. In this way, farmers can ensure that EG&S transactions and their data are being managed for their benefit.

Delivery – Importantly, the mutual can then support farmers with the ongoing management of their activities under an EG&S transaction – and as a member organisation can provide peer-based mechanisms to promote compliance with their management plans.

The REGEN model works on an 80/20 principal where the farmer will receive 80% and the Mutual 20%. (This is what was explained as an example)

350 farmers have joined the waitlist.

In the Traprock a group of 5 people have put up their hands to participate. More are welcome to join.



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SQ Landscapes - Holly Hosie – Principal Project Officer

Holly provided us with a background on SQ Landscapes and its mission.

Southern Queensland Landscapes is a community owned organization dedicated to connecting and supporting our communities to take care of their landscapes.

Traprock can be seen as a community group that can work with SQL in tackling pest and weeds endangering our Landscape.

SQL work closely with First Nations people in the region.

Samples:

- Erosion prevention or recovery, healthy soils, improving vegetation
- Feral animal management through new science etc.

Environmental stream of federal funding and AG stream of funding for pest and weed are key funding streams.

ACCIONA: - Peter Gibson - Project Manager

https://www.accionacom.au/macintyre/?_adin=02021864894

Peter provided us with an update on the status of the project.

180 Nordex Turbines – 149m towers with 80.5 m blades. 1026 MW

Will build 206km's of road and 64km of transmission lines to Tummerville.

A 400 staff village and road upgrade is happening with a second access road being considered, this may be via Snakeridge Road.

18-24 months duration for the project.

The project will see around \$500m being invested in the region via local contracts to QLD companies.

Community Enhancement programs are available.

The transport of the towers will be via Toowoomba and Leyburn.

BBQ:

As always, the BBQ was excellent with Duncan in the driver seat delivering chef quality BBQ steaks and sausages. Beers and wine were available and everyone seems to have enjoyed the afternoon.

Till next time.

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