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Senator Ian MACDONALD: Okay. It was due for release in January. When do we expect the Cairns Plan to be released?

Answer:

A draft of the *Tropical North Queensland Regional Economic Plan* (formerly the *Cairns Plan*) was released by Advance Cairns on 4 October 2011 for public consultation.

The Plan was acknowledged by the Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP, the Federal Independent Member for New England, the Hon Tony Windsor MP and the Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Food and Regional Economies, the Hon Tim Mulherin MP on 18 October 2011 at the Collaboration in Regional Tertiary Education conference held at James Cook University in Cairns.

Advance Cairns is working towards a formal launch date in December 2011.