
**Atherton Tablelands
Sustainable Regions Programme
Application Form**

PROPONENT NAME:

CODE REFERENCE:

Please read the Guidelines before completing this Application Form.

If you have any questions about the Guidelines or this Application Form, please visit the *Sustainable Regions Programme* website at www.sustainable_regions.gov.au or call the Commonwealth Government Information Service on freecall 1800 026 222.

You can explore other Commonwealth grants at www.grantslink.gov.au, your Commonwealth community grants site.

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Information for applicants

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Please note that in considering your proposal for funding the information detailed in this application may be shared with relevant Commonwealth, State and/or local government agencies, organisations and individuals, including those you identify in the application, to substantiate any claims or statements that you make, to verify the capacity of the applicant organisation to manage Commonwealth funds and for general comment on the viability of your proposal.

Information of a pecuniary nature will be treated by the Department as confidential. Information relating to individuals will be protected under the Privacy Act 1988. Applications for access to such information will be dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1982.

The department may choose to publish the names of successful applicants and summary information about their projects.

REGIONS TO BE ASSISTED

Assistance under the programme will initially be provided to the following 'prototype' regions:

- **Far North East NSW**
Local Government Areas – Tweed, Ballina, Byron, Lismore and Kyogle
- **Campbelltown/Camden, NSW**
Local Government Areas – Campbelltown and Camden
- **Gippsland, VIC**
Local Government Areas – Latrobe, Bass Coast Shire, Baw Baw (eastern portion), South Gippsland, Wellington and East Gippsland
- **Atherton Tablelands, QLD**
Local Government Areas - Atherton, Eacham, Herberton and Mareeba
- **Wide Bay Burnett, QLD**
Local Government Areas – Biggenden, Bundaberg, Burnett, Cherbourg Community Council, Cooloola, Eidsvold, Gayndah, Hervey Bay, Isis, Kilkivan, Kingaroy, Kolan, Maryborough, Miriam Vale, Monto, Mundubbera, Murgon, Nanango, Perry, Tiaro, Wondai and Woocoo
- **Kimberley, WA**
Local Government Areas - Broome, Halls Creek, Derby West Kimberley and

Wyndham East Kimberley

- **Playford/Salisbury, SA**
Local Government Areas – Playford and Salisbury
- **North West & West Coast Tasmania**
Local Government Areas – King Island, Circular Head, Waratah/Wynyard, Burnie, Central Coast, Devonport, Latrobe, Kentish and West Coast

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Typed applications are preferable. Electronic versions of the Application Form are available from the *Sustainable Regions* website at www.sustainable_regions.gov.au.

Handwritten forms in print format (not cursive) are acceptable if written clearly in black ink. This aids legibility when the document is photocopied, faxed or scanned at any stage. If you require more space for answering questions, please attach additional pages.

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

Each region will have a **Executive/Programme Officer** appointed to it. The Executive/Programme Officer in each region will assist the work of the advisory committee and help communities develop proposals. Accordingly, if you have any questions about the Application Form or how the Programme is operating in your region, please call the contact for your region below.

Region	Contact, Postal address	Phone no./Email address
Atherton Tablelands	Ms Yvonne Tunney Executive Officer Sustainable Regions Advisory Committee Office 6, 1 Jack Street, ATHERTON. Qld. 4883.	041 8747193 07 40 917205 07 40 917368 (fax) atsrac@bigpond.com.au
Wide Bay Burnett	To be appointed	
Far North East NSW	To be appointed	
Campbelltown/Camden	To be appointed	
Gippsland	Mr Rod Smith, Programme Officer Sustainable Gippsland	03 5175 0600 rods@gippslandacc.com.au

Advisory Committee
PO Box 419
TRARALGON VIC 3844

North West & West Coast Tas	To be appointed
Playford/Salisbury	To be appointed
Kimberley	To be appointed

If you have any further questions about the Application Form or the Guidelines, please call the Commonwealth Government Information Service on freecall 1800 026 222.

MAILING YOUR APPLICATION

Mail or email your application and any supporting documents to the Executive/Programme Officer above.

Keep a copy of your application and any supporting documents.

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT

After your application is received, you will be sent a confirmation of receipt – about 14 working days later if you mailed your application or about five working days later if you emailed it. If you do not receive a confirmation beyond that time, please check with the Executive/Programme Officer.

SUSTAINABLE REGIONS GRANTS AND THE NEW TAX SYSTEM

Grants to GST registered organisations will be supplied on a GST inclusive basis.

However, GST payable on any goods and services purchased by grantees in undertaking their projects must be met by the grantee. Grantees who are GST registered will be able to reclaim these amounts from the ATO as input tax credits.

ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The following is a general approach to developing and assessing projects:

- A public call for expressions of interest (E o I) (eg, newspaper ad). The contact officer will be the region's Executive Officer (EO).
- The EO will discuss potential projects with proponents prior to an E of I and clarify whether the project fits the guidelines for SR.
- The EO will work with the proponents of eligible projects to develop them up. This will ensure projects are fully explained and highlight those with the most potential.
- The projects will be assessed against the SR criteria by the EO.
- The E o I will be considered by local advisory committee at which time the committee will decide on whether to request development of the project into a full application process or not.
- The full application will be completed and lodged for further consideration of the committee.
- The committee will forward regionally approved applications to the Minister for consideration.

The advisory committee in your region may modify this diary to better suit the region needs, however, you are encouraged to submit an E of I. (Pro-forma can be accessed from the Executive Officer for the region or downloaded from www.sustainable_regions.gov.au) before completing this application unless arranged otherwise with the EO.

Part A

REGISTRATION FOR ACCESS TO COMMONWEALTH GRANT PROGRAMMES

In this part, please tell us about your organisation. If you are applying through a sponsoring organisation (grant organisations must be incorporated bodies so your local council, for example, could administer your grant on your behalf), **tell us about that organisation instead.**

1. Organisation Information

Legal name of organisation:	Herberton Shire Council		
<i>Short name or trading name:</i>			
<i>Type of organisation:</i>	<table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not-for profit organisation <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered charity / charitable organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Health institution <input type="checkbox"/> Community group </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Regional organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Private individual </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Not-for profit organisation <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered charity / charitable organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Health institution <input type="checkbox"/> Community group	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Private individual
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Street name & number/ PO Box:	Grace Street PO Box 41		
Town/Suburb:	HERBERTON		
City:			
State/Territory:	QLD		
Postcode:	4872		

2. Nominated Contact

Please ensure that your nominated contact is well acquainted with the details of your application as he or she may need to respond to some specific questions.

Title: **Mr**
Mrs
Ms
Other (*specify*) _____

First Name:

Last Name:

Position:

Phone:

Facsimile:

Email address:

3. Organisation Identification

Australian Business Number (ABN) or Australian Company Number (ACN):

ABN

Is the organisation:

GST-registered? Yes No

Incorporated? Yes No

Note: (Incorporated organisation under the Local Government Act)

If yes, please provide a copy of your Certificate of Incorporation with your application.

If you are unable to produce this Certificate, please provide:

Incorporation
number:

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Date of
incorporation:

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4. Purpose / objective / mission statement of organisation (75 word limit)

The Herberton Shire Council Corporate Plan adopts the following mission statement and supporting values:

Mission

"To provide strong, positive and effective services and direction to achieve maximum community benefits."

Values

How we accomplish our mission is as important as the mission itself. Fundamental to success for the Council are these basic values.

- **Quality Service** - The quality of service to our citizens must be our number one priority. We aim to give efficient and effective service and treat citizens with respect, courtesy and fairness.
- **Continuous Improvement** - We encourage creativity and innovation and to constantly look for new and better ways of improving our service.
- **People Concern** - We recognise our community and our employees are our greatest assets and we value their contribution and commitment.
- **Teamwork** - We recognise the importance of maintaining a stable work environment in which elected members, management and staff work constructively together in a spirit of teamwork, trust and loyalty.

PART B

INFORMATION ABOUT AN INDIVIDUAL/ORGANISATION THAT IS BEING SPONSORED

Do not give further information about a sponsoring organisation in this part. Proceed to Part C if you are not sponsored.

If you gave details about a sponsoring organisation in Part A, now give details about the group or organisation that is being sponsored. This information will help us to build a picture of who your community group or organisation is, and its place in your local community or region.

5. Details about you or your organisation

Name of Individual / Organisation:

Street Address:

Town/Suburb:

City:

State/Territory: Postcode:

Postal Address (*if different from above*):

PO Box:

Town/Suburb:

City:

State/Territory: Postcode:

6. Nominated Contact

Please ensure that your nominated contact is well acquainted with the details of your application as he or she may need to respond to some specific questions.

Title:

First Name:

Last Name:

Position:

Phone:

Facsimile:

Email address:

7. If the application is being made by an organisation when was it established?

Year:

8. Are there other groups, organisations or consortium members involved in your proposal?

For each, please provide the name of group, a contact name, and a contact telephone number.

9. List two referees from your local community or region who can tell us about you/your organisation

Your referees must be independent of your proposal and your organisation. For each referee, please provide the referee's name, his or her occupation, and a contact telephone number.

Referee 1:

Name:

Occupation:

Contact Number:

Referee 2:

Name:

Occupation:

Contact Number:

PART C

ABOUT YOUR PROJECT

We will use your answers in this part to understand the purpose and location of your proposal.

10. What is the short title of your project?

Atherton Tablelands Hoop Pine Plantation Project

11. Give a summary of your proposal (200 word limit) – Is this a new proposal or an extension of an existing activity?

This project is to confirm opportunities, identify constraints and develop a business case and action plan to:

- *Provide continuity and security for the existing regional Hoop Pine industry*
- *Provide avenues for industry expansion to meet anticipated demand*

In seeking these outcomes, the project will:

- *Identify employment, economic development and environmental impacts;*
- *Consider options as to source, types and levels of financial returns from investment in Hoop Pine plantations. The objective will be to develop a financially viable model attractive to investors and land owners;*
- *Develop a practical model as to industry structure, ownership, infrastructure and demand chain, oriented to meeting customer needs and market trends;*
- *Identify policy settings required to foster a positive industry development environment.*

The project is partly driven by a risk to current jobs and infrastructure due to the inadequate size of the existing plantation resource.

The project has seven cumulative stages.

The first stage will collect baseline data, as there is a large volume of existing, but fragmented, material on Hoop Pine. This needs to be assessed to provide a sound project platform and avoid duplication of effort.

Subsequent project stages are:

- ***Gap Analysis***
- ***Current Situation Analysis***
- ***Impact Assessment***
- ***Options and Strategy Development***
- ***Business Case Development***
- ***Implementation Plan***

12. Are you applying for funds to resource a person to work for your local community or region?

Yes Go to Question 13

No Go to Question 15

13. Will you be creating a new job?

Yes Go to Question 14

No Please describe how it has been funded up until now.

14. Detail the work plan for the position and the proposed period of employment.

PART D

Selection Criteria

15. Consistency of proposal with regional priorities

The Advisory Committee for each region will be identifying priorities for their respective region. To find out whether these priorities have been identified in your region, and what they are, please contact the Executive/Programme Officer in your region or the Commonwealth Government Information Service on freecall 1800 026 222.

(If your region's Advisory Committee has not yet identified these priorities you will not be expected to address this criterion in detail but should identify, where possible, how your project is consistent with other planning documents that may exist in your region.)

What is the particular issue(s) in your community addressed by your proposal?

The proposal is consistent with regional, State and National priorities and can make a significant contribution to these.

The Federal Government strategy, 'Plantations for Australia – The 2020 Vision' (1997), provided a framework and vision for plantation forestry development in Australia. The target set was to 'treble the effective area of Australia's plantations between 1996 and 2020'.

The vision adopted in the document is:

"By 2020, plantation forestry in Australia will be a sustainable and profitable long rotation crop with significant private investor investment.

The plantation growing and processing industries will:

- operate in the global marketplace;*
- be internationally competitive; and*
- be commercially oriented, market driven and market focused in all their operations.*

Returning trees to the landscape as a profitable crop will also significantly benefit the environment.”

Regionally, ‘FNQ 2010’, (in 1998), identified a range of issues still current (page 66). The aim stated was:

“To increase the production of timber and value-added products through the sustainable development and management of State and privately owned timber resources”

The issues identified included the following, being the most pertinent to this project and still current:

- *“There is a need to identify and target land suitable for forestry production.*
- *Commercial uncertainty for private land-holders and farmers to take up or convert to timber plantation activities is restraining substantial expansion of the industry.*
- *Opportunities may also exist to further develop value-added and secondary industries based on access to local timber resources such as veneer, joinery and furniture.*
- *Access to data on timber availability and market opportunities is essential to assist in developing sustainable products and markets.*
- *Due to pressures created by the non-wood values of native forests, it is essential that large-scale plantations of both softwoods and hardwoods are established on private lands to ensure future timber supplies.”*

Locally, the Atherton Tablelands Strategic Framework and Prospectus for Regional Development acknowledges that “The significant timber resources of the Tablelands and the development of a plantation system as both a future resource and restoration initiative represent significant opportunities”. (Refer heading Environment in the Tablelands, Emergent Projects – page 15).

The timber industry is one of Australia’s largest industries and is one of the industries on which settlement and development of the Atherton Tablelands was based. It has a long regional history, with a depth and range of skills built up over time since white settlement. Despite this depth and its identification for its regional potential in regional strategies and National priorities, the regional industry is nevertheless at risk of faltering. Industry potential to contribute to jobs growth and wealth creation is at some risk of being lost.

The development of the Ravenshoe sawmill over the past decade to process softwood has been a positive initiative in an otherwise struggling regional economy. It has provided badly needed employment and produced multiplier effects in the regional economy. However there is now considerable doubt that there will be a sufficient forest plantation resource to support this, or any other mill in the medium to long term.

This is despite the milling operation identifying a strong international market for its products based on Hoop Pine and indications that there are several thousand hectares of cleared land available.

Government has been withdrawing from establishment of the large scale plantations required to support a regional industry, yet at the same time, private investors have not moved in to fill this gap in this region, as is anticipated in the Federal '2020 Vision'.

The private small scale forest plots that have been established in the region are not of sufficient scale to support a significant industry. In any event, some do not have the potential to produce saleable timber for a variety of reasons. In other cases they have been established mainly for their potential contribution to environmental values, rather than as serious commercial forestry plantations.

Private plot growers have also been encouraged to plant a variety of species which are largely unproven for commercial timber production on the Atherton Tablelands and in any event do not have the supporting infrastructure and value chain to viably harvest and bring to market.

In summary, the main regional issues this project seeks to address are:

- The current regional industry, its jobs and regional multiplier effects are at risk due to the inadequate size of plantation resource*
- Despite strong regional potential, strategies pointing to the importance of the timber industry and a National target to treble plantation resources by 2020, investment in plantation forestry resources on the Atherton Tablelands has been in decline*
- The majority of private plantings which have taken place will probably never contribute to a regional forestry industry*
- The region cannot afford to let another regional industry fall into further decline, nor let opportunities pass it by due to structural and investment issues, especially in the face of limited existing alternatives for employment, wealth generation and the decline of many traditional industries.*

16. The sustainability of the project and the extent to which it will be of benefit to the region.

Main town (or nearest main town) where the project is based:

Shared: Millaa Millaa, Ravenshoe and Malanda

Postcode:

4886, 4888
4885

Other towns that will benefit from the project:

Herberton, Yungaburra.

As to possible flow on effects leading to development of forestry based on other species, the Northern end of the Tablelands could benefit, involving the towns of: Atherton, Mareeba, Dimbulah and Mt Molloy.

How will your project benefit your local community or region? How will your project provide solutions to some of the issues mentioned in your answers to question 21? These solutions could be economic, social and/or environmental.

The project is to thoroughly investigate plantation Hoop Pine potential, the value chain associated with it and the social, environmental and economic impacts of the industry on the regional community. This has not been done before, although there is existing fragmentary data. The first order benefit is to comprehensively test the potential that has been seen for this industry in regional and National development strategies and to identify the factor conditions that would facilitate its development.

The project will culminate in an implementation / action plan to achieve the factor conditions identified as necessary to maintain and expand the industry, provided viability can be demonstrated by the study. The benefits then anticipated to flow are:

- Secure the future of the existing Hoop Pine industry on the Southern Tablelands and thus protect the jobs and businesses reliant on it
- Provide a path to expand the existing industry and so increase jobs, develop additional businesses and produce increased regional multiplier effects
- More fully utilise existing regional skills
- Develop additional opportunities for jobs and skills development in value adding, downstream processing and export-oriented marketing
- Further diversify the agricultural sector of the Tablelands providing an alternate source of income for farmers and other rural landholders and thus

spread risk for farming operations

- Return some lands to more sustainable long-term use (i.e. from marginal pasture to forest) with benefits which include lower rates of erosion, better water quality and supplementary wildlife habitat.
- Hoop Pine plantations may also provide efficient carbon sinks through uptake of greenhouse gas, specifically CO₂. Carbon credit trading potential may be realised, with benefits flowing to the region and State.
- Appropriately managed plantations have the potential to improve catchment characteristics, with benefits to water quality in Tablelands streams and ultimately in outflows into the Coral Sea. This would contribute to the concern to maintain the health of the Great Barrier Reef for aesthetic and environmental reasons, for future generations and to underpin the regional tourism industry.

The project may also provide benefits beyond a regional industry based on Hoop Pine. The industry model developed may provide input for other regions and communities and for industries based on other species.

There has been a change in policy settings in relation to wood production in Australia. This segment of the forestry sector has been traditionally government dominated and subsidised. Government is now reluctant to use public funds to expand the plantation resource base and is increasingly excluding logging from native forests. At the same time, (with some exceptions), the private sector is not filling the gap left by Government. These trends have potential to produce at least serious disruption to the forest industry and perhaps industry decline. Solutions hoped to be identified through this project will have applicability across all regions seeking to address these issues.

How will the benefits of your project be ongoing? Will your project become self-sustaining after Sustainable Regions funding? How could the benefits be evaluated/monitored?

The project is to provide the business case and implementation / action plan for new and current stakeholders in the regional forestry sector to develop the potential of the industry. It is expected to provide the impetus to attract new participants and engage Government agencies as appropriate in implementation.

It is aimed at attracting the necessary resources for the implementation of recommendations to be self-sustaining

Evaluation and monitoring of economic benefits may be achieved through periodic review of:

+ The size of Hoop Pine plantations established for timber production

- + The number of jobs in the regional economy flowing from Hoop Pine forestry
- + The value of Hoop Pine product exported from the region

Social and environmental benefits are more difficult to monitor/evaluate, due to the interrelated systems involved.

Provided baseline data is available, if water quality improves in streams following establishment of significant plantations, this benefit and the downstream benefits described elsewhere may be inferred in the absence of any other significant environmental change.

Again subject to baseline data, wildlife counts in and in the environs of plantations established would provide an indicator of environmental benefits

A longitudinal study through community surveys to assess perceived impacts on general amenity, well-being, life-style and attitudes to the regional industry would also indicate flow on benefits

17. The extent to which Commonwealth funding is needed to realise the project and the absence of relevant programmes from other Commonwealth agencies and other tiers of Government to fund the project.

The provision of funds from other Government programmes is encouraged and the Sustainable Regions Programme may be used in conjunction with funds from other programmes. However, the Programme is not to be used as a cost shifting exercise – where funds could be sourced, and are more appropriately sourced, from other government programmes, the Sustainable Regions Programme is not likely to provide funding.

Provide a statement indicating the contribution the Commonwealth funding will make to realising the project.

The project could not proceed without funding support from ATSRAC and the applicant believes there are no other more appropriate programs available from which the required funding support could be sourced

Have you approached other funding sources for this project or components of this project within the last 2 years - in particular, Federal or state government funding programmes?

No Go to Question 18

Yes Provide the name of project, amount sought and name of funding source

Important note: If you do subsequently apply to, or receive funding from, any source for this project or components of this project, please let us know. Funding from other sources could strengthen your request for funding from Sustainable Regions.

18. The provision of sufficient funds and other involvement by the proponent to ensure success of the project.

Has a project or business plan or any feasibility study or planning work undertaken.

Yes Please attach the feasibility study and/or business plan **(Project plan)**

No In some instances, it may be more appropriate to first apply for funds to prepare a feasibility study and/or business plan

Provide a breakdown of the various cost items and activities involved in your project.

Make sure you include GST in “Funds sought from Sustainable Regions”. If cost items do not incur GST, do not include GST in the amount but place a tick in the “GST Exempt” column.

Cost Item/Activity	Funds sought from Sustainable Regions (\$) <i>(include GST if applicable)</i>	GST Exempt (Yes / No)	Other Contributions to this project		*TOTAL (\$)
			Cash (\$)	In Kind (\$)	
Wages, Salary and Superannuation	\$		\$	\$	\$
Labour on-costs eg rent, computers	\$		\$	\$	\$
Consultant/Contractors	\$		\$	\$	\$
Team Leaders	\$55,000	No	\$	\$	\$
General Research Staff	\$100,000	No	\$	\$116,000	\$
Input / output analysis	\$16,500	No			
Socio / economic analysis	\$20,000	No			
Facilitation / Coordination	\$26,500	No	\$	\$	\$
Travel	\$12,000	No	\$	\$	\$
Materials	\$20,000	No	\$	\$	\$
Equipment Hire/Lease	\$		\$	\$	\$
Other Costs <i>(please itemise below)</i>					
	\$		\$	\$	\$
TOTAL (\$)	*\$250,000		\$116,000		\$366,000

*Total “Funds sought from Sustainable Regions” in this Question must equal that specified in Question 33.

#Total “Other Contributions” in this Question must equal that specified in Question 33.

For large proposals, attach extra sheets if necessary.

If you made entries under “Other Contributions to this Project” above, please give details of the source(s) of the contribution (including government programmes), a brief description of the contribution, and how you calculated the \$ value.

Source of contribution	Name of government programme (if applicable)	Description of contribution	If an in-kind contribution, how did you calculate the \$ value?
University of Queensland		\$96,000 being proportion of salary costs for Drs. Harrison and Hebohn for duration of project	25% of salaries (\$220,00pa total) X 1.5 to cover overheads, over 61 weeks
Rainforest Cooperative Research Centre Project 5.3		\$20,000 contribution to research costs for project	34% of research plan budget, which is a project that will generate information that can be used as input for this project

It is important that you list the milestones (or key project elements) for your project and the month they will be completed. Also list how each milestone will be funded. *(If you require more space, either insert rows into the table, or attach additional sheets.)*

Description of Milestone	Month and Year	Funds sought from Sustainable Regions for each Milestone (\$)	Other contributions towards each Milestone (\$)	
			Cash (\$)	In-kind (\$)
<i>Your first milestone will be “Commencement of project”</i>	<i>Aim to have at least one milestone for every month throughout your project</i>			
<i>Subsequent milestones will be key activities or achievements in each month of your project</i>			<i>Identify cash and in-kind amounts separately</i>	
<i>Your final milestone should be “Completion of project”</i>				
Commencement of project	April 2003	\$30,000	\$	\$
Knowledge Consolidation & Gap Analysis Complete	June 2004	\$30,000	\$	\$20,000
Situation Analysis (Base-line industry study) Complete	August 2004	\$100,000	\$	\$20,000
Industry Impact Assessment Complete	May 2005	\$30,000	\$	\$50,000
Options & Strategies developed	July 2005	\$20,000	\$	\$20,000
Business Case Developed	September 2005	\$25,000	\$	\$6,000
Completion of Project	October 2005	\$15,000	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
		\$	\$	\$
	TOTAL (\$)	*\$250,000	#\$116,000	

* Total “Funds sought from Sustainable Regions” in this Question must equal that specified in Question 31.

Total “Other Contributions ” in this Question must equal that specified in Question 31.

For large proposals, attach additional sheets if necessary.

19. The level of support for the proposal from within the Region, and support from other sources including other spheres of government and the private sector.

Did your project arise from an earlier community planning process? If yes, how was the planning conducted, what issues and outcomes were identified, and what priority was given to each.

The realisation of regional potential for the forestry industry has been recognised in successive regional planning processes, referred to elsewhere, which have each included community consultation

What support have you obtained for your proposal from residents of your local community or region? Evidence from individuals or organisations should be attached where possible. Is your community represented on any project committees or working groups that you have formed, or will form, as part of the project?

This project was initiated by industry and developed over a period of months through consultation between key regional stakeholders. These stakeholders, who support the project include:

Ravenshoe Timbers
 The QLD Department of Primary Industries
 Herberton Shire Council (the applicant)
 Eacham Shire Council
 Queensland University
 Malanda Chamber of Commerce

The leading conservation association in the area, the Tree Kangaroo and Mammal Group have also been briefed on the project and asked to participate in the form of providing advice at the appropriate time on maximising conservation values of plantations.

Letter of support from **Malanda Chamber of Commerce** is being forwarded under separate cover.

20. Demonstrated project management experience to undertake the project including the provision of a project budget and ability to meet Government reporting requirements.

What resources does your organisation have that will help it to undertake the project. For example, what numbers of volunteers, special expertise, office facilities, equipment and so on – as long as it is directly relevant to your proposal.

The Herberton Shire Council, as a Local Government Authority, has the professional project and financial management skills and systems to manage and supervise this project. It also has prior experience in managing and administering projects under the Sustainable Regions Program

The project plan provides for a project coordinator, to ensure all project elements effectively mesh and are thoroughly executed. Project work will be undertaken by Queensland University staff and local professional personnel who collectively have considerable knowledge of the broad socioeconomic environment and a depth of knowledge on national and international trends in the timber industry.

The project team also has a great deal of experience in both practical and theoretical problems associated with plantation establishment and are recognised internationally for their expertise.

What experience has your organisation in developing, planning, budgeting and reporting that will help it to implement this project.

The Herberton Sire Council, as a Local Government Authority, has a long track record in developing, planning and budgeting for the management of much larger projects than this project represents. It also has the necessary reporting systems for the professional management and monitoring of the project.

21. The project does not compete directly with existing businesses, unless it can be shown that there is an unsatisfied demand for the product/service or the product/service can be provided in a new way.

Provide a statement on the impact of your project proposal on other businesses in the region.

The project does not compete with existing business operations. On the contrary, it aims to enhance the viability of the only Hoop Pine processing operation in the region and if possible build opportunities for establishment of other businesses within and expanded industry sector.

22. Retrospective funding will not be permitted for any projects.

Please provide a statement/evidence that the applicant's financial contribution is new investment and that the Commonwealth's contribution will also be for new investment.

The project is essentially a research project, developed to date by the stakeholders. It has not been commenced.

***Important note:* The Commonwealth will not provide the Grant or any instalments of the Grant for expenditure incurred before the signing of a Deed.**

23. The project should not be inconsistent with other Federal Government policy objectives and relevant law.

Provide a statement on the extent to which the project conforms to Federal Government policies and relevant laws

As far as the applicant is aware, this project conforms to Federal Government policies and relevant law.

24. Proposals must comply with relevant planning and environment laws.

Please confirm compliance with relevant planning and environmental laws or progress towards achieving this. Provide evidence of any approvals already gained

This application is not for physical infrastructure, so does not require planning approvals, nor will it impinge on environmental laws. The project will include consideration of compliance with planning and environmental law in the location and establishment of any Hoop Pine plantations. Indeed objectives include the enhancement of regional environmental values.

PART E

DECLARATION

This declaration must be signed by a representative of the applicant organisation (not a sponsoring organisation).

I declare that the information I have given on this form is complete and correct and that the group/organisation that I represent (and the sponsoring organisation, if nominated) supports the project.

I understand the Guidelines and Application Form.

I understand that my application may be provided to other agencies, as appropriate.

I agree that information about my organisation's project in this Application Form may be reproduced in *Sustainable Regions Programme* promotional and media material.

I agree that individuals or organisations mentioned in my application may be contacted as part of the assessment of this application.

Name of representative:

First Name:	Gordon
Last Name:	Malcolm
Position:	CEO
Group/Organisation:	Herberton Shire Council

Date: 11 / 02 / 2004

Phone: (07) 4096 2244

Signature of Representative:



By submitting an application for funding electronically by email, you warrant that you are duly authorised to submit an application on behalf of the organisation that is seeking a *Sustainable Regions* grant. Further you acknowledge the absence of a handwritten signature in the application for funding does not invalidate your electronic submissions.

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