

Evaluation response

Lord Howe Island Board response to Nexus evaluation of the Lord Howe Island 'Tide is Turning' project

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1	It is recommended that the Trust maintain its current practice of excluding unsolicited grants from funding.	Not applicable.
2	It is recommended that Major Projects assess their project co-design capabilities and, where necessary, arrange for capacity building around collaborative ways of working with grantees to support effective project co-design.	Not applicable.
3	It is recommended that, as per current practice, Major Projects continues to use a logic model approach in project business plans that clearly sets out how project activities will contribute to short, medium and longer term environmental outcomes and how these outcomes may be impacted by external factors.	Not applicable.
4	It is recommended that, as per current practice, a logic model in project business plans continues to form the basis for measuring project achievements and clear milestones for reporting.	Not applicable.
5	It is recommended that the TRC has a clearly defined role in assessing and advising on the technical viability of project during the design phase, including an assessment of the proponent's underpinning assumptions and the feasibility of the project to be successfully completed within the proposed time and budget.	Not applicable.
6	It is recommended that the Trust maintains opportunities to fund innovative projects, however a dedicated rationale for "why now" should be included in project proposals.	Not applicable.
7	It is recommended that LHIB make smaller pockets of difficult to access weeds the target for weed	Agree with the recommendation.

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	eradication efforts in the future when new, cost-effective approaches become available.	LHIB will continue to seek novel weed control and detection methods that are proven and cost effective.
8	It is recommended that the Trust consider sustainability of outcomes during the project selection phase and work collaboratively with grantees to incorporate sustainability considerations into the project design and reporting.	Not applicable.
9	It is recommended that, as per current Trust practice, grant funding be staged over the course of a project subject to completion of agreed milestones as reviewed by TRCs (where applicable) or Trust staff.	Not applicable.
10	It is recommended that LHIB maintain their efforts on uplifting project management capabilities for effective delivery of grant funded projects in the future	Agree with the recommendation. Since the completion of this project the LHIB has established a Projects department to support delivery and execution of project work.
11	It is recommended that criteria for selecting grant recipients include consideration of their project management systems, skills and experience.	Not applicable.
12	It is recommended that project budget line items are more carefully aligned with planned project activities and their intended outputs and outcomes.	Not applicable.
13	It is recommended that in light of this evaluation the Trust review its risk assessment and management processes, including escalation mechanisms, in the case of unsatisfactory project progress.	Not applicable.
14	It is recommended that Major Projects continually review its approach to monitoring and evaluating funded projects, to ensure there is alignment between the program planning and reporting requirements.	Not applicable.

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