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## New face at the helm of local land and water group

Directors and staff of NQ Dry Tropics have welcomed Dr Scott Crawford as the new Chief Executive Officer.

Scott has been with the community-based, natural resource management organisation for four years and he succeeds former CEO Bob Frazer who has moved on to lead the new Cape York natural resource management group.

Scott has a long career working in land and water management, spanning a range of research, policy and senior management roles in both Australia and New Zealand. His initial interests in land and water management started in the Burdekin, while studying at James Cook University and working at CSIRO. Scott also holds a PhD in Geography from Auckland University..

NQ Dry Tropics Chairman Mark Stoneman said, "Scott's experience with on ground research work and in the government and commercial sectors make him an excellent person to take NQ Dry Tropics forward.

"The Board was unanimous that he was the best person to build on the foundations and expand the reach and credibility of NQ Dry Tropics."

NQ Dry Tropics has more than doubled to 35 staff over the last decade in serving an area almost ten percent of Queensland.

Mark said, "The natural resource management sector is funded primarily by the government but it will have to be funded by diverse sources in future as we consolidate and continue the work of delivering on ground land and water solutions to a wide range of clients over recent years.

"Scott has the relationships and experience to build on corporate partnerships that further cement NQ Dry Tropics' position in the community and continue to deliver fantastic land and water improvements."

In his role as Acting CEO, Scott has been updating the organisation's strategic plan which clearly identifies the direction and actions it will take during the next three years.

It will see the organisation grow as a business and be a recognised leader in land and water resource management in central and north Queensland.

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Our region includes the local government areas of Townsville, Charters Towers, Burdekin, Isaac, Barcaldine, Etheridge, Hinchinbrook, Palm Island and the Whitsundays.

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