

Presentation to EIANZ

The Regional Planning for Natural Resource Management

29 November 2011

Legal affect of the SEQ NRM Plan

- As Andrew has explained, the SEQ Regional Plan (statutory planning instrument) comes in three main parts:
 1. regulatory provisions – must abide by...
 2. policy provisions – must have regard to...
 3. notes – guidance for implementation

Reviewed every 5 years – 2014

- The SEQ NRM Plan is called up in numerous places in the SEQ Regional Plan in the policy and notes sections; therefore, must have regards to it...

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Who owns what

- **Sustainable Planning Act** – Planning Minister and Department of Local Government and Planning
- **SEQ Regional Plan** – Regional Planning Committee (Ministers and Mayors)
- **Local Government Planning Schemes** – local governments
- **SEQ NRM Plan** – Chief Executive Officers Committee for NRM in SEQ (DGs and CEOs) including SEQ Catchments
 - Executive Officers Group – senior officers in policy, science and planning including SEQ catchments – sets agenda for CEOs Committee
 - SEQ Regional Implementation Group including SEQ Catchments – the doers including CEOs Committee
 - Science Integration Panel – the thinkers at professor level

What the NRM Plan is not:

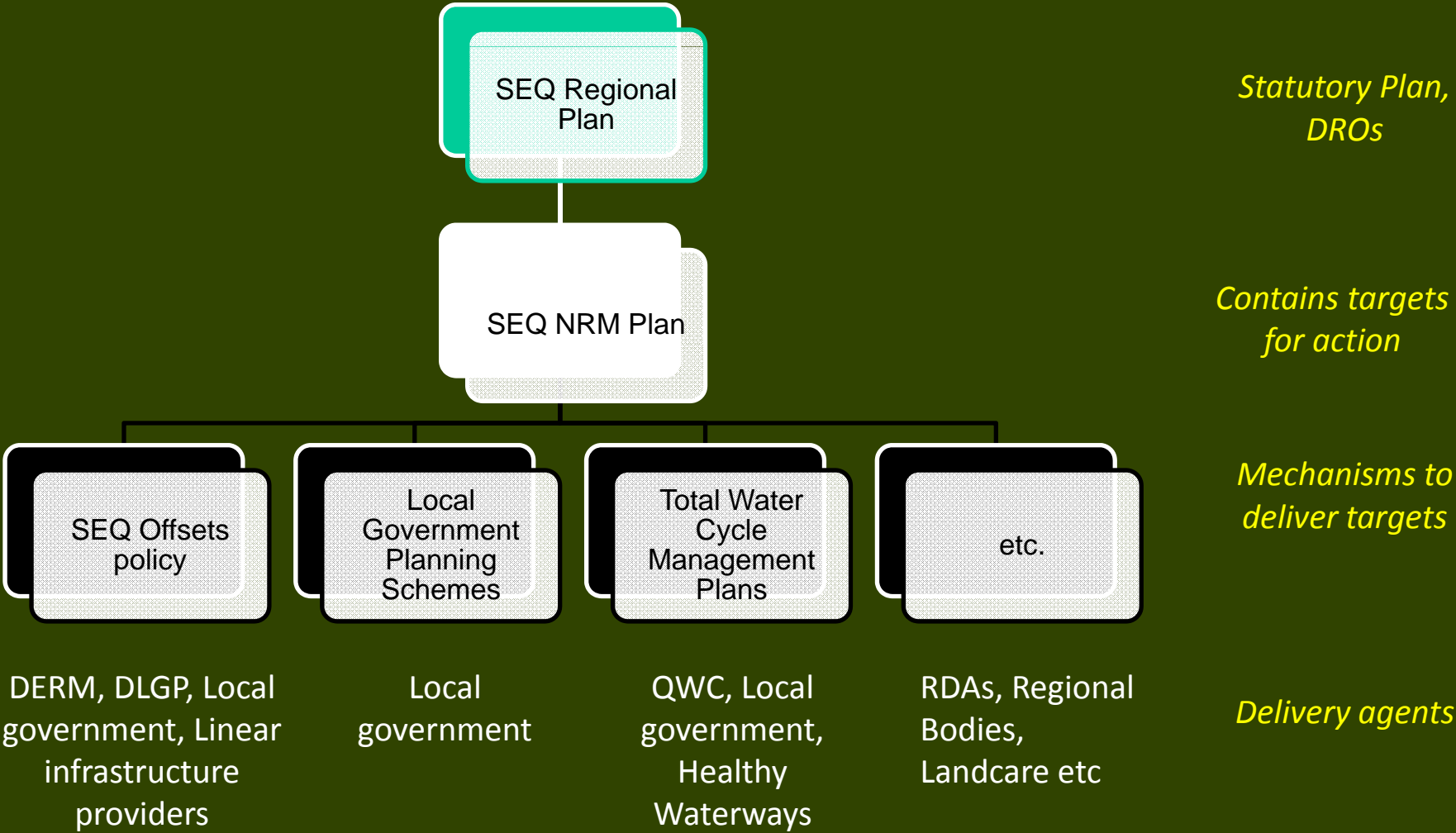
- A set of new rules, dictum or cost imposition
- A new layer of planning and bureaucracy
- A new set of constraints or a head of power to take any power
- A usual plan or policy roll out
- A State or regional body of local government owned or driven approach
- A document calling for a blank cheque, forced action or imposition
- It is a non-statutory instrument called up in a State Planning Policy

What the NRM Plan is meant to be:

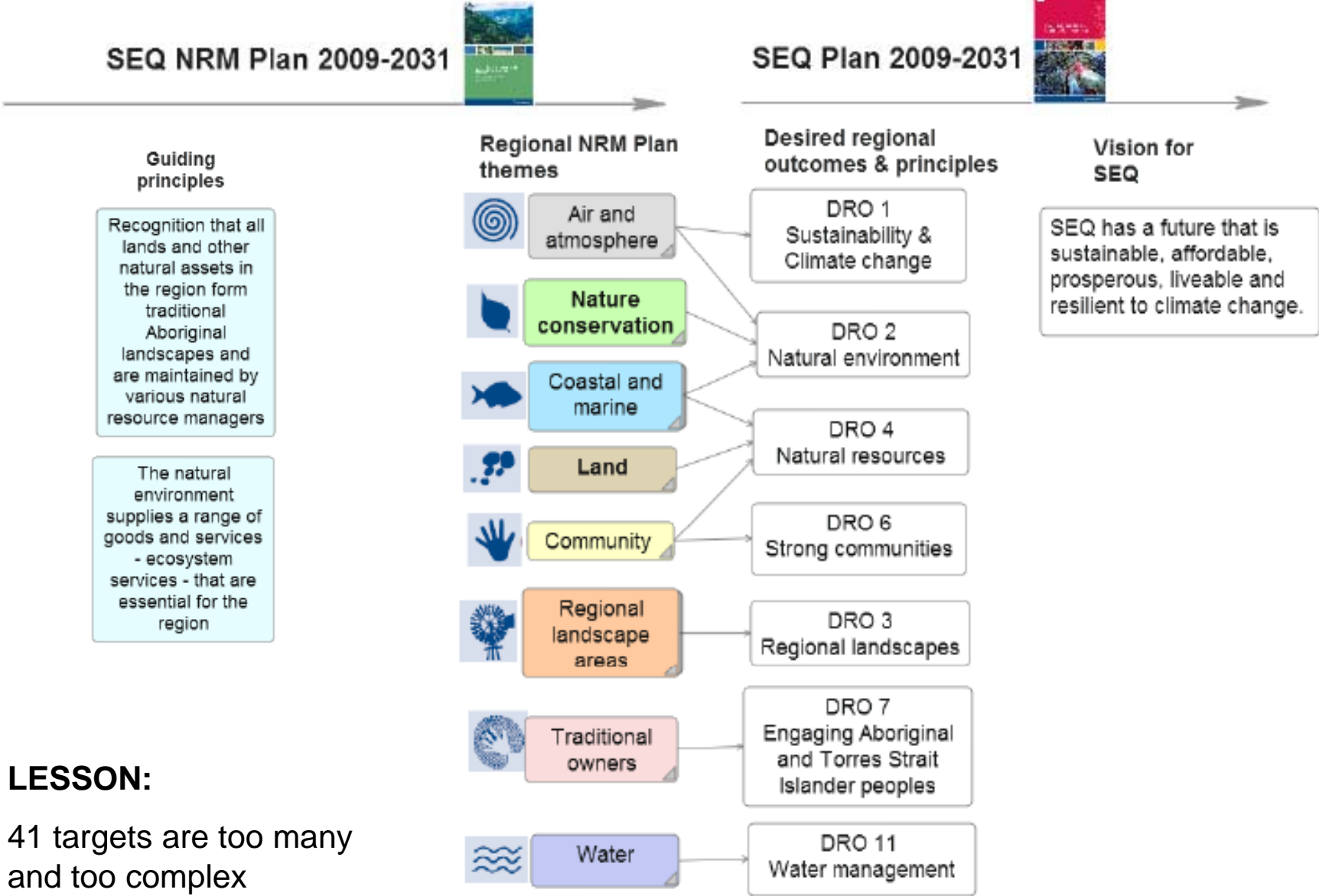
- A **collaboration** between all levels of government, community and industry
- An **coordinating framework** to achieve the environment and natural resource aspirations of a region
- An **organising agreement** to share our limited resources, data and information, and knowledge and skills
- A **means** to coordinate and attract investment
- An **avenue** to ensure the region manages its own assets and to provide guidance to the planning system
- A NON STATUTORY INSTRUMENT called up by a statutory instrument

A major cultural change in way in which contributors consider and deliver environment and natural resource management

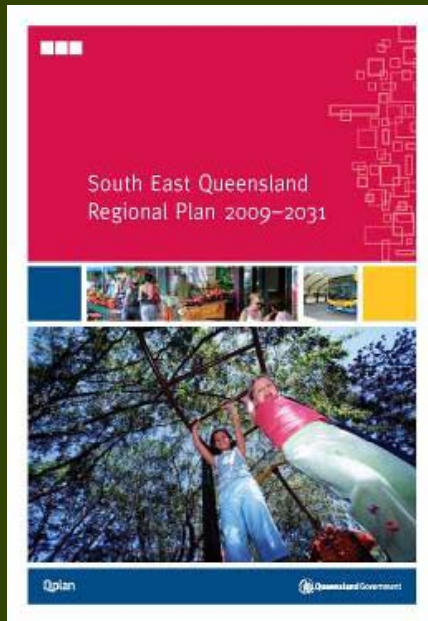
Links with existing policy and plans for implementation



Connection between DROs and targets

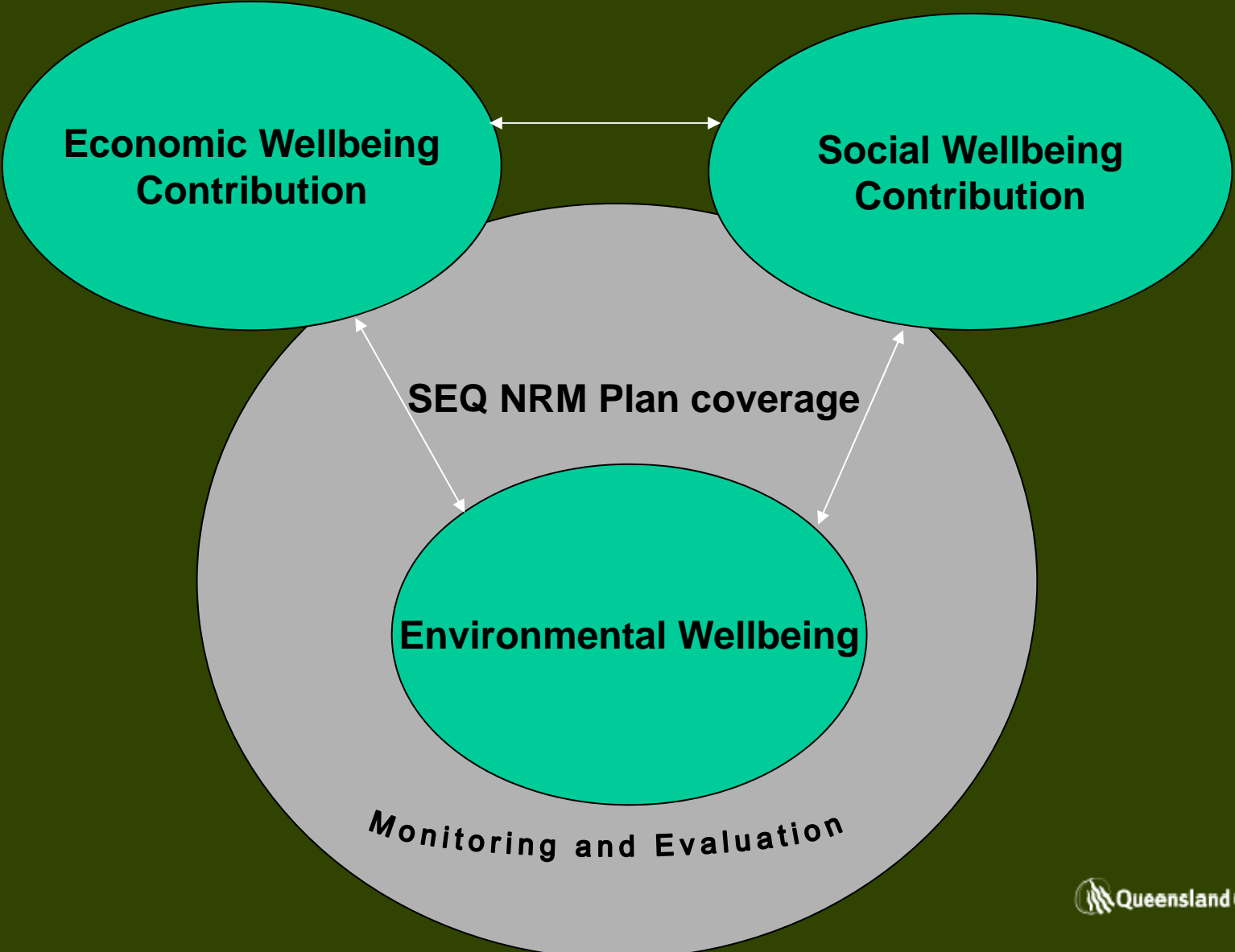


The job for SEQ is....



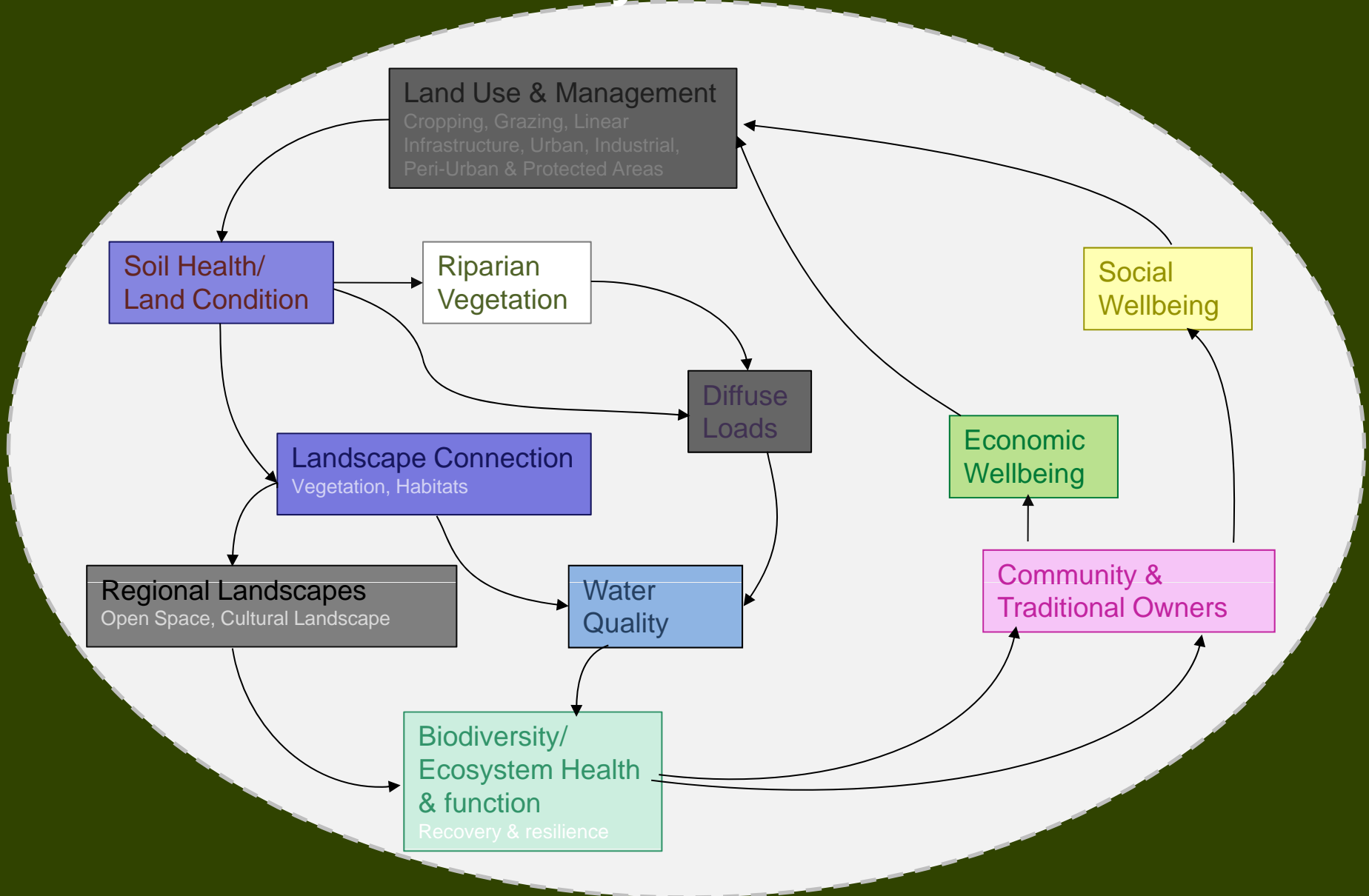
- The SEQ Regional Plan is a *growth* management plan
- The governments of SEQ want growth and the people of SEQ do not want our environment and natural resources to get any worse
- So, how do we reconcile the two hopes and how does the SEQ NRM Plan help...

The Triple Bottom Line



Overview SEQ NRM system

Department of Environment and Resource Management

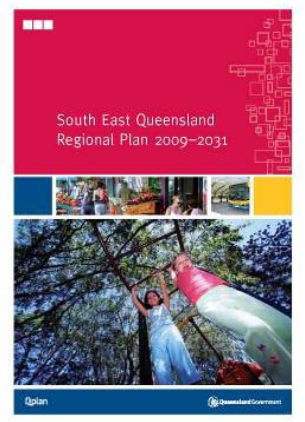


Monitoring & Evaluation

So, the SEQ NRM Plan...

- Sets the targets to ensure the environment and natural resource assets do not get any worse – community hopes
- Add the growth imperative for SEQ and the job is ensuring environment and natural resource assets provide (ecosystem) services to ensure human wellbeing despite the growth
- In SEQ we need to re-construct our landscapes to do this job

SEQ NRM Plan system diagram Department of Environment and Resource Management



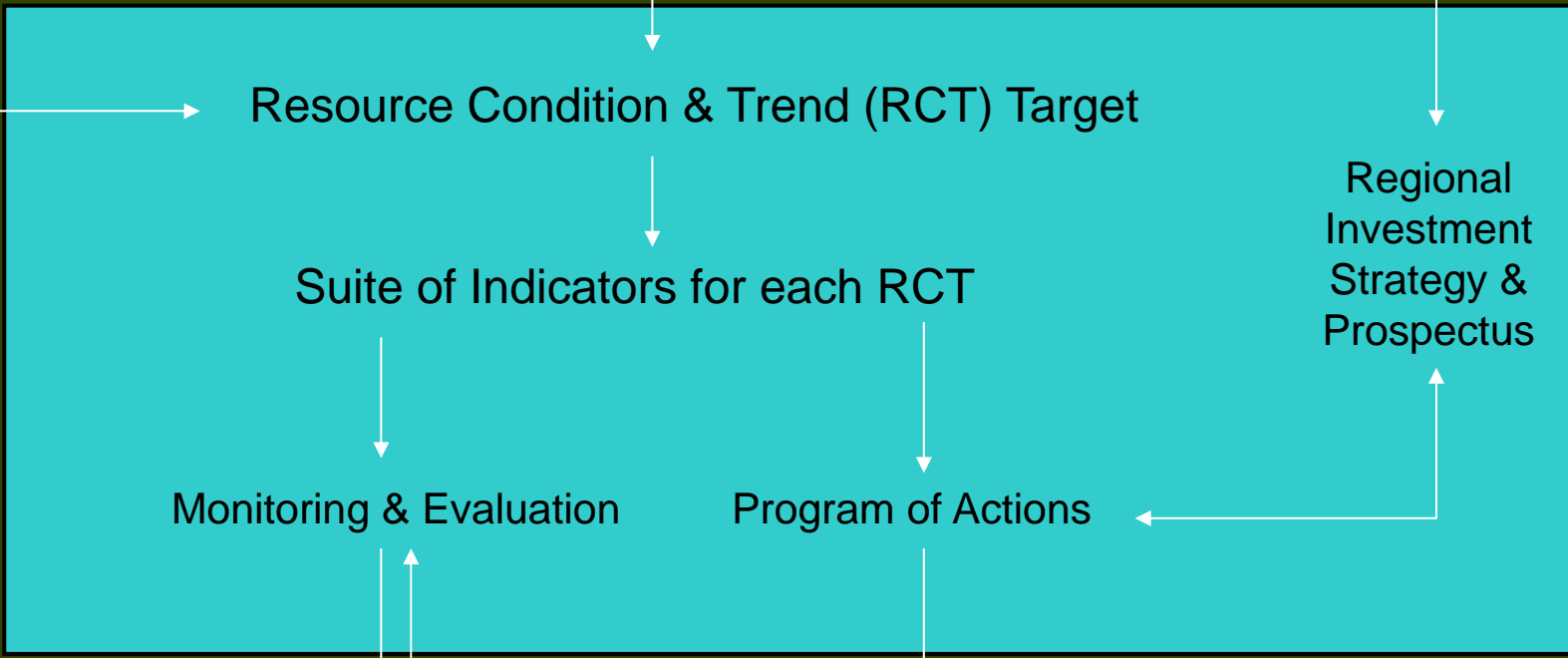
Aspirations for Environment and Natural Resources in SEQ

Environment and Natural Resource Assets
 Atmosphere, Water, Coastal/Marine, Land, Community, Cultural Heritage, Terrestrial/ Freshwater Biodiversity,

Current State, Commonwealth, and local government investment

Benefactors
 Industry
 Offsets
 Volunteers

Improvement



Reporting of Outcomes
 State of Region Report
 State of Environment Report

Outputs
 The work we've done

Responsibility of SEQRIG and attendance governance – the collaborative space

What about other legislation?

- The Vegetation Management Act – protect
- The Nature Conservation Act – protect
- The Coastal Protection and Management Act – protect
- Protection is a valuable aim; however, in SEQ, protection will not deliver our SEQ NRM Plan targets and therefore provide ecosystem services to support the anticipate growth by 2031
- Apart from the SEQ Regional Plan and local government planning instruments, we have no strategic guidance or mechanisms to get this guidance apart from our SEQ NRM Plan

