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COMMUNITY WATER FORUM FOR CAIRNS

The Cairns and Far North Environment Centre (CAFNEC) together with Dr Lesley Clark MP and the Environmental Protection Agency have organised a community forum to address the important issue of water use in Cairns.

The recent drought, release of the Productivity Commission report on Urban Water Use and the release of the Barron River Water Resource Plan have put water use issues high on the environmental and political agenda.

“CAFNEC have been calling for the focus to shift from the supply of water infrastructures such as dams to the demand side of water management such as the use of water saving devices and water recycling” said John Rainbird, CAFNEC coordinator, “this approach is now being widely adopted in other areas and is proving highly successful in reducing cost to councils and ratepayers and delivering better environmental outcomes.”

“The forum will be both an information session on how we can improve our use of water as well as an opportunity for the community to discuss issues around water use in our region” said Mr. Rainbird.

Along with the forum, an opportunity for Cairns City Council to adopt a progressive water management strategy has been created through engaging council with two leading water management experts, Stuart White and Tim Waldron.

Speakers include Stuart White, Director of the Institute of Sustainable Futures, Sydney, Allan Mayne, WaterWise, EPA, and John Rainbird, CAFNEC.

The open forum will be held on Wednesday March 5th at the James Cook University from 7-9pm.

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