NAME: **Tropical Green Building Network**

FACILITATOR: Nic Skutenko

MINUTES: Emma Thirkell

DATE: 2nd Jun 2010

PRESENT: See attendance list.

ISSUE	INFORMATION PRESENTED AND/OR ACTION TO BE TAKEN	ACTIONS	WHO
Latest News and Announcements			
2010 Building Codes News	The Codes released in May 2010 did not address our concerns re: BERSPro shortcomings to rate tropical naturally ventilated houses reflecting their low to no reliance on air-conditioning. There were notes regarding condensation and houses in climate zone 1 are not required to install insulation under suspend floors. Homes in this climate zone are required to place a minimum of 50% of insulation to the ceiling and 50% to the roof which again discriminates against houses in the tropics that do not use air-conditioning.	Continue to apply pressure on ABCB.	**All**
Cairns Home Magazine and Home Show	TGBN has an article in the latest issue.	Network members are encouraged to advertise.	**All**
Greenpainters Australia	Greenpainters Australia is hosting and event for designers on the 2nd July and painters and suppliers on the 3rd July.	TGBN to assist with promotion	**Emma**
Issues for Discussion			
TGBN Project Officer Position	Interviews to taken place in conjunction with CAFNEC. Nic Skutenko and Peter Collins representing the TGBN on the Interview panel. Emma Thirkell declined to take part.	We need to write a letter of appreciation to Council. TGBN to include CRC logo on administrative and promotional materials	**Peter C, Nick and Emma**
Sustainable House Display Home Subgroup.	The subgroup has collected sustainable house building standards from the UK and Australia and are using this to help define tropical sustainable house design standards that may be endorsed by the TGBN	Sub group: Peter Collins, Rcheal Whymark, Julie Fry, Peter Zeith, Patrick Winter, Emma Thirkell, Christine Doan.	
Construction Site Waste Planning pro-forma.	Can we form a new subgroup to take up this issue along with moving forward TGBN recommendations made in the Cairns Regional Council Draft Waste Management Strategy in 2009.	Discuss further	

Presentation			
Infinity Solar: Mark Delany	Introducing SilexSolar, Australia's only large scale commercial manufacturer of Solar Cells. The 1st generation cells are optimised using mono-crystalline processing and results in average cell conversion efficiencies of 17%. The product efficiencies and costs will be discussed along with latest industry trends and schemes in solar energy. Mark also discussed the industry in general concerning issues surrounding the feed in tariff.		
Subgroups			
Grey water systems	Soil engineers are being brought together to start the soil layer of the Map. Looking at soil types, flood levels, watercourses etc. Current focus is southern corridor.	MOA signoff between TAFE and CRC has been completed. Soil Engineers to congregate	**Emma**
Air-conditioning	Fact sheet and work with the cairns regional Council		**Keiren**
Next Meeting	**Wednesday 7th July 2010 5.30pm – 7.30pm @ CAFNEC**		