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## Far Northern Mayors lobby in Canberra

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COOKTOWN

Mayors and representatives from 13 Far Northern councils, including Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott, took the region's priorities directly to the Federal Government in Canberra last week.

Among the key issues facing Cook Shire and the Far North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (FNQROC) was continuation of funding for the Peninsula Development Road, Cr Scott said. "We need security that the funding for the Peninsula Development Road will continue, and we also want a focus on flood proofing the North Laura and Archer River bridges," he said. "Continuation of the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) is also vital to the health of our wider region." Cr Scott said he also sought support and funding for Lakeland's water security and an increase to the annual Financial Assistance Grant.

FNQROC representatives from Mareeba, Carpentaria, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Douglas, Cairns, Yarrabah, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Etheridge and Croydon shires were part of the two-day delegation. The group met with ministers including Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, Indigenous Affairs Minister Nigel Scullion, Member for Leichhardt Warren Entsch and Member for Kennedy Bob Katter.

FNQROC comprises 17 per cent of Queensland councils, covering more than 316,000 square kilometres of the State and 1235km of the Eastern seaboard and is the largest and fastest growing region in Northern Australia.

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