

It's about more than  
just water.

Paluma

Townsville

Ayr

Home Hill

Big Rocks Weir

Charters Towers

Ravenswood

## At a Glance

**\$26.46m** economic benefit to the State and Federal economy at 10,000ML of water

Additional **\$35m** agricultural revenue to Charters Towers Region

**170+** full time equivalent jobs during construction

**110+** full time equivalent after being built

**\$30m** committed in Federal Government funding

**\$30m** committed in State Government funding (subject to a successful detailed business case)

Source: Big Rocks Weir Business Case, Townsville Enterprise, August 2020 [www.townsvilleenterprise.com.au](http://www.townsvilleenterprise.com.au)



PO Box 189  
Charters Towers Qld 4820

12 Mosman Street  
Charters Towers Qld 4820 Australia

**P** (07) 4761 5300

**F** (07) 4761 5344

**E** [mail@charterstowers.qld.gov.au](mailto:mail@charterstowers.qld.gov.au)

**ABN** 67 731 313 583

**[www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/bigrocksweir](http://www.charterstowers.qld.gov.au/bigrocksweir)**

**f** @ChartersTowersRegionalCouncil



**BIG ROCKS  
WEIR  
BIG FUTURE.**



WATER SECURITY. JOB SECURITY. REGIONAL SECURITY.

Big Rocks Weir is a proposed new weir on the Burdekin River with a storage capacity of approximately 10,000 megalitres (ML).



The proposed weir will be located within the Charters Towers Region Local Government Area (LGA), approximately 26 kilometres (km) north of Charters Towers and 23km upstream from the existing Charters Towers Weir.

The project will more than double the water storage capacity for the Region and create hundreds of jobs.

The Region is heavily reliant on seasonal cycles and inflows from the Burdekin River to resupply the Charters Towers Weir. A combination of late starts to the wet season, low yielding wet seasons, and extended periods of low inflow has led to increased water restrictions.

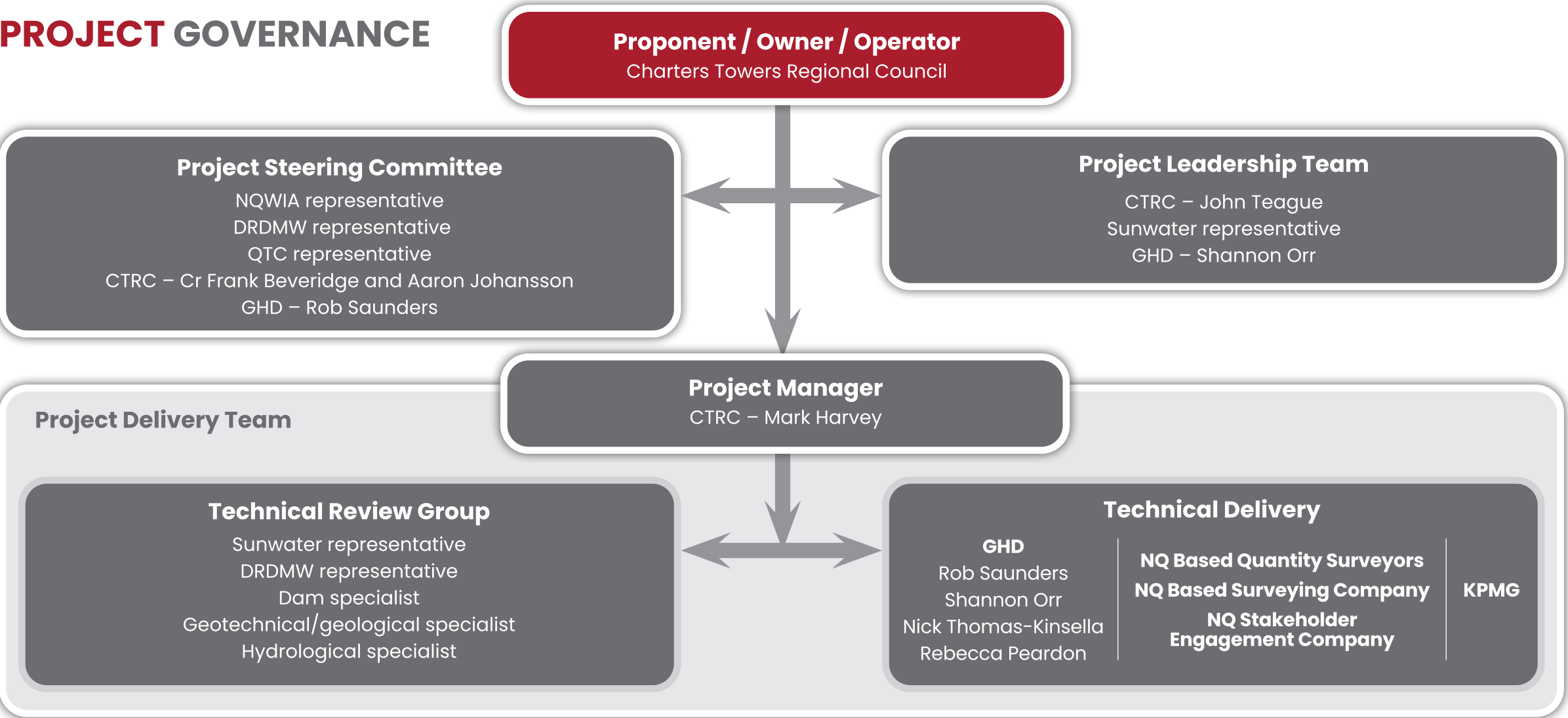
Big Rocks Weir will help the Charters Towers Region to not only survive, but thrive.

The Weir will increase water storage capacity, improve water security and provide net economic gains for the State and Federal economy while making the Region less reliant on government support during prolonged periods of drought.

Once built it will help to deliver adequate and reliable water supply for high-value agricultural production opportunities in the North. Currently the inability to access reliable water is constraining economic investment and interest in the Charters Towers Region. Being able to open the irrigated agricultural potential of the region will help deliver greater economic benefits for the Region, State, and Nation.

Big Rocks Weir means a big future for Charters Towers, Queensland, and Australia.

PROJECT GOVERNANCE



BIG ROCKS WEIR IS IN SAFE HANDS



Frank Beveridge  
Mayor.  
Charters Towers  
Regional Council

Mayor Frank Beveridge is Chair of Regional Development Australia and Deputy Chair of North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils. Frank has more than 30 years' experience owning and operating small businesses, and two decades of involvement in local government including 17 years representing Charters Towers.



Aaron Johansson  
Chief Executive Officer.  
Charters Towers  
Regional Council

Aaron has extensive executive experience in both the private and public sectors including local government, mining, gas, education and finance. A chartered accountant, Aaron has also completed a Master of Business Administration majoring in International Business and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



John Teague  
Director Infrastructure  
Services.  
Charters Towers  
Regional Council

John is highly skilled in managing and delivering large-scale engineering projects. Some of the projects he's been involved in include being project manager for the Norman River Weir raising in Carpentaria Shire, a member of the PLT for the construction of the Bowen Water Treatment Plant, and also the Cannonvale sewerage treatment plant in the Whitsundays.



Mark Harvey  
Water Projects  
Manager.  
Charters Towers  
Regional Council

Mark has extensive water industry experience in managing large-scale engineering projects. During his career he has managed water operations in Townsville, oversaw the construction of the Northern Water Treatment Plant, and was the coordinator for the Water Infrastructure Upgrade Program in Charters Towers.



Rob Saunders  
Project Director and  
Project Steering  
Committee Member.  
GHD

Rob has been a long-term North Queensland resident and civil engineer with 30 years' experience, both as senior water utility manager (10 years) and engineering consultant (20 years). Rob was involved with historical investigations on the Big Rocks Weir project in the 1990s, as well as the upgrades of Ross River Dam and many other critical water supply structures in Queensland.



Shannon Orr  
Project Manager and  
Project Leadership Team.  
GHD

Shannon is a Senior Engineer with over 17 years' experience and was the Project Director for the Big Rocks Weir Business Case. Shannon also has extensive experience in the delivery of large capital water infrastructure projects, having also just completed the Haughton Pipeline Duplication project as Project Manager for the Consultancy Team.



Nick Thomas-Kinsella  
Design Manager.  
GHD

Nick is a Senior Dams Engineer with 10 years' in the field of dams engineering, dam upgrade and remedial works. Nick was the Project Manager and Design Engineer for the Big Rocks Weir Business Case, and is also the team leader for Dams in North Queensland.



Rebecca Peardon  
Environmental and  
Planning Lead.  
GHD

Rebecca is a Senior Planner with over eight years' experience in environmental and town planning for large water infrastructure projects. Rebecca was the Environmental and Planning Lead for the Big Rocks Weir Business Case and has more recently been involved with the EIS process for CopperString Project.

Big Rocks Weir is a game-changing project for North Queensland.