



Recommendations To Effect Positive Change

Group A:

- Sell the Summit positively to others in the region
- Profile the “winners” – things/people that are working well
- Boost government’s role as facilitator/builder of community capacity to develop vision for region
- Mentoring with businesses to explore diverse opportunities for youth
- Build on USQ regional seminar series to use as opportunity to build regional direction

Group B:

- Co-ordinated approach for good new crop with good markets eg. green soy beans, sugar, organic produce, flax, aquaculture
 - o DPI willing to run first awareness type session and held in R&D for production issues. Needs, keen producers, DNR and M (for GIS Maps) to determine if a competitive advantage finance providers/banks), exporters, processors, marketers, transporters
- Potential to work with existing regional industry eg. AUSBUD to map possible expansion in flowers/foilage exports (DPI/DSD) (growers, processors and exporters)
- Skill increase in regional communities regarding cooperative formation, marketing groups, leadership, entrepreneurship, DOOR (marketing) (DPI, UQ – Gatton, TAFE, DSD)
- Investigate new opportunities eg inland railway (Melbourne to Goondiwindi, Miles to Gladstone). Either export overseas or back load to Melbourne (DPI, DSD)
- Audit of regional resources, regional SWOT, skills audit of each rural community

Group C:

- Holistic integration required but.....WHO WILL INITIATE?
- Use this forum as a networking session to start the integration process (get the ball rolling) i.e. task force to develop policies for regional development
- Need to highlight the issues pertinent to our 'patch of dirt' as opposed to statewide/nationwide approach to policy development
- Need to develop a co-operative approach to regional development
- Need a non-biased, neutral organization to breathe some life into existing organizations, cooperative/networking etc ability
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