

State Disaster Management Group Extraordinary Meeting Minutes 10 am Friday 24 December 2010

**Liaison Room
State Disaster Coordination Centre
Level 2, Block E, Emergency Services Complex
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron**

Responsible Agency

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the following special guests

The Premier of Queensland, Premier Anna Bligh MP

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas MP

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, Neil Roberts MP

Regional Director (Queensland) Bureau of Meteorology, Jim Davidson

The Chair welcomed the members of the SDMG (Director General Department of Education and Training via teleconference), their respective agency representatives

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SDMG Member Deputy – Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Trevor Van Dam

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – John Bradley

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SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – David Stewart

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Bruce Grady

SDMG Member – Local Government Association of Queensland – Greg Hallam

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SDMG Member – Queensland Police Service – Bob Atkinson

SDMG Member Deputy – Queensland Treasury – Walter Ivessa

2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Mr Davidson provided a 15 minute PowerPoint presentation on the current weather situation and the 8 day outlook.

Mr Davidson answered questions from the SDMG group and was thanked for his presentation.

3. Situational Report

Assistant Director General, Emergency Management Queensland (EMQ), Mr Bruce Grady provided a brief update on the real time rain event arrangements and activities.

Mr Grady noted the cooperation between the Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMG's) and District Disaster Coordinators (DDC's) and on-going combined efforts of EMQ and Queensland Police Service (QPS) in the management of the current events.

It was noted that Christmas Day may be problematic with regards to the mobilisation of the State Emergency Services (SES) volunteers but some SES redundancy currently exists in the southern regions which is not expected to be impacted by the current rain events.

Resolution:

The Chair requested that the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services have their email address placed on the Daily Situation Report Email Distribution List. In addition the chair provided SDMG members with the option of opting into receiving the 5am Daily Situation Report via email with those members wishing to be included to make their details available post meeting.

4. Agency Preparedness

- The Chair called for agency preparedness reports as follows:

Jim Davidson

EMQ

**Completed post
meeting by**

**SDMG
Secretariat,**

**EMQ Mike
Schapland**

DPC Brad Smith

All Members

**Queensland Police Service –
Commissioner Bob Atkinson**

The Commissioner advised of the following:

- Department of Community Safety (DCS) and QPS continue to work together in the management of the current situations through the appropriate channels
- QPS Senior Executive have been meeting daily for the past week
- DDC's are operational
- Specialised Units and Police Air Wing are on standby
- The Disaster Management teams and Media Liaison Branch are working well together in the management of these activities and in preparation for future activity should it occur.
- Arrangements are in place to recall officers from leave should this be necessary.

Comment:

The Premier did raise the issue of longer term weather concerns and the possible impact on New Years Eve activities. This issue was noted by the Commissioner for inclusion in further event management considerations.

**Department of Transport and Main Roads –
Director General David Stewart**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The relevant officers within the department are meeting daily to discuss the issues surrounding the rain event
- The department and staff are at a high level of preparedness
- The department information website is being kept up to date with all relevant information (especially road closures)
- Road Tech crews are on standby in North Queensland
- The department is currently considering "load limiting" actions
- Rail and the rail network is being monitored
- Aviation (Sky Trans) and Maritime (Costal Shipping) assets have been contacted with regards to resupply requirements (if required)
- Maritime – all ports remain open with the Harbor Masters monitoring conditions
- An alert has been issued to recreational boaters expressing caution in light of the current weather conditions and forecast.

**Department of Community Safety –
Director General Jim McGowan**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The current level of disaster management preparedness is the best of many years
- 200 Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) specialised members have been deployed and are in place in various identified locations including Airlie Beach, Proserpine, Bundaberg, Yeppoon, Ingham and Townsville

- Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) is at the standard level of preparation
- EMQ is assisting QPS where required

**Department of Environment and Resource Management –
Director General John Bradley**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The mines of greatest concern at the moment are those in the central region.
- Four minor incidents (discharges) are currently being monitored for environmental compliance
- Townsville refineries overflow storage is currently being observed
- One gate at Wivenhoe Dam is currently open and will close some time in the next 24 hrs.
- The current release rate is 350 cubic meters per second.
- Should the significant rain event occur and there is a requirement to release more water the current release rate could be increase by as much a 10 fold.
- Modelling into release rates and river levels is currently being investigated.
- A community based fact sheet has been developed (and is due for release soon) with information pertaining to the release of water from our dams – why it occurs and operations protocol behind a release.

Comment:

The Premier and the Chair noted the information contained in the draft fact sheet and highlighted that the information may be of great interest to the general public and consideration may wish to be afforded to contacting the newspapers for the inclusion of the fact sheet within a publication or advertisement.

The Director General noted these comments and the Chair advised that an electronic copy of the fact sheet would be disseminated to SDMG members post meeting.

**Department of Education and Training –
Director General Julie Grantham (via teleconference)**

The Director General advised of the following:

- With all of the Schools and TAFE colleges close they are concentrating on Emergency Community Response
- Arrangements are in place to ensure access is available to schools
- The relevant communications protocols are in place
- Arrangements are in place for staff to assist EMQ if required

Comment:

The Director General, DCS, also advised that EMQ has an MOU in place with Clubs Queensland detailing the availability of utilising club facilities during emergencies.

Department of Health –

Acting Chief Health Officer Doctor Aaron Groves

The Acting Chief Health Officer advised of the following:

- The Director General, Queensland Health, had held a regional teleconference to discuss the issue with relevant staff.
- Queensland Health has robust business continuity plans in place.
- Their current concern from a health perspective would be the current discharges from the mines and its environmental impact on the communities wellbeing (Department of Environment and Resource Management and Queensland Health are in discussions with regards to this matter).
- Queensland Health is also looking at community recovery should a large scale/major rain event eventuate.

Department of Communities –

Director General Linda Apelt

The Director General advised of the following:

- Regional Recovery Teams have been placed on alert
- 11 government agencies are prepared to release staff for disaster management / relief work
- Communications protocols have been established with financial institutions with regards to cash payments
- Internal coordination units have been briefed and are on standby
- Currently assistance and grants are being addressed on a case by case basis and to date this has occurred through the provision of assistance and not the allocation of money.
- The 3 major Non Government Organisations (NGO's) have staff ready to deploy.

5. Arrangements covering the Christmas/New Year period

Chair

The chair articulated the importance of ensuring that the protocol procedures are in place over this period in time

The chair also invited those members and departmental contact officer (that may been interested) to dial in and partake in the daily State Disaster Coordination Centre hosted teleconference.

Resolution:

Chief Superintendent, Alistair Dawson was asked to coordinate the dissemination of the teleconference protocol procedures and provide this information (with a daily schedule/timetable) to all SDMG Members and Departmental Contact Officer's.

**SDMG
Secretariat
(completed post
meeting)**

6. Other Agency Reports (by exception)

XO

None Provided

7. Other Business

Chair

The chair raised the issue of appointing a State Disaster Coordinator (SDC) for the December rain event and after discussion with the Commissioner they decided an SDC would be appointed to ensure that event preparations and management were conducted in a careful and controlled way.

- The SDC for the December Rain Event 2010 is Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart, Queensland Police Service.
- Email advice of this appointment has been given to all DDC's with a request to disseminate to all Local Disaster Coordinators.

Resolution:

That members note the appointment of Deputy Commissioner Stewart as the SDC. Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart was formally appointed as SDC with effect 24 December 2010 and until the appointment is terminated.

8. Future Meetings

Chair

The Chair noted that the State Disaster Coordination Group (SDCG) will continue to meet over the Christmas/New Year period and that another meeting of the **SDMG** would be considered in line with the development of the event.

Resolution:

The SDMG Executive Officer, Assistant Commissioner Brett Pointing, will oversee the call out of SDMG members should additional meetings be required. This is to be facilitated via the SDMG Secretariat.

**SDMG XO and
SDMG
Secretariat**

9. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date:

Friday 24 December 2010

Time:

10am – 11am

Venue:

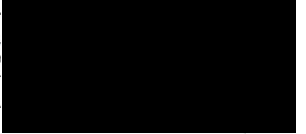
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	Queensland Police Service	Bob Atkinson	
	Queensland Treasury <i>Acting Under Treasurer / member deputy</i>	WALTER IVESSA Alex Beavers	
Other Attendees	Queensland Police Service <i>Executive Officer</i>	Brett Pointing	
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	Queensland Police Service	Ross Barnett	
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	Queensland Police Service	Andy Henderson	
	Queensland Police Service	Peter Martin	
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	Queensland Police Service	Shane Chelepy	
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Attendance Sheet

Tai Mackenzie	dms	
GREG HOFFMAN	LGAS	
TIM HERBERT	DPC	

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
3 pm Tuesday 28 December 2010**

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3. Acting Premier and Minister for Health – Mr Paul Lucas MP

The Acting Premier reminded the group of the requirement to continue to interface with local authorities via the local committees within the communities, particularly in the flooding hotspots.

The Acting Premier also articulated the need to update the general summary documents available in the public domain.

The Acting Premier also encouraged agencies to ensure that the response effort was well resourced.

4. Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services – Mr Neil Roberts MP

The Minister stated he was pleased with the response work that is occurring at the local, district and state level.

The Minister was happy with the lead up preparations and believes these actions have worked well.

The Minister thanked all those present for their efforts and the efforts of their staff.

5. State Disaster Coordinator – Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart

The State Disaster Coordinator (SDC) advised that many of the Local Disaster Management Groups (LDMG's) are operational and several District Disaster Management Groups (DDMG's) are also operational in response to the rain event/floods.

The SDC advised several disaster declarations had been made during the day and lessons have been learnt with regards to the execution of these

Jim Davidson

declarations.

The SDC advised that there have been and will be many lessons learned from this event and that in the “hot de-briefs” that will occur over the next few days these will be raised.

The SDC encouraged the members and their representatives to take part in these briefings and/or pass their feedback/comments back to the SDMG via the Executive Officer (XO) or SDMG Secretariat.

The SDC articulated that we must make our focus the people in the effected communities and start thinking about the transfer from response to recovery. We should also work on the management of the communities’ expectations.

6. State Disaster Management Group Chairperson – A/Assistant Commissioner Alistair Dawson

The Chair of the State Disaster Management Group provided an update on the activities of the relevant District Disaster Groups including some district specific concerns and activities.

7. Agency Reports

All Members

The Chair called for agency preparedness reports as follows:

Queensland Police Service – Commissioner Bob Atkinson

The Commissioner advised of the following:

- Queensland Police Service (QPS) have mobilised various assets including the Water Police, Tactical Crime Units and Public Safety Response Team.
- The police aircraft currently stationed at Mt Isa will be redeployed to Rockhampton on 29th December 2010.
- Each police region has been affected by the rain event with the worst hit region being Central Region.
- QPS are also looking at the public safety issues surrounding the return of a large number of people from Christmas holiday on roads that may have been damaged.

Emergency Management Queensland - Assistant Director General Bruce Grady

The Director General advised of the following:

- There had been Disaster situation declarations for Longreach, Gladstone and Dalby
- The Emergency Alert Systems (SMS) has been used successfully for Warra (to advise residence of drinking water concerns), Emerald (to advise residence of preparations for flood peaks), Dalby Jericho and Alpha (to advise residence of evacuations) with good coverage.
- A request for Defence Force assistance (DACC request) is underway but the application process is slow and it will need to be addressed again with the Commonwealth post event



- EMQ are still having daily teleconferences with the regions and at this time there are reports of State Emergency Services staff fatigue.

Comments:

The Acting Premier advised that he had spoken with the Acting Prime Minister with regards to defence assistance and was advised that there were no issues from the federal government side and that support is available.

**Department of Community Safety –
Director General Jim McGowan**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) have been prepositioned at Theodore and Biloela.
- Prisoners on day release programs from Toowoomba are available for clean up when we required.

**Department of Transport and Main Roads –
Acting Director General Jack Noye**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The Roadteck crew allocation has been exhausted (fully deployed)
- The 13 19 40 web page has 15 pages of data pertaining to road closures and as such the maps have been removed (due to speed and size).
- There are currently no concerns with regards to Maritime Safety.

**Department of Communities –
Director General Linda Apelt**

The Director General advised of the following:

- Relief centres have been established at Rockhampton and Toowoomba and have been staffed by Rapid Response Teams.
- Scripts for Smart Service Queensland and the department website have been updated.
- The department is looking at outreach programs and/or small centre relief on a town by town basis.

**Department of Health –
Acting Chief Health Officer, Dr Aaron Groves**

The Acting Chief Health Officer advised of the following:

- Queensland Health is keeping an eye on the septic problem and working with the relevant agencies.
- From a health perspective the evacuations have run smoothly.
- Queensland Health are now keeping an eye on stress and exhaustion issues with effecting relief staff.

**Department of Environment and Resource Management –
Acting Director General, Debbie Best**

The Director General advised of the following:

- The dam operators, Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) and QPS are working well with regards to the issue of dam safety.



- DERM is being kept up to date by the water operators through daily briefings.

**Department of Education and Training –
SDMG Deputy Member, Graham Atkins**

The Department of Education and Training Representative, Mr Graham Atkins advised that there were several education facilities experiencing minor water issues (flooding) but due to the closures of the facilities this was not a major issue.

**Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation –
SDMG Member Deputy - Chief Operations Officer Trevor Van Dam**

The representative advised that:

- Concessional loans were being considered with Category C needing to meet commonwealth compliance.
- Application for access to hardship payments is being considered on a case by case basis.
- Personal hardship – non means tested 170 per person or 850 for a family of five.
- Essential household and structural are means and income tested
- Advised that access to non means tested fund was not being declared with the information being distributed in the declared areas via door knock and the 1800 173 349 number.
- The Smart Services Queensland website is being routinely updated.

8. Utilities (sewerage, power, communications)

Chair

The power supply is being restored in effected area in a timely manner however the issue that will arise is the reconnection of houses and businesses after the floods.

Relevant agencies are to consider this and address this concern as part of the recovery process.

9. Other Business

Chair

Nil

10. Future Meetings

Chair
SDMG XO and
SDMG
Secretariat

- The Chair noted that the State Disaster Coordination Group will continue to meet over the next few days with the **State Disaster Management Group** scheduled to meet again on **Thursday 30 December at 3 pm**.

11. Meeting Closed

Attendance Sheet

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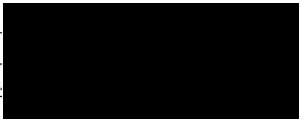
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Attendance Sheet

	Department of Communities	Glen Knights	
	Red Cross	Glen Knight	
	Alan Knight		

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3. The Premier of Queensland – Premier Anna Bligh

The Premier, Anna Bligh

The Premier noted that the disaster was being very well managed at the local levels and noted the cooperation between Emergency Management Queensland and the Queensland Police Service.

The Premier noted that there was a requirement to describe the situation a little better especially in terms of the number of estimated to be evacuated and the anticipated flood levels. Perhaps to describe it in a national context and highlight the anticipated duration.

The Premier also discussed the issues of:

- Keeping on top of road closure and road safety announcements
- Public health concerns that will arise in the coming 10 days
- Utilisation of prison resources
- Redeployment and redundancy staff (from interstate if required)

The Premier concluded by stressing the need to keep on top of road closures, aim to better describe the event and focus on water treatment.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health – Mr Paul Lucas MP

The Deputy Premier reinforced the statements made by the Premier and expressed his desire to make sure that we use the worst case scenario when advertising flood levels.

Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services – Mr Neil Roberts MP

The Minister expressed that the local and district arrangement were working well but we must afford consideration to the expectations and demands placed upon the government in regards to the recovery phase.

Jim Davidson



4. State Disaster Coordinator – Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart

The State Disaster Coordinator (SDC) noted that the main focus may be Emerald / Rockhampton and Bundaberg but we must not overlook the other effected smaller communities.

The SDC noted that his main focus now is turning to the coordination from response to recovery. The State Disaster Coordinator / State Recovery Coordinator positions will probably co-exist for at least a week.

The issue of checking electricity structures within houses is being taken care of by the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG's) and Distric Disaster Coordinators (DDC's) and it appears to be in hand.

5. State Disaster Management Group Chairperson – A/Assistant Commissioner Alistair Dawson

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The Commissioner advised of the following:

- Queensland Police Service (QPS) have mobilised various assets including the Water Police, Tactical Crime Squads and Public Safety Response Team.
- The QPS are now looking at the issue of fatigue management both within the regions and within the State Disaster Coordination Centre response team.
- The Commissioner thanked the Premier for the support provided to QPS through the Government Air Wing.
- QPS are also focusing on New Years Eve arrangement with the intention to promote safe and responsible drinking and to not divert police from their current important duties through during the period.
- QPS are also looking at the return of a large number people from holiday on roads that may have been damaged. The largest concern is the road conditions and road safety.

Comment:

The Premier also commented on the need to reassure people that there are additional police on the ground in effected areas and that looting is currently not a concern but the additional police will be providing that additional property security support and act as a deterrent.

Emergency Management Queensland Assistant Director General Bruce Grady

The Director General advised of the following:

- There was a scheduled teleconference for 9am with the Australian National Retail Authority to discuss the issue of resupply.

All Members



- Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) rural fire teams have been identified to be used in the clean up activities
- A mobile communications tower was deployed to Emerald to assist in the activities.
- Sea transportation is being considered for resupply.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –

Acting Director General Jack Noye

The Director General advised of the following:

- The Cunninghams Gap is now open
- The road damage bill is now in excess of \$1.5 billion
- The 13 19 40 website (and phone line) has been simplified and is being updated every 60 seconds
- RACQ is being updated on a regular basis and ABC regional radio has been providing assistance in get the message out.
- Private sector contractors are available to help with road repair on rotation with the current road tech crews.
- Department of Transport and Main Roads are working on supply and re supply transport issues as part of their ongoing work.
- Emerald rail bridge was closed at 8am with the last train at 6:30am

Department of Communities –

Director General Linda Apelt

The Director General advised of the following:

- Over 200 staff including Lifeline and Red Cross have been activated throughout the state.
- Relief centres have been established at Warwick, Dalby, Chinchilla, Emerald and Bundaberg.
- Outreach programs are in place to assist the rest of the State
- In the space of 1hr there were over 100 calls to the 1800 help line
- Material for each specific area has been developed and is being distributed throughout the regions.
- \$3060 has been expended for emergent loans.

Department of Health –

Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised of the following:

- All public hospital services are intact with the exception of the facility in Theodore which has been closed.
- A health clinic has been established at the agricultural college and is being staffed by 40 hospital staff.
- The movement of patients and staff is now becoming a problem with the helicopters being use to transport critical cases to Cairns.
- Environmental health fact sheets have been developed for dissemination.
- A 1300 health care line has been established and Queensland Health has assisted Emerald with the provision of 100 blankets to the relief centres.



**Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM)–
Acting Director General Debbie Best**

The Acting Director General advised of the following:

- That DERM would like to establish a smaller working group consisting of DERM – LGAQ and Health to look at the issues of water treatment / sewerage and water purification.
- The Mt Cosby treatment plant was off line for 12 hours yesterday with the water management grid being utilised to cover this outage.
- There has only been one unauthorised release which was beyond the control of the mine and is not considered serious.

**Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation –
SDMG Member Deputy) Chief Operations Officer Trevor Van Dam**

The representative advised that:

- Consideration needs to be given for Cat B assistance to both primary industry and small business. Cat B needs to be instigated by the state before the state can consider Category C support with the Commonwealth. Once Category C is implemented that work will have to be undertaken in conjunction with Treasury.
- The DEEDI representative in Rockhampton advised that tourism is experiencing a 40% loss but will not be eligible for Cat B assistance unless their infrastructure has been affected.

**Local Government Association of Australia (LGAQ)–
SDMG Member Deputy Greg Hoffman**

The representative advised that:

- Local government are looking at the issue of water and sewerage very closely. In addition to waste water the LGAQ are also looking into rubbish removals.
- The LGA are also looking at the issue of mosquito and midge control and the movement of council workers and equipment.

7. Other Business

Nil

8. Future Meetings

The Chair proposed the next meeting of the State Disaster Management Group take place Friday 31st December 2010 at 3pm at the Emergency Services Complex Kedron.

9. Meeting Closed

Chair

**Chair
SDMG XO and
SDMG
Secretariat**

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
3 pm Friday 31 December 2010**

Liaison Room
State Disaster Coordination Centre
Level 2, Block E, Emergency Services Complex
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

**Responsible
Agency**

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) representatives:

Mr Peter Baddiley
Mr Bruce Gunn
Mr Jim Elliot

The Chair noted apologies from the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, Neil Roberts MP, and the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service, Bob Atkinson.

A quorum was achieved at this meeting through attendance by SDMG Members or appointed SDMG Member Deputies as follows:

SDMG Member - Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Ken Smith

SDMG Member – Department of Community Safety - Jim McGowan

SDMG Member – Department of Communities – Linda Apelt

SDMG Member – Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Ian Fletcher

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – Debbie Best

SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney-General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – Jack Noye

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Bruce Grady

SDMG Deputy Member – Local Government Association of QLD – Greg Hoffman

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2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

**Jim Davidson and
Peter Baddiley**

Mr Davidson provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Baddiley provided a presentation on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Baddiley answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

In response to the BoM presentation, the Chair expressed the importance of strong messaging to communities and expectation management in regard to a prolonged duration of events.

3. Disaster Area “Hot Spot” Reports

**A/Assistant
Commissioner
Dawson**

A/Assistant Commissioner Dawson provided a summary of the “Hot Spots” around Queensland. These include:

- **Emerald**
 - 400 people are in evacuation centres.
 - Hospital and aged care facilities were evacuated.
 - Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) flexible habitat facility and tents have been airlifted to Emerald.
 - 540 homes have been evacuated.
 - Road bridge expected to be operational on Tuesday.
 - Rail bridge expected to be operational on Saturday.
 - Power, water and communications are operational.
- **Rockhampton**
 - The University’s facilities have been identified as an evacuation centre for approximately 1500 people.
 - 200 houses have been inundated.
 - Airfield expected to be out of action this weekend.
 - Plans are in place to relocate the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS) to Gladstone.
 - Telstra are continuing to attend to communication issues in the Woorabinda area.
 - A government directive has been approved to extend retail trading in Rockhampton from Sunday morning through to Monday. The directive enables large supermarkets to remain open over the weekend and the public holiday on Monday.
 - A field hospital is to be established in Gladstone and a clinic in North

Rockhampton.

- **Bundaberg**

208 homes have been inundated.

Damage assessments on Bundaberg roads and bridges are to occur on Saturday.

Reports that the Paradise Dam has collapsed are false.

- **Condamine**

Evacuations have occurred with assistance from the ADF.

Additional Police have been flown in from Dalby to assist.

Reports from the Red Cross indicate that counselling to affected residents is progressing well.

- **Theodore**

All residents have been evacuated.

It is expected that a return to the area will be slow due to the significant flooding.

Residents are being informed as to the current situation. The Chair expressed the importance of utilising communications officers to keep resident informed of events and activities.

The Chair expressed the need for Government to work closely with the Insurance Council.

- **Dalby**

Two evacuation centres have been operational.

Activities relating to water supply for the area are in place.

Contractors are providing the water supply service.

Messaging within the community regarding water contamination is an important activity at present.

4. State Disaster Coordinator - Update

The State Disaster Coordinator (SDC) made note of his travels with the Premier and Prime Minister to flood affected areas of Queensland including Emerald and Rockhampton.

The SDC conveyed to the SDMG the praise expressed by the Premier and Prime Minister as to the efforts of agencies in responding to this event.

The SDC noted discussions with the Director-General of Emergency Management Australia, Mr Campbell Darby. Mr Darby expressed the Commonwealth Government's commitment to assisting the Queensland Government as requested. In this regard the Australian Defence Force had been assisting with response efforts and an operations cell is being formed at the Enoggera Barracks.

The SDC noted discussions with the National Security Advisor, Mr Duncan Lewis, who also offered support as requested.

The SDC noted the generous donations to the flood appeal by various

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

companies including the Commonwealth Bank, Xstrata and Coles Myer.

5. State Recovery Coordinator - Update

Mr Bruce Grady

The State Recovery Coordinator (SRC) advised that the State Recovery Committee had met and determined that a comprehensive Strategic Recovery Strategy is to be developed. The Strategy will include a number of key milestones for the purpose of informing Executive Government as to the progress of the recovery.

A Strategic Recovery Plan is to be developed for Cabinet approval.

The SRC noted that liaison with local governments regarding key local issues is an important task for the State Recovery Committee. The timing as to which local governments are consulted is important as the timing between response and recovery will be different in different areas.

The SRC noted that it will be important for data to flow from the local level to the state level to improve strategic decision making.

The SRC advised that all industry groups are to be contacted to ensure a collective recovery strategy.

The SRC noted that large offers of assistance need to be managed, including offers from mining companies who are able to offer workers.

The SRC noted that a very large call for Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) would be required.

6. Agency Reports

All Members

The Chair called for agency reports as follows:

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Acting Director General – Debbie Best

The Member advised that:

- Mining disruption is currently a major issue and that export losses will be considerable. Mining companies will be focusing on removing water from mines. Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) will be liaising with mining companies to examine issues.
- Not all primary producers are experiencing hardship, particularly members of the beef industry who do not appear to be as negatively affected as cropping farmers.
- DEEDI officers are to commence door-knocking in flood affected areas to ensure assistance is provided where required. A daily summary of these issues is to be produced by DEEDI for circulation.
- The Premier has agreed to write to the Prime Minister regarding Category Six assistance.

Department of Transport and Main Roads – Acting Director-General Jack Noye

The A/Director General advised that:

- There had been issues with pineapple growers in Yeppoon.
- Inspectors continue to assess roads and bridges across Queensland.

**Department of Health –
Director General Mick Reid**

The Director General advised that:

- Two clinics had been established in Emerald, one on either side of the river.
- A clinic is to be established in Rockhampton on the north side of the river.
- Fixed wing and helicopter aircraft were assisting with activities in Rockhampton.
- Public health at this time was good and the current focus is on public and environmental health.

**Department of Communities –
Director General Linda Apelt**

The Director General advised that:

- Lifeline and Red Cross were providing valuable assistance to communities across Queensland.
- At present, 68 grants had been paid.

**Local Government Association of Queensland –
SDMG Member Deputy Greg Hoffman**

The representative advised that:

- Clean-up issues will become the focus for local governments when the flood waters subside. In this regard, councils will need to identify resources to assist in the clean-up.

7. Other Business

The Chair asked all agencies to confirm their Deputy SDMG Members as soon as possible. Confirmation of Deputy Members is to be provided to the SDMG Secretariat.

The Chair expressed his thanks to all agencies for their efforts in responding to the floods. The Chair requested members to convey his thanks to those agency officers working at the local level.

8. Future Meetings

The Chair put to the members the option for a next meeting to occur on either Sunday 2 January 2011 or Monday 3 January 2011, subject to member agreement and agreement by the State Disaster Coordinator.

The State Disaster Coordinator suggested that the situation in Rockhampton would likely determine the timing for the next meeting and that a meeting on Sunday 2 January 2011 at 2pm would be preferred.

The Chair agreed that a Sunday meeting at 2pm would be scheduled and if it was not required, the Secretariat would contact members to confirm a possible reschedule to Monday at 2pm.

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
2 pm Sunday 2 January 2011**

Conference Room
Level 15
Executive Building
100 George Street
Brisbane

**Responsible
Agency**

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed BoM representatives:

Mr Peter Baddiley

Mr Bruce Gunn

The Chair noted attendance via teleconference of the Director General of the Department of Education and Training - Julie Grantham.

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SDMG Member – Department of Community Safety - Jim McGowan

SDMG Member – Department of Communities – Linda Apelt

SDMG Member – Department of Education and Training – Julie Grantham (via teleconference)

SDMG Member – Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Ian Fletcher

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – Debbie Best

SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney-General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – Jack Noye

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Bruce Grady

SDMG Deputy Member – Local Government Association of QLD – Greg Hoffman

SDMG Member– Queensland Health – Mick Reid

SDMG Deputy Member– Queensland Treasury – Alex Beavers

SDMG Deputy Member - Queensland Police Service – Ross Barnett

SDMG Deputy Member – Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Michael Kinnane

2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Mr Gunn provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Baddiley provided a presentation on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Both Mr Gunn and Mr Baddiley answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

In response to the BoM presentation, the Chair noted the focus on Rockhampton and the Balonne River system that feeds into Surat and St George.

3. Disaster Area “Hot Spot” Reports

The Chair noted the integration of Agenda 4 (Update by the State Disaster Coordinator) into this update.

A/Assistant Commissioner Dawson provided a summary of the “Hot Spots” around Queensland.

These include:

- **Emerald**
 - 354 people are in evacuation centres.
 - 2,500 people have self evacuated
 - 1,000 premises with water inundation
 - 3,000 premises with yard water
 - 100% of industrial premises have suffered partial or full water inundation.
 - 75% of commercial premises have suffered partial or full water inundation. Totalling 4,500 impacted.
 - Resupply of fuel being undertaken.

**Bruce Gunn and
Peter Baddiley**

**A/Assistant
Commissioner
Dawson**



Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) flexible habitat facility and tents have been airlifted to Emerald.

Department Of Communities noted that 27 staff have been deployed to Emerald and will be housed in the QFRS Habitat

Food resupply underway.

LGAQ noted that there is a requirement to ensure cleaning products and disinfectant are prioritised for supply to assist those returning to homes for cleaning.

The Chair noted that Insurance Council Fact Sheets regarding clean up of impacted premise need to be distributed more widely.

Queensland Health noted the reopening of an emergency department in Emerald with resupply of equipment. A mental health team was also deployed.

- **Rockhampton**

29 people at evacuation centre at the University's facilities. The facility can house approximately 1500 people.

200 houses have been inundated.

1,000 premises with water through the yard.

200 businesses have been affected.

There has been a number of power disconnects within expected flooding areas.

Airfield closed to commercial lights, with emergency operations still able to gain access.

An air exclusion zone has been put in place approx 6 nautical miles.

A meeting with the National Retail Association via teleconference is to take place at 3PM on 2 January to discuss options for food resupply.

- **Woorabinda**

Power, utilities and communications are back on.

Queensland Police Service resources have been relocated to assist.

- **Theodore**

Water receding.

Evacuations still in place.

Consideration of evacuees at Moura being relocated by the 13th if required.

- **Surat**

2 people are located at the showground.

6 premises isolated by water surrounded - access via vessel.

Emergency personnel in town.

46 people are identified for evacuation if required.

Airport is at a level that it will be able to remain operational.

- **St George**

Significant flood activity expected within a week.

LDMG activated in preparation.

Evacuation centre and council chambers identified as being above

expected peak level.

40 premises may be affected.

QPS may deploy 6 personnel to the area, including two with vessel handling skills.

DCS noted the QAS field hospital arrived in the town on 1 Jan.

Airfield should be able to remain operational during event.

- **Bundaberg**

In recovery phase.

Department of Communities noted they have 20 staff located, 3 outreach teams and a recovery centre opened on morning of 2 January.

LGAQ noted water supply to Mundubbera damaged but still operational.

Bundaberg roads and bridges have suffered significant damage.

- **Condamine**

Evacuations still in place.

Additional police have been flown in from Dalby to assist.

4. State Recovery Coordinator - Update

Mr Bruce Grady

The State Recovery Coordinator advised that 1402 homes had partial or full inundation, 1350 people evacuated and that QFRS was currently undertaking a rapid damage assessment.

The SRC noted that messages about immediate cleaning and reintegration are within the response phase while the role of the recovery committee is long term.

It was noted that the focus was on the re-establishment of Theodore and Condamine.

The SRC will travel to Banana on the 3 January to undertake assessment.

The State Recovery Committee had met and determined the need for the following:

- the need to support local recovery to allow the State to focus on strategic issues. The SRC encourage agencies to support resourcing local groups with the appropriate expertise;
- the need to develop a comprehensive Strategic Recovery Strategy. The Strategy will include a number of key milestones for the purpose of informing Executive Government as to the progress of the recovery;
- establishment of identified data sets for reporting; and
- establishment of a program to build confidence in the community.

The SRC also noted the importance to learn from Victoria lessons and was liaising with relevant Victorian members.



Department of Public Works noted the need to set priorities for reconstruction efforts to allocate resources across the recovery effort.

Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) noted they were matching councils in need with those unaffected and able to supply support.

The Chair further noted the need for State and Commonwealth agencies to be utilised to assist.

5. Agency Reports

All Members

The Chair called for agency reports as follows:

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Director General - Ian Fletcher

The Member provided a written situation report prior to the meeting.

The Member further advised that:

- People were on the ground in Bundaberg and North Burnett and personnel were being deployed within the next 48 hours to Alpha, Jericho, and Emerald.
- Livestock – DEEDI are coordinating fodder drops. It was also noted that DEEDI were connecting AgForce representatives within the DDMG structure.
- The Prime Minister has approved grants of up to \$25,000 for 13 LGAs.

Department of Transport and Main Roads – Acting Director - General Jack Noye

The A/Director General advised that:

- The 13 19 40 website was improving and was now more user friendly.
- ABC was providing a good source for information distribution.
- Rail has currently stopped at Yamba due to planning issues but these are being resolved.
- There had been issues with pineapple growers in Yeppoon but these were being resolved.
- Crews have been provided from Mackay into Emerald for road damage assessment.
- Expected to be significant damage to Dawson Highway once water recedes.

Department of Health – Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised that:

- Queensland Health (QH) have opened a facility at Gracemere plaza.
- Relief staff provided to Surat.
- Staff on hand to provide advice regarding tetanus to volunteers, being encouraged to call 13 Health. Booster shots will be made available through GPs.
- The Chair noted the need to use ABC to get the Health message out.

It was noted by the chair and agencies that there is a need to ensure websites were up to date with links to information and that the Crisis Communication

Network would be asked to look at this issue.

**Department of Communities –
Director General Linda Apelt**

The Director General advised that:

- 280 Staff on the ground with outreach teams.
- Grants totalling \$115,290 have been given out.
- Smart Services Queensland hotline has received 2076 calls to date.
- Daily bulletins go to the ABC, which include all agency information.
- It was noted that Department of Communities and DCS are intending to request staff from other agencies for recovery centres.

**Department of Environment and Resource Management –
A/Director-General Debbie Best**

The representative advised that:

- It was noted that the DERM spatial information advisor will be placed into the spatial cell in the State Disaster Coordination Centre.
- Hydrology stations may need repair; DERM will work with BOM in this regard.

6. Other Business

The Chair noted the offer of SES staff from other jurisdictions and that some personnel were arriving from South Australia today. The chair requested information as to the number of personnel from other jurisdictions assisting and when they would be assisting.

The Chair noted the issue of fatigue management and the need for all agencies to have this in their considerations.

Department of Public Works requested advice as to the number of staff across agencies going into Emerald, noting the need to establish accommodation. It was noted that some may not be required until the recovery phase.

The Chair noted resupply as a major issue and the need to ensure people were supported with basic needs such as cleaning products and essential foods.

The Chair also noted the need to start preparing in terms of insurance and re-construction issues.

The Chair noted that timely and accurate information is essential in gaining confidence in the community.

The Chair expressed his thanks to all agencies for their efforts in responding to the floods.

7. Future Meetings

The Chair put to the members the option for a next meeting to occur on Tuesday 4 January 2011 due to the expected situations and forecasting.

The Chair also noted the preference to meet at the Executive Building as of

Chair

Chair



Tuesday.

The members endorsed the proposal for the meeting to be held on 4 January and at the Executive Building.

8. Meeting Closed

Chair



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Sunday 2nd January 2011
Venue: Liaison Room
 State Disaster Coordination Centre
 Level 2, Block E, Emergency Services Complex
 Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

Time: 2pm

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

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	Department of Community Safety <i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	Jim McGowan	
	Department of Communities	Linda Apelt	
	Department of Education and Training	*Julie Grantham	
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Ian Fletcher	
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	Debbie Best	
	Department of Infrastructure and Planning <i>SDMG Member Deputy</i>	Michael Kinnane	
	Department of Justice and Attorney General	Philip Reed	
	Department of Public Works	Mal Grierson	
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Jack Noye	
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	Local Government Association of Queensland <i>SDMG Member Deputy</i>	Greg Hoffman	
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	Queensland Police Service <i>State Disaster Coordinator</i>	Ian Stewart	
	Queensland Police Service <i>Secretariat</i>	Chandra Roulston	
	Queensland Police Service	Ross Barnett	
	Queensland Police Service	Andy Henderson	
	Queensland Police Service	Alistair Dawson	
	Queensland Police Service	Ken Bemi	
	Queensland Police Service	Rob Graham	
	Emergency Management Queensland	Mike Schapland	
	Emergency Management Queensland	WARREN BRIDSON	
	Department of Education and Training	Graham Atkins	
	Department of Education and Training		
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Don Bletchly	
	Department of Transport and Main Roads		
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Brad Smith	

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Attendance Sheet

Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Noel Gillard	
Queensland Health	Aaron Groves	
Queensland Health	Phil Carney	
Department of Communities	Tony Hayes	
Department of Communities	Glenn Knights	
Local Government Association of Queensland		
Department of Environment and Resource Management		
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Bruce Turner	
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation		
Bureau of Meteorology	Peter Badley	
Bureau of Meteorology	Bruce Gunn	
Department of Infrastructure and Planning		
Emergency Management Aust	Peter Willett	
ADF - JTF 637	LUKE FOSTER	
DEEDI	Helen Bowlands	
DEEDI	Narn Rudwicz	
DoC	David Shellshew	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
3 pm Tuesday 4th January 2011**

Conference Room
Level 15
Executive Building
100 George Street
Brisbane

**Responsible
Agency**

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

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SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney-General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Natalie MacDonald

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – Jack Noye

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Bruce Grady

SDMG Deputy Member – Local Government Association of QLD – Greg Hoffman

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2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Mr Jim Davidson and Peter Baddiley provided two presentations on the current weather situation/updated weather forecast and the river system flood levels.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Baddiley answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

3. Disaster Area “Hot Spot” Reports

The Chair of the State Disaster Coordination Group, Chief Superintendent Alistair Dawson, provided updates on the situation in the following locations:

- **Emerald**

224 persons evacuated.

400 houses with water over the floor boards.

1200 with water over land or under houses.

Airport open.

Vince Lester Bridge open.

Recovery Centre open.

- **Rockhampton**

83 evacuated.

500 self evacuated.

400 homes with water over the floor boards.

1000 homes with water over land or under houses.

Road to the North open with 600mm margin for use.

Rail is closed.

Resupply issues that have arisen are currently being rectified.

- **Theodore**

50 Queensland workers deployed to work on rail line repairs.

Additional police assets on the ground.

Investigation/Evaluation teams for recovery assessment are at the evacuation centre.

Concerns were raised that media were taken photos of affected houses and showing them to the owners who were still in evacuation centres unable to return home. This issue was being addressed.

- **Condamine**

Health issues were current in Condamine with septic tank seals “popping” and a minor chemical spill into the flood waters.

Police are maintaining a presence in the town.

Assessments needed to be done on power/water/sewerage.

- **Surat**

3 persons have self evacuated.

160 000 litres drinking water available.

Bruce Gunn and
Peter Baddiley

Chief Superintendent
Dawson

Power and utilities are intact.

- **St George**

Airport is open but the road to the airport will be cut at 13.5 metres (estimated height 14.2 metres by the weekend).

3 Helicopters are available to help transport passengers from the closed road to the airport.

2 Royal Australian Navy SEA KING helicopters are on standby at Roma with a heavy lift capacity.

Elderly patients have been evacuated from “Werawai” and moved to the evacuation centre.

The evacuation centre (in the local primary school) is at 15 metres.

Dirranbandi / Thallon

Work is underway to reinforce the levees and should conditions remain as they are at the time of the meeting the levees will prevent overflow. Should more rain fall in this area the situation will need to be reassessed.

4. State Recovery Coordinator - Update

The State Recovery Coordinator (SRC) provided a brief update of the recovery efforts and indicated that more specific work will be required post the Special Cabinet Meeting scheduled for 1000hrs tomorrow 5th January 2010.

Mr Bruce Grady

5. Agency Reports

Due to time constraints no agency reports were tabled.

All Members

6. Future Meetings

The Chair advised that an SDMG meeting will probably be called for 5th January after the Special Cabinet Meeting.

Members would be advised by the SDMG secretariat of the time and place of the meeting when the details were made available.

Chair

7. Meeting Closed

Chair



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Tuesday 4th January 2011
 Venue: Conference Room
 Level 15
 Executive Building
 100 George Street
 Brisbane

Time: 3pm

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

* via teleconference

	Agency	Attending	Signature
Members	Department of the Premier and Cabinet <i>Chairperson</i>	Ken Smith	
	Department of Community Safety <i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	Jim McGowan	
	Department of Communities	Bette Kill	
	Department of Education and Training	Lyn McKenzie	
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Ian Fletcher	
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	Debbie Best	
	Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Paul Low	
	Department of Justice and Attorney General	Philip Reed	
	Department of Public Works	Natalie MacDonald	
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Jack Noye	
	Emergency Management Queensland	Bruce Grady	
	Local Government Association of Queensland <i>SDMG Member Deputy</i>	Greg Hoffman	
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	Queensland Police Service	ROB GRAHAM	
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	Emergency Management Queensland	Mike Shapland	
	Emergency Management Queensland	Peta Robinson	
	Emergency Management Queensland	WARREN BRIDSON	
	Department of Education and Training	Graham Atkins	
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Dep Community Safety

Bruce Grady

Attendance Sheet

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Department of Environment and Resource Management	
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Bruce Turner
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	
Bureau of Meteorology <i>Peter Baddiley</i>	Peter Baddiley
Bureau of Meteorology	Bruce Gunn
Department of Infrastructure and Planning	
Department of Infrastructure and Planning	
<i>Dept of the Premier and Cabinet</i>	HUGH O'BRIEN

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
2:30pm Wednesday 5th January 2011**

**Level 15 Conference Room
Executive Building, 100 George Street, Brisbane**

**Responsible
Agency**

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The chair welcomed the following special guests

The Premier of Queensland, Anna Bligh MP

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas MP.

Major General Mick Slater, Australian Defence Force (Royal Australian Army).

The chair welcomed the State Disaster Coordinator (SDC), Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart and State Recovery Coordinator (SRC) Mr Bruce Grady.

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and the Red Cross representative Mr Greg Goebel.

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SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney-General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Natalie MacDonald

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SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Warren Bridson

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SDMG Deputy Member – Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Paul Low

SDMG Member – Queensland Police Service – Commissioner Atkinson

2. Premier Address

Premier

The Premier addressed the group. Summary as follows:

The Premier conveyed thanks to all those present and the staff of their respective agencies for the work done in response to this disaster. The Premier noted that there were 40 towns in Queensland with over 200 000 people affected by this event. She praised the response as world class and well coordinated at all levels. The Premier asked that her thanks and praise be passed down (through the members) to all staff.

The Premier noted that each and every agency needs to pull together and continue to be committed to the ongoing task at hand. “Business as usual” would not be enough commitment from the Queensland Government and we need to think outside the square, be flexible, remain focused and make sure the disaster response and recovery is the number one priority for each and every Government Agency.

The Premier advised that while response has been well organised and executed to date there is a need to bring together all of these relevant elements, assets and agencies together under a larger coordinating body tasked with mapping out the “long term recovery plan” for Queensland.

The Premier advised that at a Special Cabinet Meeting held today Major General Mick Slater, ADF, was appointed as the Chairperson of a Queensland Flood Recovery Taskforce, which would also consist of:

- Mr Ken Smith, DPC
- Police Commissioner Atkinson, QPS
- Mr Jim McGowan, DCS
- Mr Bruce Grady, DCS
- A representative (to be nominated) from LGAQ.

A summary of the proposed governance arrangements for the Taskforce and supporting groups and sub-groups for the recovery process was distributed to members (copy attached to minutes). The Premier said that Major General Slater has been tasked with developing the “Recovery Road Map” that prioritises our response efforts. Major General Slater is seconded to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet in this role.



The Premier also advised that the Prime Minister has nominated Senator Joe Ludwig, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, to be the Commonwealth representative on a recovery Cabinet Sub-Committee. Senior officers within the Commonwealth Ministry will also be nominated to represent the Commonwealth on the various taskforce sub groups. The nomination of the Commonwealth officers was due by close of business Friday 7th January with a requirement for the sub groups to meet during the week beginning Monday 10th January.

Members were requested nominate appropriate officers from within their agencies for membership on the recovery sub-groups.

Members were advised of the need to re-prioritise their agencies work projects to focus on the recovery arrangements as their first priority. Members were to identify any relevant projects that may be delayed and advise their Ministers.

The Premier advised that the Government has received offers of assistance from New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Requests to access these offers of assistance should be made through her office.

The Premier also requested that agencies work with the relevant unions, particularly in terms of impacts on State Government employees.

3. Chairpersons address

Chair

The Chair advised members to provide names of relevant stakeholders and agency representatives for sub-groups, to be emailed to Mr Brad Smith, DPC, by lunchtime, Thursday 5 January 2011.

These sub-groups need to be established and have their first meeting within the week commencing 10 January.

The Chair noted that the Cabinet Flood Recovery sub-committee will meet on Monday 10 January. As a result, he proposed that the Directors General meet with the Chair of the Queensland Flood Recovery Task Force before the 10 January to re-work the governance structures for the recovery model.

The Chair advised that upon commencement of the new structures, the SDMG would meet less frequently, with the work of the Task Force and supporting groups taking a lead in the recovery arrangements.

The Secretariat support for the Task Force would be provided by DP+C.

The Chair of the Task Force would report to the Premier via the Cabinet Sub-Committee.

The Chair requested assistance from the Commissioner, QPS, wherever possible, to assist the Task Force in transport. The Government Air Wing would also assist where possible.

Mr Brad Smith was requested to prepare a Premiers Briefing Note to seek a relaxation of the guidelines for the use of the Government Air Wing.

The Chair addressed the issue of the monies raised in flood relief appeals, and their management. The Task Force would examine the expenditure of these monies as part of its work.



The Acting DG, DPW, was requested to provide a summary of the impact on government assets for a briefing to the Premier by close of business today. This summary is to include schools, kindergartens and child care centres, emergency services accommodation, community health facilities and critical services (non-government assets).

4. State Disaster Coordinator - Update

The SDC provided a very brief update on the situation in Rockhampton, Dirranbandi and St George.

The SDC provided a hard copy of his presentation to the morning's Cabinet meeting (copy attached).

5. State Recovery Coordinator - Update

The SRC stressed the importance of agencies providing membership on local recovery committees, as the more effective work at this level will minimise need for higher level support.

He also stressed the need to identify levels of redundancy within agencies in terms of disaster response capabilities for the remainder of the storm season.

The SRC provided a hard copy of his presentation to the morning's Cabinet meeting (copy attached).

6. Other Business

The Member for Department of Community Safety, Mr Jim McGowan, addressed the issue of leave arrangements for volunteer workers, which led to a broader discussion on the need to have a consistent fatigue management policy across all agencies. The DG, JAG, undertook to examine this issue.

7. Future Meetings

No SDMG meeting was scheduled at this time. Members will be advised when the next meeting is called.

8. Meeting Closed

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Mr Bruce Grady

Chair

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Deputy Chair

Attendance Sheet

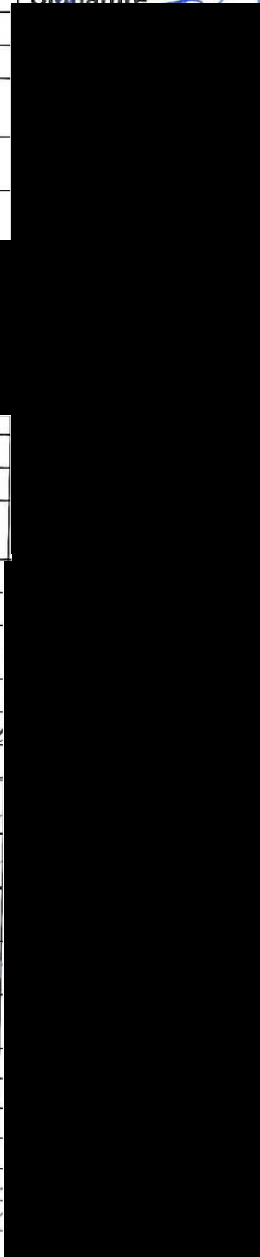
Meeting Date: Wednesday 5th January 2011

Time: 2:30 pm

Venue: Level 15
Conference Room
Executive Building
100 George Street Brisbane

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

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	Australian Red Cross	Greg Goebel	
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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
8 am Tuesday 11 January 2011**

**Liaison Room
State Disaster Coordination Centre
Level 2, Block E, Emergency Services Complex
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron**

**Responsible
Agency**

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed;

Chair

Premier – the Hon Anna Bligh

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health – the Hon Paul Lucas MP

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

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Mr Jim Davidson

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2. Opening Comments by Premier

The Hon. Anna Bligh

The Premier of Queensland addressed the group and advised that Qld is facing a grim, very desperate situation in Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley with many residents and emergency service workers at risk.

The already stressed communities of Dalby, Chinchilla, Condamine and Warwick facing further challenges.

The Premier mentioned that his will be a big test of the resilience of many people and that fatigue management will become an issue for many departments.

The Premier thanked everyone for their efforts.

3. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

**Jim Davidson and
Peter Baddiley**

Mr Davidson provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

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Both Mr Davidson and Mr Baddiley answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

4. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart provided a summary of the “Hot Spots” around Queensland. These include:

- **Toowoomba / Lockyer Valley**

Confirmed deaths, 2 in Toowoomba, 3 in Grantham and 3 from Murphy's Creek.



A huge number of isolated farms and houses to be checked and searched. Toowoomba stable, however grave concerns in the Grantham / Withcott areas.

72 reported missing people and will need expert USAR and swift water support to assist in the search for bodies and survivors.

- **Dalby**
2 evacuation centres, the Primary school and the Agricultural College.
The Primary school centre would be compromised if flood level rises above 4.5m.
This would cause a shortage of accommodation for evacuees.
- **Chinchilla**
The town is isolated and all low lying areas have been doorknocked with many people having self-evacuated.
10 people are in the evacuation centre with 10 properties inundated.
- **Condamine**
River at 10.9m and the bridge has been cut.
Residents were advised to evacuate prior to the bridge going under however most refused to leave.
Evacuation centre has been established in Miles.
- **Gympie**
16 people have self evacuated and are in the northern evacuation centre.
10 people have self evacuated and are in the southern evacuation centre.
No issues with utilities.
- **Nanango**
5 homes inundated.
15 businesses inundated.
- **Warwick**
River currently at 7m and are expecting up to 8m.
Request for a Disaster Situation Declaration recently made by DDC.
Established 2 evacuation centres.
- **Stanthorpe**
Quart Pot Creek rising quickly.
Need further hydrology for Warwick area.

Other issues;

A request to evacuate 200 people from Forest Hill
Evacuations have commenced in low lying areas of Laidley
Assistant Commissioner Peter Martin, Brisbane DDC, stated that initial planning was done on the basis of 4,600 cumecs (cubic metres per second) and will need to be urgently reviewed in light of the projected 6,000 cumecs.



Chair noted that fatigue in workforce will become a serious issue and asked Mr Warren Bridson (EMQ) to liaise with Police and QFRS to look at mechanisms to pick up on offers of support from other states.

5. State Recovery Coordinator - Update

Report not provided due to urgency of response issues.

6. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency reports by exception:

All Members

Department of Health – Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised that:

- 9 dead on arrival at Toowoomba Hospital at 0730hrs.
- Intensive Care Unit operating normally
- Some medical staff members have been redeployed to the Gatton area.

It was noted by the Queensland Police Service that Disaster Victim Identification systems are being established in coordination with the John Tonge Centre.

Department of Public Works – A/Director General Natalie MacDonald

The A/Director General advised that:

- Attempts were being made by Smart Services Queensland to shift workload back to agencies to free up workforce for emergency response.
- Calling for volunteers from other government agencies
- May utilise volunteers from private sector call centres.

Department of Communities – Director General Linda Apelt

The Director General advised that:

- Human services support for communities is current priority.
- Examining sourcing psychologist/counsellors from other government agencies to assist.

7. Other Business

Planned meeting of Queensland Mayors and Premier to be postponed.

Chair

8. Future Meetings

The Chair put to Members the option for a next meeting to occur on Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 5pm due to the urgency of the current situation.

Chair

The members endorsed the proposal for the meeting to be held on 11 January at 5pm.

9. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Tuesday 11th January 2011

Time: 8 am

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
5 pm Tuesday 11 January 2011**

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3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart outlined that there are currently 9 dead, 59 people missing with grave concerns held for 15 of those missing. Various 'hotspots' were discussed with input from the relevant DDC including:

- **Brisbane DDC, Peter Martin:**

- Fast moving situation.

- Currently planning for 10,000 cumecs flow

- Evacuation centre established at the RNA showgrounds.

- Superintendent Gayle Hogan tasked as liaison officer with LDCC re evacuation centres.

- Concerns re Oxley's Wharf Restaurant. Direction issued to stop salvage efforts based on advice by MSQ re concerns that structure may break free and damage critical infrastructure downstream.

- Landslip has occurred at Wellington Point

- Security of evacuation centres to be addressed

- **Toowoomba DDC, Brett Schaffurius:**

- 2 evacuation centres in Laidley, the hospital and council depot

- Expecting 250+ evacuees.

- Forest Hill evacuation going well.

- 60 people left in Grantham.

- Operations moving to search and recovery.

- 44 evacuated in Oakey.

- 20 people evacuated in Jondaryan



○ **Warwick DDC, Greg Morrow:**

Expecting 9.1m through Stanthorpe later tonight which is much higher than previous event.

Sewerage has spilled into Quart Pot Creek.

Warwick cut in two.

2 evacuation centres in Warwick.

3 people in the Allora evacuation centre.

The forecast 10.5m peak on Friday should not compromise the Goondiwindi levee.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency reports by exception:

All Members

Department of Public Works –

A/Director General Mal Grierson

The Director General advised that:

- Expected that Neville Bonner building in William St and Queensland Health office in Charlotte St will be compromised by expected flood level.
- All government agencies asked to undertake urgent stock-take of available desk space.
- Concerns re Energex control room.

Department of Health –

Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised that:

- Business of government must continue.
- Brisbane and Ipswich hospitals should be safe from impending flood levels.
- Elective surgery has been postponed.
- Some private nursing homes and hospitals may need to partially evacuate and they are current making own arrangements to undertake this.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –

Director General Jack Noye

The Director General advised that:

- Re-supply across the State will be a major issue into the future due to no road connections between north and south Queensland.
- Key problem is flooding at Rockhampton caused by the Fitzroy River.
- Will be utilising ocean going vessels from Brisbane to Townsville for at least 2 weeks with limited capacity for essential items only.
- Arrangements made for Toll to assist in coordinating distribution.
- Jim Huggett has been tasked to cut through any State Govt red tape.
- Amberley RAAF base may be compromised by expected flood levels.
- QR moving rail stock from Mayne railway yards.
- Public transport currently operating.



**Department of Communities –
Director General Linda Apelt**

The Director General advised that:

- 8 specialist community counselling teams have been assembled and prepared to move into the Lockyer Valley specialising in grief and loss.
- Recovery teams currently at Ipswich evacuation centre at the showgrounds.

5. Other Business

Red Cross may need assistance expediting criminal history checks for some interstate volunteers.

Chair

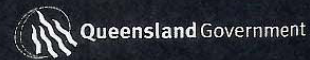
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7. Meeting Closed

State Disaster Management Group

Attendance Sheet

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Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Michael Kinnane	
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Department of Education and Training	Lyn McKenzie	*Teleconference
Department of Education and Training	Graham Atkins	
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Lee Johnson	
District Disaster Coordinator Brisbane	Peter Martin	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Toowoomba	Brett Schafferius	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Warwick	Greg Morrow	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Ipswich	Garth Pitman	*Teleconference
Queensland Treasury	Alex Beavers	*Teleconference
Department of Environment and Resource Management	John Bradley	
LSA	GREG HALLIDAY	
GRD Manager	SARAH BERNIERE	
Bureau of Meteorology Melbourne	RAY ANTERSON	
DEPT COMMUNITIES	GREG JOHNSON	
BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY	Peter Baddley	
QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE	CARIS BLOOMFIELD	
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT QLD	IAN THOMAS	
Queensland Police, CS & En Serv	David Smith	
"	Scott Chandler	
Dept Community Safety	Paul Hobbs	
Dept of Tpt and Main Road TMR	Warwick Williams	
QPS	John English	
Maritime Safety Queensland TMR	Dean Wallington	
RED CROSS	GREG GOETHEL	
QUEENSLAND HEALTH	Alex M-Gill	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
8 am *Wednesday 12 January 2011***

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**Responsible
Agency**

Chair

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed the following persons;

Prime Minister of Australia – The Hon Julie Gillard MP

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig

Minister for Defence – Stephen Smith MP

And other representatives from the Commonwealth

The Queensland Premier – the Hon Anna Bligh

Deputy Premier and Minister for Health – the Hon Paul Lucas MP

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy – the Hon Stephen Robertson MP

Chief of Defence Force - Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC

Recovery Task Force Commander – Major General Mick Slater

Brisbane Lord Mayor – Campbell Newman (via teleconference)

Mayor of Ipswich - Cr Paul Pisale (via teleconference)

Mayor of Somerset Regional Council – Graham Lehmann (via teleconference)

SDMG members and their respective agency representatives.

District Disaster Coordinators for Brisbane (Assistant Commissioner Peter Martin), Ipswich (Superintendent Garth Pitman) and Toowoomba (Superintendent Brett Schafferius).

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2. Chairs Briefing– Urgent Issue

Chair

The chair raised the issue of power supply to government and community support agencies located within the Brisbane CBD that will be directly affected by the imminent rise in the Brisbane River.

A small working group consisting of ENERGEX / Queensland Police Service / Department of Public Works / Deputy Premier and a representative for the Brisbane City Council were put together and immediately departed the meeting to work on the emerging issue.

3. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Jim Davidson and
Peter Baddiley



Mr Davidson provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Baddiley provided a presentation on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Mr Barry Dennien from South East Queensland Water provided information pertaining to the water release currently being undertaken at Wivenhoe Dam. The dam peaked at 19.1% at 7pm last night with the release rate at that time being 7500 cubic metres per second. As at 7am today that release rate has been decreased to 2500 cubic metres per second. This rate is to be maintained whilst we wait for the Lockyer Valley and Bremer River water flows to peak. Once this has occurred the release rate will increase to 3500 cubic metres per second for several days (until the flood compartment of the dam is emptied).

Mr Davidson, Mr Baddiley and Mr Dennien answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

4. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart

Deputy Commissioner Stewart provided a summary of the situation in Queensland. This included the following

Central Queensland – Situation at Rockhampton is being maintained with the roads to the North open but the roads to the South still closed.

The road to the South can reopen at 8.4meters but this will only occur after the road condition has been established and assessed.

South West Queensland –the river at Chinchilla is above the previous maximum reported during the first phase of flooding.

There was a complete evacuation of Condamine again overnight with police remaining in location.

St George, Surat and Dirranbandi situations are all under control and being well managed.

The Situation in Warwick and Stanthorpe is now being managed.

The river level in Texas is rising with 9 people self evacuating. Recommendations are to evacuate houses in low lying areas. The situation in Texas is being closely monitored

The situation in Goondiwindi is stable with the town level intact up to 10.5m (the current prediction is 11m). The current issue for Goondiwindi is opening and maintaining the transport corridor.

North Coast – There has been no loss of life at Gympie and the situation is being maintained.



The Bruce Highway to the North is open but closed to the South. The water from Gympie is now making its way down to Maryborough.

Toowoomba

The main focus for the Queensland Police activities at this time getting into the areas of Murphy's Creek and Grantham to carry out search and recovery. There are grave fears held for residents in both areas. Due to the inclement weather yesterday they were unable to commence search and recovery activities as it was considered unsafe for emergency staff. The State Coroner may travel to the affected areas today to ascertain the bigger picture.

In Lowood this morning 8 roof top rescues were successfully conducted There has been a lot of minor flooding in Caboolture especially in the town areas around and behind Somerset. Woodford, Kilcoy and Moree are still isolated.

The Queensland Police Service is now preparing for the peaks in Ipswich and Brisbane.

The State Disaster Coordinator called for individual reports from the District Disaster Coordinators as follows:

District Disaster Coordinator Report for Toowoomba

Coordination of search and recovery activities in the areas of Grantham and Murphy's Creek. It is expected that these operations will continue for several days.

The evacuation centres at Laidley and Toowoomba are still open and police are assisting with the repatriation of families to their homes.

District Disaster Coordinator Report for Ipswich

Overnight there were 10 areas evacuated with 12000 people registering at evacuation centres.

At Lowood and Rosewood 240 people self evacuated.

All evacuation centres are being well supported.

The SES activity in the area has been outstanding.

The Royal Australian Air Force provided transport vehicles.

Additional Queensland Police Service officer were deployed to Ipswich to assist with operations.

Emergency powers were used once over night for a 60+ man who didn't want to leave his property and was "in possession" of a rifle.

Mayor Pisale remarked that evacuation centres were operating well and everyone was in good spirits with only one count of looting being reported.



District Disaster Coordinator Report for Brisbane

Modelling for Brisbane was done on a 12 000 cubic metres per second release which has now been down graded to 9 500 cubic metre per second release.

Re-modelling is now being done based on 9 500 cubic metres.

Two evacuation centres have been established.

One is at the RNA showgrounds with the capacity to hold 3000 people (and animals). This has been operational since yesterday and currently has 182 evacuees.

The second centre came online at 8am today and is the QEII / ANZ Stadium Sports Stadium. This centre has a capacity of 1300 people.

Current Issues for Brisbane:

- Several pontoons have broken free and have become navigation hazards and a threat to critical infrastructure.
- The Oxley (floating) Restaurant is taking on water and is slowly sinking.
- The Island (a flat bottom barge) is breaking its mooring. Heavy equipment is being used to try to contain the situation. Once again should it break its mooring it will be very hazardous and a threat to critical infrastructure further down river.
- There is a small landslide in the Redlands area which is currently being addressed.

Traffic management is going to be critical to this event.

A media release went out regarding no urgent use of the CBD along with a media release relating to self evacuation.

The Brisbane City Lord Mayor has contacted both the Catholic and Anglican church societies to look at setting up smaller more localised and accessible evacuation centres bolstering the evacuation capacity to 6000 Brisbane residents.

There is minor flooding on low level roads, draining areas and creeks. These are currently causing local traffic problems.

The Brisbane River has broken its banks at Moggill, Yeronga and Jindalee.

5. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency reports by exception:

Department of Health – Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised that:

- All public hospitals and public nursing homes were secure.
- A private Nursing home in Rocklea may need to be evacuated.
- Some additional private nursing homes may need to be evacuated but

All Members



there should be no issue with this.

- Clarification was required with regards to the evacuation of the Wesley Hospital (currently there are conflicting reports).
- QAS has advised that ambulances are still able to access hospital facilities.
- Elective surgery has been postponed at many hospitals

Department of Communities –

Director General Linda Apelt

The Director General advised that:

- A state-wide coordinator for Evacuation Centres has been appointed (Mr Mick Linnan) who will report to Alistair Dawson with regards to all issues pertaining to evacuations centres.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –

Director General Dave Stewart

The Director General advised

- The key focus is to get the Bruce Highway open.
- The Harbour Master is aware of and assisting with the issues previously mentioned (The Island and Oxley Restaurant).
- The Pacific Dawn has been redirected to an alternate port facility as the Port of Brisbane is closed to passenger liners.
- Public transport is currently running on Sunday timetables with ample information being provided to travellers via their web site.
- The rolling stock in the Mayne Rail yard has been moved and the yard is prepared for evacuation if required.
- The Cultural Centre bus way is expected to close later today.
- The TOLL transport group are working with DTMR and are looking at the resupply issues (utilising assets from Darwin and Sydney).

Department of Community Safety

Director General Jim McGowan'

The Director General advised that:

- The DDC's have been asked to assist with the resupply by identifying items of necessity for their respective areas.
- The ADF and QANTAS maybe utilised to assist with resupply.
- ADF C-130 Hercules aircraft maybe use to resupply Mackay and Bundaberg, while jumbo jets maybe used to resupply Cairns and Townsville.

Australian Defence Force

Colonel Luke Foster

The Colonel advised that:

- The ADF are moving more rotary wing aircraft into South East Queensland from Townsville and Sydney.
- The ADF assets are available to assist in the resupply where required.
- Troops from Brisbane are assisting the SES and Brisbane response groups (helping with sandbagging and flood preparations etc).

6. Premiers Address / Prime Ministers Address



The **Premier** requested the total number of helicopters being used today as part of flood response activities (to be updated regularly throughout the day).

The Premier thanked everyone present for their work to date and that of their many staff here in Brisbane and throughout the state.

She thanked the Prime Minister for all of the assistance from the Commonwealth.

She also thanked the Chief of Defence Force for the ADF assistance and noted the cooperation between local / state and commonwealth government.

The **Prime Minister** thanked the Premier and acknowledged the work being done alongside each other at all levels of government and community. She thanked everyone for all of their work over the long days and stated that we had even more difficult days ahead.

The Prime Minister stressed that the Queensland Flood Event is being managed in exemplary fashion to date and thanked everyone for that past work, the work being undertaken now today and for the work that will be undertaken in the days to come.

7. Chairs Action Items

The Chair requested that each government department and statutory agency identify their vital staff that needs to be maintained in order to deliver business continuity and ensure they are able to function and carry out the duties required throughout the flood event.

Chair

All other non essential staff members are to be advised to not attend work until the situation has been resolved.

8. Future Meetings

The Chair advised that SDMG meeting will be held at 5pm today.

SDMG meetings are to be held at 8am and 5 pm daily until further notice.

Chair



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date:

WEDNESDAY 12
Tuesday 11th January 2011

Time:

8am
5pm

Venue:

Liaison Room
State Disaster Coordination Centre
Level 2, Block E, Emergency Services Complex
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

* via teleconference

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	Department of Education and Training	Julie Grantham
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Ian Fletcher
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	STAN BRADLEY Terry Wall
	Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Graeme Newton
	Department of Justice and Attorney General	Philip Reed
	Department of Public Works	Mal Grierson
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Dave Stewart
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	Local Government Association of Queensland <i>SDMG Member Representative</i>	Greg Hoffman
	Queensland Health	Mick Reid
	Queensland Police Service	Bob Atkinson
	Queensland Treasury	Gerard Bradley
Other Attendees	Minister for Agriculture, fisheries and Forestry <i>Federal Senator</i>	The Hon Joseph Ludwig
	State Disaster Coordinator <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Ian Stewart
	State Recovery Coordinator <i>Emergency Management Queensland</i>	Bruce Grady
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District Disaster Coordinator Ipswich	Garth Pitman	*Teleconference ✓
Queensland Treasury	Alex Beavers	*Teleconference
Lord Mayor Brisbane City Council	Campbell Newman	*Teleconference ✓
Chief Executive Officer Brisbane City Council	Colin Jensen	*Teleconference ✓
Mayor of Ipswich Council	Paul Pisale	*Teleconference ✓
Mayor of Somerset Regional Council	Graham Lehmann	*Teleconference ✓
Dept of Justice & AG	Tom Ryan	
PRIME MINISTER	Julia Gillard	
QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE	CHRIS BROOKER	
RED CROSS	UREN GOEBEL	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
5 pm Wednesday 12 January 2011**

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
Level 3
Disaster Management Centre
Emergency Services Complex Kedron
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Park Road, Kedron

**Responsible
Agency**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair

The Chair welcomed;

The Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anna Bligh

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, the Hon Paul Lucas (by teleconference)

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

Brisbane City Council Deputy Mayor Graham Quirk (by teleconference)

Lockyer Regional Council Mayor Steve Jones (by teleconference)

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) representatives:

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Mr Jim Davidson

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Innovation – Ian Fletcher (by teleconference)

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2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

**Jim Davidson and
Peter Baddiley**

Mr Davidson provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Baddiley provided a presentation on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Mr Barry Dennien from South East Queensland Water provided an update on the current and forecast operation of Wivenhoe Dam.

Mr Davidson, Mr Baddiley and Mr Dennien answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart outlined that there are currently 12 dead, 46 people missing with grave concerns held for 15 of those missing. Various 'hotspots' were discussed with input from the relevant DDCs including:

- **Brisbane DDC, Peter Martin:**

A 300m section of the floating Riverwalk is threatening to break loose. Plans are currently being prepared to demolish (in a controlled manner) the section of walkway to minimise the risk to critical transport infrastructure downstream.

The 'Island' barge and pontoon is still threatening to break free. Large concrete blocks are being bought in as additional tie points. A crew of 4 are on board the barge and the barge is currently under power to reduce stress on the pontoon. A marine architect is conducting on site risk assessment. Navy Clearance Divers should arrive on site at 2230 hrs and will consider



scuttling the vessel, given the risk to the 4 crew and essential transport infrastructure down stream.

The Moggill Ferry has broken away from one cable and is currently being held by one cable on the Ipswich side. A 1.5 tonne anchor being bought on site to assist in securing the vessel.

○ **Ipswich DDC, Garth Pitman:**

The peak at Ipswich @ 1500hrs was expected to be 20.5m. Actual peak was 19.2m.

1000 houses inundated with water.

○ **Toowoomba DDC, Brett Schaffurius:**

Numbers in evacuation centres in Lockyer Valley are decreasing.

Long slow search particularly in the Grantham / Murphys Creek area due to the nature of the terrain.

Mayor Steve Jones relayed the nature of the very serious and significant issues being faced by the Lockyer Valley communities.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency reports by exception:

All Members

Department of Public Works – A/Director General Mal Grierson

The Director General advised that:

- Lost access to 6 government buildings including QH building in Charlotte St, Forestry House and others.
- Important to repatriate some government buildings (on a priority basis) to deliver recovery services to people.
- Many iconic buildings affected by flood including Suncorp Stadium, Cultural Centre.

ENERGEX - Chris Arnold

Mr Arnold advised that:

- Currently 115,000 customers have lost supply.
- Numbers are expected to increase to 150,000.
- The risk of Powerlink distribution substations being compromised is decreasing.
- Messaging will need to explain the slow connection process to ensure public safety.

SEQ Water – Mr Barry Dennien

Mr Dennien advised that:

- 2 pallets of bottled water have been delivered to the Withcott area.
- Minor damage to Mt Crosby which should be fully operational by the weekend.



- Some concerns about water drinking quality given the quality of source river water and levels of turbidity.

Telecommunications –

Mayor Chris Jones, Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Mayor Jones was concerned that:

- Telecommunications issues were compromising recovery efforts.
- Discussions to be held with Telstra and Optus.

Department of Premier and Cabinet –

Director General Ken Smith

The Director General advised that:

- Concerns are held about issues of people self-establishing evacuation centres.
- Post flood will need to do more work in relation to matters surrounding establishing and supplying evacuation centres.
- Need to develop mechanisms to manage the logistics of people wanting to volunteer to help in the clean up of Brisbane / Ipswich over the coming week. Cr. Quirk, D/C Stewart, QFRS and SES tasked to discuss this matter in detail.

Local Government Association of Qld -

Greg Hallam

Mr Hallam was concerned that:

- Over 70,000 kilometres of LGA roads have been damaged or destroyed as a result of these floods. This is a huge impact on many communities.

Department of Health –

Director General Mick Reid

The Director General advised that:

- Hospitals OK
- The Commonwealth government agencies are assisting private nursing homes respond to the current floods.
- The John Tong Centre is geared up to handle up to 50 bodies.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –

Director General David Stewart

The Director General advised that:

- There are skeleton passenger services operating.

5. Other Business

The Chair reiterated the importance of keeping accurate records of volunteers and support provided by other states and levels of government.

Chair

6. Future Meetings

The Chair put to Members the option for the next meetings to occur on Thursday 13 January 2011 at 8am and 5pm due to the urgency of the current situation.

Chair



The members endorsed the proposal for the meetings to be held on 13 January at 8 am and 5pm.

7. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date:

WEDNESDAY 12TH
Tuesday 11th January 2011

Time: 5 pm

Venue:

Board Room
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<i>QPS</i>	<i>Kym Charlton</i>	
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<i>DCS media</i>	<i>Michael Franks</i>	
<i>Premiers office</i>	<i>Owen Warcham</i>	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
*Thursday 13 January 2011 (AM)***

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
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**Responsible
Agency**

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3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

Deputy Commissioner Stewart outlined that there are currently 12 dead, 74 people missing with grave concerns held for 12 of those missing.

Various 'hotspots' were discussed with input from the relevant DDCs including:

- **Brisbane DDC, Peter Martin:**

The Moggill Ferry is currently nestled against the bank of the Brisbane River. The ADF have delivered a 1.5 tonne anchor to the location and today with the assistance of the ADF they will be joining the ferry to the anchor.

**Jim Davidson and
Peter Baddiley**

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**



The 'Island' barge and pontoon is still threatening to break free. Large concrete blocks are onsite as additional tie points and additional tie lines have been deployed. The barge is under power for the last 24 hrs and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. Re-supply of fuel to the ferry is being undertaken. Col. Foster advised that demolition teams would be onsite today assessing the plan to sink the barge if needed.

Overnight a large number of vessels, moorings and jetties at the Dockside complex came within 200 mm of breaking free. Lower water levels have eased concerns.

A total length of 860m of the walkway broke free with the major (400m) section being controlled on its trip down the river by tugs to minimise the risk of damage to essential transport infrastructure.

Premier raised questions about risks to any other walkways and concerns about subsidence issues surrounding the 'Vision' site.

- **Ipswich DDC, Garth Pitman:**

600 people currently in evacuation centres.

Road access between Brisbane and Ipswich is now available via Centenary Hwy to Cunningham Hwy to Yamanto and in to Ipswich.

- **Toowoomba DDC, Brett Schaffurius:**

Numbers in evacuation centres in Lockyer Valley will continue to decrease.

Two major priorities are the search of the Withcott / Grantham / Murphy's Creek area and the restoration of utilities to communities.

Re-supply isolated areas is an issue due to destruction of local roads.

Mayor Steve Jones outlined problems surrounding; utilities, fuel supplies, roads and bridges, Lowood Water treatment plant and the number of broken water mains.

The Deputy Premier suggested that the North and South water retail entities may be able to assist the western water entity with staff and other support.

Energex has bought generation sets into the area for critical infrastructure.

ADF are providing water treatment plants into the Withcott and Grantham areas.

Significant amounts of temporary housing will be needed into to short to medium term.

- **Warwick DDC, Greg Morrow:**

All highways open to Warwick however B-doubles cannot travel on the road from Warwick to Toowoomba.

Goondiwindi has been evacuated with only 6 people left in the town. Local council is confident that the levee will hold against the predicted 10.7m peak. River is currently 9.1m.

Texas; water height is decreasing.

Yelarbon; water height is decreasing.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency reports by exception:

All Members

Energex –**Mr Chris Arnold**

Mr Arnold advised that:

- Currently 118,000 have lost supply.
- Reconnection process will be lengthy as all houses inundated will need to be checked prior to connection to the network.
- Maps will be prepared to visually track reconnection process.

State Recovery Coordinator– Telecommunications**Mr Bruce Grady**

Mr Grady advised that:

- Telstra is undertaking damage assessments to exchanges in the Lockyer Valley.
- Both Telstra and Optus working to repair services in the area.

Department of Environment and Resource Management –**Director General John Bradley**

The Director General advised that:

- The water turbidity is causing issues at the Mt Crosby treatment plant.
- The two major problems facing Brisbane water supply is that, with water supply ability somewhat compromised, the community that is not impacted by the flood must be very careful with their level of water use so as to allow sufficient water to be available for those areas to utilise the water supply to clean. The second concern is the re-supply of chemicals to the Mt Crosby water treatment plant.

Prime Minister of Australia, The Hon Julia Gillard

The Prime Minister thanked the Australian Defence Forces for their efforts during this emergency.

Australian Defence Forces –**Colonel Foster**

The Colonel advised that:

- There will be 2 x C-17 flights into Townsville today and 4 x C-130 flights into Bundaberg today.
- Troops are also assisting police patrol in the Brisbane area.
- Many staff from RAAF Amberley will be supporting the city of Ipswich.
- Currently close to 400 ADF personnel are involved in operations in support of this disaster.

Department of Infrastructure and Planning –**Director General Graeme Newton**

The Director General advised that:

- Strategy is being developed to manage the expected volunteer effort.
- May be necessary to redirect effort from one location that may be well supported to an area with larger levels of need.



**Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation –
Director General Ian Fletcher**

The Director General advised that:

- A range of animal welfare issues were developing in relation to feed supply.
- Primary production chain is compromised in a number of ways which will impact on the supply of milk, eggs, fruit and vegetables.
- The Dept is working with all sectors to get produce moving again a.s.a.p.

**Department of Transport and Main Roads –
Director General David Stewart**

The Director General advised that:

- There are limited passenger services operating.
- Current focus is on re-supply efforts across the state.
- Coastal shipping will be an important component into the medium term.
- Brisbane port is currently closed and should be able to get vessels into port by Saturday to begin loading.

5. Other Business

The Premier reminded agencies that despite the problems in the south-east corner it is important that we not loose focus on the problems facing regional Queensland.

The Premier stated that a very high standard of performance had been established during this response phase but reminded agencies that the standard had to be maintained as we move into recovery.

The Premier reminded agencies to take up offers of support from other states and New Zealand if necessary to maintain the high standard of service and to ensure the welfare of staff and volunteers.

The Prime Minister thanked everyone for their efforts.

Director General Jim McGowan stated that it will be important to provide psychological support for front line staff particularly for the police, pilots and the ADF.

6. Future Meetings

The Chair reminded Members of the next meeting to occur on Thursday 13 January 2011 at 5pm.

The members endorsed the proposal for the meeting to be held on 13 January at 5pm.

7. Meeting Closed

Chair

Chair



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date:

 Thursday 9/11
 Wednesday 13th January 2011

Time: 8 am

Venue:

Board Room

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
5 pm Thursday 13 January 2011**

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
Level 3
Disaster Management Centre
Emergency Services Complex Kedron
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

**Responsible
Agency**

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Chair

The Chair welcomed;

The Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anna Bligh

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, the Hon Paul Lucas MP (by teleconference)

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

Mr Kerry Shine MP, Member for Toowoomba North (by teleconference)

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) representatives: (by teleconference)

Mr Peter Baddiley

Mr Jim Davidson

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Mr Davidson provided a presentation on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Baddiley provided a presentation on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Baddiley answered questions from the SDMG members with much discussion about the situation at Goondiwindi.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Baddiley were thanked for their presentations.

3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart /
Commissioner Bob
Atkinson**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart (who soon left the meeting to undertake other duties as requested by the Chair) / Commissioner Bob Atkinson led the discussion of various 'hotspots' with input from the relevant DDC's including:

- **Brisbane Deputy DDC, Kerry Dunn:**

The Moggill Ferry is currently secure with the addition of a 1.5 tonne anchor connected to the ferry with the assistance of the ADF.

The refuelling of the 'Island' barge has been completed with the assistance of the ADF which should give 50 hours running time. The barge should be able to maintain position however it is planned to move the vessel

downstream to a location which will not compromise infrastructure at the first safe available opportunity.

It is not believed that any further walkways are at risk.

No further evacuation will be required in Brisbane.

Premier raised questions about strategies and infrastructure to transition people from evacuation centres back to their homes and discussed public messaging surrounding this issue.

Premier also discussed GP support to Evacuation Centres as many people evacuated without medication. Premier stated that this was an issue across Qld and not an issue isolated to Brisbane.

○ **Ipswich DDC, Garth Pitman:**

Cunningham and Warrego Highways open.

Ipswich Motorway should be open on 15 January.

Rapid assessment teams ready for deployment on the 14th.

5 water tankers have made deliveries into Lowood. Bottled water was also delivered into Fernvale and Lowood.

○ **Toowoomba DDC, Brett Schafferius:**

New England Highway to Warwick is open to all vehicles.

Withcott now has 65,000 litres of water in storage at the fire station.

Some power has been reconnected to the high ground around Grantham.

All houses in Grantham have now been searched.

205 km of waterways still to be searched.

During the earlier discussion of hydrology the Warwick DDC, Mayor Scheu, Greg Hallam and the SDC, Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart, retired from the teleconference to discuss the Goondiwindi situation in greater detail.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

All Members

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Water

Director General John Bradley

The Director General advised that:

- Significant damage to water infrastructure in Lockyer Valley. Water deliveries running 24/7 to Lockyer community for the foreseeable future. Examining options including reverse osmosis plants.
- Mt Crosby chemical resupply was successful today.
- Eastbank facility is back on line but with reduced output and is fragile.
- Significant problems with water supply to Cherbourg and decision may be made to evacuate.

Emergency Management Queensland – Telecommunications

Mr Warren Bridson

Mr Bridson advised that:

- Optus has lost many mobile transmission towers and land line infrastructure affecting about 20,700 customers.
- Telstra have damage to 20,000 landlines, 200 mobile towers, 9,000 cables customers, 10,000 Foxtel customers and 14,000 ADSL customers.

Department of Community Safety -**Director General Jim McGowan**

The Director General advised that:

- The Bruce Highway is now open at Gympie.
- Current focus is on re-supply efforts across the state.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –**Director General David Stewart**

The Director General advised that:

- Public transport is operating to a Sunday timetable.
- Port of Brisbane is currently closed but the current priority is to get fuel and resupply ships in.

Department of Infrastructure and Planning –**Director General Graeme Newton**

The Director General advised that:

- Draft volunteer strategy has been developed for consideration. Key points include 3 categories of volunteers, unskilled, skilled trades and corporate.
- Allow volunteers to self select category and utilise Volunteering Queensland to operate the program.
- Keep the scheme simple, allow people to self select and do not impinge on local governments.

Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation –**Director General Ian Fletcher**

The Director General advised that:

- A site has been identified to allow the Brisbane Markets to relocate and hopefully open on Monday.
- RSPCA and Biosecurity Qld are working on a strategy in relation to animal welfare matters.

Queensland Health -**Director General Mick Reid**

The Director General advised that:

- All patients have been evacuated from Goondiwindi consisting of 15 hospital patients and 3 support staff and 46 patients from a nursing home and an unknown number of staff.
- A teleconference is being held on Monday with all other state and territories and New Zealand to develop a 3 month rolling plan for



accessing staff in the area of; Mental Health, Environmental Health,
Doctors and Nurses.

**Department of Education and Training –
Director General Julie Grantham**

The Director General advised that:

- An assessment is currently underway and planning happening regarding the opening of schools and kindergartens for the start of the school term.
- Allowances will be given in relation to the application of the Child Care Standards.

**Department of Communities –
Director General Linda Apelt**

The Director General advised that:

- Resources are being increased to support Volunteering Queensland.
- Westpac is supporting evacuation centres with virtual banking facilities.

**Australian Defence Forces –
Colonel Foster**

The Colonel advised that:

- Operations in Lockyer Valley include support of Police searches and water supply operations.
- There were 3 x C-130 flights into Bundaberg, not the planned 4.
- DDC has made the decision to not scuttle the 'Island' barge at this time.

5. Other Business

Greg Goebell from the Red Cross mentioned that some people have been donating very poor quality items and food well past its 'use by date' and asked that some public messaging occur about the types and nature of items needed.

Chair

6. Future Meetings

The Chair reminded Members of the next meetings to occur on Friday 14 January 2011 at 8am.

Chair

The members endorsed the proposal for the meetings to be held on 14 January at 8am.

7. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date:

Thursday 9/1/11
~~Wednesday~~ 13th January 2011

Time: 5 pm

Venue:

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3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

Deputy Commissioner Stewart led the discussion of various 'hotspots' with input from the relevant DDCs including:

General situation across the state is beginning to stabilise with re-supply becoming the priority issue.

Mayor Newman indicated that opening arterial roads (including Coronation Drive, Inner City Bypass and Milton Road) is his priority.

**Jim Davidson and
Jim Stewart**

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Commissioner Ian
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- **Toowoomba DDC, Brett Schafferius:**
26 water trucks will be supplying water into the Lockyer valley 24/7 for the immediate future.
95% of electrical supply should be returned by this afternoon.
Will be locating a 24hr police presence in Grantham to reassure residents.
- **Ipswich DDC, Garth Pitman:**
SEQ Water providing good support into Lowood and Fernvale.
Rapid Assessment Teams will commence operating in Ipswich today.
River heights are falling.
Karalee Evacuation centre was re-supplied with the assistance of the ADF.
Ipswich Motorway should be open by mid-afternoon.
- **Brisbane DDC, Peter Martin:**
At the peak 14,100 properties were affected with the current figure being 10,700 properties affected.
1,203 houses suffered complete inundation.
Currently 990 people in the RNA evacuation centre and 314 people in the QEII evacuation centre, with these numbers expected to begin falling.
Re-supply to the western suburbs is the current priority with good support from the ADF.
- **Warwick DDC, Greg Morrow:**
A 3 stage evacuation plan for Goondiwindi has been established and the community is currently at stage 1.
60 people have self evacuated to the Showgrounds evacuation centre and 38 people have self evacuated to St Mary's Church.
Fatigue management is an issue that is currently being managed.
Mayor Scheu mentioned the great support he has received from the community of Inglewood.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

All Members

The Chair stated that there is an urgent need to identify which LDMGs require extended trading hours to support their communities across the weekend.

Energex – Chris Arnold

Mr Arnold advised that:

- Currently 60,000 customers are without supply.
- The target is to reduce that to 25,000 – 40,000 by tonight.
- CBD is largely operational now from an electricity distribution perspective with owners of buildings needed to undertake inspections and repairs prior to connection.
- Returning supply in Lockyer Valley and to western suburbs of Brisbane are the current priorities.
- Electricity is back to 50% of Lockyer Valley community with about 2,500



customers still without electricity.

- Energex coordinating with Master Electricians regarding process for tasking safety inspections.
- Deputy Mayor Quirk enquired about the inequity in that some companies have volunteered to undertake the checks for free and some businesses had offered to undertake the checks at discount prices.
- Ron Watson from Energex stated the need for development of a clear process and messaging for the public.
- The Commissioner of Police, Mr Atkinson outlined the benefit in coordinating road access and power re-supply.

Department of Environment and Resource Management – Water

Director General John Bradley

The Director General advised that:

- The water treatment plant at Gatton should be operating later today with limited capacity however given severe damage to the water reticulation system this will be of only limited benefit.
- Supply to Withcott should be returned by 25 January.
- With the fragile nature of the Eastbank plant it is important people are advised to keep demand down.
- Current usage is 370 Mega litres and with the compromised performance of Eastbank output is limited to about 400 mega litres. As the clean up begins water consumption should increase and efforts must be made to keep consumption below 400 mega litres.
- Discussions were held about using recycled water for cleaning streets.

Department of Transport and Main Roads –

Director General David Stewart

The Director General advised that:

- It is vital that public are advised that essential travel only should be undertaken.
- Public transport operating with the Busway expected to open again today.
- Ipswich Motorway will reopen by mid-afternoon.
- The ADF have offered a Minesweeper to begin mapping and clearance of Moreton Bay.
- Port of Brisbane will begin undertaking a survey with a view to trying to open the port facilities by Sunday.
- Chain of supply issues are being examined for primary producers and resource sector.

Australian Defence Forces –

Colonel Foster

The Colonel advised that:

- 600+ ADF personnel are currently involved in supporting disaster response operations.
- Focus on resupply into areas such as Lockyer Valley, Ipswich, Western Suburbs, Bundaberg, and Goondiwindi.

5. Other Business



The Premier outlined the importance of having recovery and cleaning operations underway in Condamine prior to residents returning.

6. Future Meetings

The Chair cancelled the planned meeting at 5pm and proposed to Members that the next meeting should occur on Saturday 15 January 2011 at 9am.

Chair

The members endorsed the proposal for the next meeting to be held on 15 January at 9am.

7. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

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**State Disaster Management Group
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The Commonwealth Government Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon Simon Crean MP

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Commander Joint Task Force – Recovery, Brigadier Paul McLauchlan;

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Mr Barry Dennien SEQ Water - Water Grid Manager provided a report on dam release and dam levels as follows:

Somerset Dam has decreased from 190% to 129%

Wivenhoe Dam has been decreased 191% to 163%

Dam releases will continue at a rate of 3 500 cubic metres per second until Tuesday / Wednesday next week or until the flood storage capacity is again at 0%

3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

Deputy Commissioner Stewart advised the following:

15 people deceased

19 people missing

grave fears are held for 12

Jim Davidson and
Jim Stewart

Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart

Deputy Commissioner Stewart invited reports from the various District Disaster Coordinators from various flood effect areas as follows:

**Brisbane District Disaster Coordinator –
Assistant Commissioner Peter Martin**

The Brisbane District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- as at 0800hrs the total number of premises effected was 5930.
- 5755 were partially flooded and 175 completely inundated. 2500 commercial properties were affect and 3500 residential premises.
- Of the major infrastructure – the Inner City Bypass was now open.
- All road bridges were open with two foot bridges closed.
- Coronation Drive was open with lanes limited.
- The evacuation centres were running well with 1028 in the RNA evacuation centre overnight (and this number is decreasing) and 180 in the QEII evacuation centre.
- Volunteer registration centres were established at:
 - Doomben Racecourse;
 - McGregor High School;
 - Brisbane Entertainment Centre Boondall; and
 - Brisbane Botanical Gardens car park Toowong.
- The traffic management issues around these areas are significant and are being managed by QPS officers on scene.
- 18 700 premises are still without power in the Brisbane area.

The Deputy Mayor of Brisbane, Mr Graham Quirk, advised that by 8:30am this morning 6000 people had turned out at the volunteer registration sites.

The Deputy Mayor highlighted the need to reconsolidate the number of houses that are without power but are not flooded. The reason being is that they will need to get rid of food and perishables as a result of loosing power for a long period of time. 95 food waste disposal bins have been placed in the flood affected areas to date.

The Deputy Mayor also raised concerns with regards to the timeliness surrounding the approval process and resourcing of response efforts in disaster areas.

The State Disaster Coordinator and State Recovery Coordinator were to meet (teleconference) post meeting with the Deputy Mayor to discuss these issues.

**Warwick District Disaster Coordinator –
Superintendent Greg Morrow**

The Warwick District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- 20 properties have water surrounding the house
- 3 people were evacuated from Brigalow Creek



The highways in and out of town are closed
25 properties down stream advised of situation
13 persons are in the evacuation centre at the show grounds
A substantial number of reptiles (snakes) have been seen in the river.

Mayor of Goondiwindi advised that the Local Disaster Management Group would be meeting this morning. He added that there have been several low level leaks in the levee which have been plugged with 24/7 monitoring of its structural integrity.

**Toowoomba District Disaster Coordinator –
Superintendent Brett Scharrerius**

The Toowoomba District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- The water supply to the Lockyer Valley was due to be reinstated yesterday but due to issues with the water over the pump this was not possible. It was anticipated that the water would be back on this afternoon (DERM reported that as at 5am this morning the pump was online and at 9am 7% of clear water was available). Water was still being trucked into the isolated areas.
- A small gastroenteritis outbreak occurred at the Grantham evacuation centre.
- 100% power supply returned to Fern Hill, Gatton, Helidon and Grantham with 20% returned to Murphy Creeks. The LDMG/LDCC are accessing generators to provide to areas still without power.
- Search and recovery activities are underway again today with 2 companies of Australian Defence Force personnel assisting in the search.
- Brisbane Water Police have been tasked with searching the relevant Brisbane River systems for bodies.
- A community meeting is scheduled to be held in Gatton today (1pm) and then later in the day at Helidon to advise residents about repatriation processes and the recovery efforts.
- Assistance centres (councillors etc) are to be established at Grantham and Murphy Creek and will operate 24/7 until Friday 21 January at this time.

Post the SDMG meeting the DDC, Mayor of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Graeme Newton and Bruce Grady are to continue discussion about the supply of volunteers to assist the effected areas.

In addition post the SDMG meeting Linda Apelt, Mal Grierson, Graeme Newton and Jim McGowan are to continue discussions with regards to freeing up the local school (being utilised as the evacuation centre) so the school can open in



line with the return from school holidays. Also the group were to look at the issue of secure storage of personal belongings for people in the effected area.

**Ipswich District Disaster Coordinator –
Superintendent Garth Pitman**

The District Disaster Coordinator for Ipswich reported the following:

- Numbers in evacuation centres have reduced to 315 people with the major evacuation centres being the show grounds and the Bundamba TAFE.
- SES and QFRS rapid assessment teams have assessed 525 homes with 365 assessed as uninhabitable and 160 assessed as habitable.
- 500 streets were affected by flood water with 100 still flooded.
- The Ipswich CBD is operational (with some exceptions) and additional patrols of the CBD are occurring.
- Access to Wivenhoe pocket and Dundas is still unavailable due to dam release overflow (this is the 3rd week of isolation)
- Somerset LDMG is to meet today. They still have 327 people in their evacuation centre.
- Yesterday the area was visited by the Governor General and Deputy Premier.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

All Members

**Energex –
Mr Chris Arnold**

Mr Arnold advised that:

- Currently 25000 customers are without supply.
- 3000 in the Brisbane CBD, with 9 inundated buildings still without power. The building basements need to be pumped and cleaned but in the interim they will be supplied by generators
- 1000 in the Lockyer Valley are without supply but generators are being supplied to the LDMG for distribution.
- 500 ENERGEX road crews are out in the region on 12hr rolling shifts with an additional 100 specialist from interstate arriving over the weekend.

Mr Ron Watson provided a briefing on the re-energisation procedures for residents only (hand out provided and attached). The inspections will cost \$200 which will cover 2 electricians at \$100 per hour for work.

After much discussion it was decided that a simple statement to the public needed to be released with regards to this process and is to include the 1300 phone number and fee details with payment options to be included.

ENERGEX / LGAQ and Communities are to have this completed by 11:30hrs today.

Water –



**Department of Environment and Resource Management –
Director General John Bradley**

The Directed advised that the water situation is getting much better with the supply of 5050 megalitres a day meeting demands of 4000 megalitres of use. Water turbidity is still high. In addition some complaints have been received about the taste and colour of water in some regions. It was agreed that information needed to be distributed pertaining to the water taste and slight discolouration being due to the turbidity but that its still safe.

**Department of Community Safety
Director General Jim McGowan**

Mr Jim McGowan advised:

- Interstate fire trucks are enroute to help with the clean up
- Due to the flooding in Victoria / New South Wales and Tasmania the capacity for interstate volunteers is reduced.
- Resupply is going well with the resupply of local shopping centres being the problem for the shopping centres not the disaster management group.
- Resupply is focusing on individual homes and homesteads in isolated areas.

**Australian Defence Force
Colonel Luke Forster**

Colonel Forster advised:

- 60 additional ADF staff deployed to the Lockyer Valley
- Additional troops are deployed to Brisbane to help in the clean up with 30 troops sent to the Rocklea market to assist.
- 1 resupply flight by a RAAF C-17 will be made to Townsville today
- Naval Elements have been dispatched to assist with river clearing to commence early next week.

**Department of Transport and Main Roads
Director General Mr David Stewart**

Mr Stewart advised:

- The road network is returning to normal.
- Some of the supply routes only have 1 or 2 lanes open so transit is slow.
- Request a reminder be sent to residents to stay off the roads in affected areas if travel isn't necessary.
- Public transport operations are returning to normal with the exception of the bus way which is still closed.
- The Port of Brisbane hydrology work commenced yesterday with the propriety being the restoration of access to oil and gas assets.

**Department of Justice and Attorney General
Director General – Mr Philip Reed**

Mr Reed advised that the Coroner has commenced a coronial inquest into the tragedy in the Lockyer Valley at 5:40am this morning. The investigation will look at both the role of the QPS and Queensland Health. Mr Reed was to provide a copy of the press release to the Chair at the conclusion of the meeting.

Queensland Health**Director General Mick Reid**

Mr Reid advised that the issue of tetanus is being addressed with a weblink provided to GP's who are currently bulk billing for tetanus shots and boosters. Nurses have been deployed to vaccination sites in the various effected areas with both Ipswich and Toowoomba offering this free service.

Department of Education and Training**Director General Julie Grantham**

Mr Grantham advised that assessments of schools are still continuing with work being done to assist those in evacuation centres at Mt Gravatt, the RNA and Ipswich with back to school preparations. This includes requests for donations targeting school uniforms, books and stationary etc.

5. Other Business

The Deputy Premier raised the following issues:

- Evacuation centre demographics - The Deputy Premier urged all Director Generals and Senior Executive of the SDMG who haven't visited an evacuation centre to do so in order to get a good understanding of the demographic of people requiring help (already marginalised communities)
- Clean up coordination – The Deputy Premier advised that clear up efforts need to be done in conjunction with councils with attention afforded the political capability. Should additional management be required than it should be afforded.
- Clean up logistics – The Deputy Premier requested that a summary be provided regarding what resources are providing the best results with regards to recovery. This will assist in the level of prediction we can give a community with regards to restoration and recovery.
- The Deputy Premier advised that it will be through our management of the immediate aftermath that we will be judged.

Deputy Premier

6. Future Meetings

The members endorsed the proposal for the next meeting to be held on 16 January at 9am.

Chair

7. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Saturday 15th January 2011

Time: 9 am

Venue: Board Room

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre
 Level 3 Disaster Management Centre
 Emergency Services Complex
 Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

* via teleconference

	Agency	Attending	Signature
Members	Premier of Queensland	Anna Bligh MP	
	Deputy Premier and Minister for Health	Paul Lucas MP	
	Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services	Neil Roberts MP	
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet <i>Chairperson</i>	Ken Smith	
	Department of Community Safety <i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	Jim McGowan	
	Department of Communities	Linda Apelt	
	Department of Education and Training	Julie Grantham	
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Ian Fletcher	
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	John Bradley	
	Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Graeme Newton	
	Department of Justice and Attorney General	Philip Reed	
	Department of Public Works	Mal Grierson	
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Dave Stewart	
	Emergency Management Queensland	Warren Bridson	
	Local Government Association of Queensland <i>SDMG Member Representative</i>	Greg Hallam	
Other Attendees	Queensland Health	Mick Reid	
	Queensland Police Service	Bob Atkinson	
	Queensland Treasury	Gerard Bradley	
	Recovery Task Force Commander <i>Australian Defence Force</i>	Mick Slater	
	State Disaster Coordinator <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Ian Stewart	
	State Recovery Coordinator <i>Emergency Management Queensland</i>	Bruce Grady	
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Bureau of Meteorology	Jim Davidson	
Bureau of Meteorology	Peter Baddiley	
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Brad Smith	
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Don Blachley	
Queensland Health	Jeannette Young	
Department of Public Works	Natalie MacDonal	
Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Michael Kinnane	
Emergency Management Queensland	Peta Robertson	
Department of Education and Training	Lyn McKenzie	
Department of Education and Training	Graham Atkins	
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Lee Johnson	
Local Government Association of Queensland	Greg Hallam	
SDMG Member Representative		
District Disaster Coordinator Brisbane	PETER MARTIN	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Toowoomba	Brett Schafferius	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Warwick	Greg Morrow	*Teleconference
District Disaster Coordinator Ipswich	Garth Pitman	*Teleconference
Lord Mayor Brisbane City Council	GRAHAM QUERK	Campbell Newman
Mayor of Ipswich Council	Paul Pisale	*Teleconference
Mayor of Somerset Regional Council	Graham Lehmann	*Teleconference
Mayor of Lockyer Valley Council	Steve Jones	*Teleconference
Mayor of Goondiwindi	Graeme Scheu	Teleconference
ENERGEX	Chris Arnold	
ENERGEX	Ron Watson	
LCAO	GREG HOFFMAN	
RED CROSS.	GREG GOSLER	
RED CROSS	SONYA KEEF	
QLD Fire & Rescue Service.	Iain Mackenzie	
Dept of Community Safety	GARY MAHON	
QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE	CHRIS BLOOMFIELD	
Emergency Management Aust	Peter Willett	
Emergency Management Australia	James Gustus	
TASK FORCE RECOVERY	CHRIS ALSTON	
BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY	ROB VERTESSY	
FMR	NIM ALBERT	
TMR	JACK NOYE	
ENERGEX	Mike Swanson	
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY	PAUL WICKERSON	
DCS	Paul Higgs	
DEFENCE - COMMANDER 7 BDE	BRIG PAUL MCLACHLAN	
OFFICE PREMIER BLIGH	KIMBERLEY	
Office MR ROBERT	SCOTT CHANDLER	
"	DAVID SMITH	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
9 am Sunday 16 January 2011**

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
Level 3
Disaster Management Centre
Emergency Services Complex Kedron
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed:

The Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anna Bligh MP

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, the Hon Paul Lucas MP

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

Deputy Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk (by teleconference)

Mayor of Goondiwindi, Graeme Scheu (by teleconference)

Mayor of Somerset Regional Council – Graham Lehmann

Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council – Ray Brown

Recovery Task Force Commander – Major General Mick Slater

The Chair welcomed members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology representatives:

Mr Jim Davidson

Mr Paul Birch (via teleconference)

A quorum was achieved at this meeting through attendance by State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) Members or appointed SDMG Member Deputies as follows:

SDMG Member – Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Ken Smith

SDMG Member – Queensland Police Service – Bob Atkinson

SDMG Member – Department of Community Safety - Jim McGowan

SDMG Member – Department of Communities – Linda Apelt

SDMG Member – Department of Education and Training – Julie Grantham

SDMG Member – Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Ian Fletcher

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – John Bradley

SDMG Member – Department of Justice and the Attorney General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – David Stewart

SDMG Member – Local Government Association of QLD – Greg Hallam

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Ian McKenzie

SDMG Member – Queensland Health – Mick Reid

SDMG Member – Queensland Treasury – Gerard Bradley

SDMG Member – Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Graeme Newton

2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Mr Davidson provided a briefing on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Birch provided a briefing on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Birch answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

Deputy Commissioner Stewart advised the following:

16 people deceased (15 Lockyer Valley and 1 Brisbane)

14 people missing

Deputy Commissioner Stewart invited reports from the various District Disaster Coordinators from various flood effect areas as follows:

Toowoomba District Disaster Coordinator – Superintendent Brett Schafferius

The Toowoomba District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- The water in Lowood is reinstated with the only Withcott requiring water delivery.
- The search of the Grantham township is complete with the areas of the paddocks and farms in Grantham next to be searched.
- The foot search from Spring Bluff to Grantham is complete.
- There is a silt and debris pile 300m x 150m containing mud, debris and carcasses of dead livestock that is yet to be searched.
- The foot search from Grantham to Grandville is 30% complete
- The ADF / QPS and SES are continuing on with search activities today.
- There is a 24hr police presence in the town of Grantham and will remain there until further notice.
- Minister for Police, Correctives Services and Emergency Services and the Police Commissioner visited evacuation centres in Grantham and Helidon yesterday.
- Community meetings are to occur again today.
- A marquee and temporary buildings were being delivered to Grantham at the time of the meeting.

The Deputy Premier raised the issue of generators and outside portable fridges being delivered to Grantham for those in need. It was advised that Major General Mick Slater through coordination with Lindsay Fox has organised for 25 Shipping containers to be delivered to Grantham tomorrow and used to assist in securing personal belongings of those affected.

Dalby District Disaster Coordinator – Inspector Michael Bianchi

The Dalby District Disaster coordinator reported that:

- Over night Dalby had 40 persons in evacuation centres and 30 people were being housed in the Chinchilla area.
- The Dalby water treatment plant is functioning and producing 40% of its capacity with additional water being trucked in.
- The river is expected to peak today at Condamine at 14.8 metres. The trigger point for re-entering the town is 13m which is expected late Tuesday or early Wednesday. It is expected that recovery efforts will commence early Wednesday once the assessment of the electricity, sewerage and water systems occurs and these services are reinstated. When the river reaches 12m it is anticipated that there will be a full return to the town.

The Mayor – Ray Brown advised the following

- There are 60 houses in Condamine with 15 inundated houses.
- 9 businesses inundated and 3 community facilities including the school.

Warwick District Disaster Coordinator – Superintendent Greg Morrow

The Warwick District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- The Goondiwindi evacuation centre was still open but there was no one in residence.
- The water was receding in the 20 affected houses.
- A resupply of food was expected to occur this afternoon.
- Transport and Main Roads have agreed allow the resupply vehicles through, even if there is still water on the roads, but under police escort.
- 25 rural properties (downstream) have been advised of the water enroute to their location.

- The town of Tallwood is the commercial hub for these rural properties and while its not in the path of the water, sandbags have been delivered there for use by rural properties as required.

The Mayor Graeme Scheu advised that a meeting would be held today to discuss the issue of reopening the hospital.

Brisbane District Disaster Coordinator – Assistant Commissioner Peter Martin

The Brisbane District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- The Brisbane River had dropped and return to normal levels.
- Current issues include road access and road restoration.
- Engineers were assessing the structural integrity of Coronation Drive.
- A Traffic Management Plan is being devised to address the issue of return to work tomorrow in the CBD.
- The resupply of fruit and vegies as a priority as is the re-building of the Rocklea markets. The ADF and police are working to ensure this happens.
- There are 372 persons in the RNA Evacuation Centre and 217 in the QEII.
- Volunteering numbers reach 13 000 yesterday with the same expected today - this has been causing traffic management problems.
- High visibility police presence is underway focusing on isolated properties where there is no one in residence.
- There are currently 5 community recovery centres operating with another one expected to come on line today.

Deputy Mayor Quirk advised that there were still 58 road closures at 8pm last night, but that number had dropped to 8 roads closed as of this morning.

The focus of today's clean up was a curb side collection.

The Deputy Mayor raised concerns of the solidification of mud/silt in the storm water drains and this may become an issue if there is a significant thunderstorm on Wednesday. The council is trying to flush the drains or at lease keep the drains moist.

The Deputy premier raise two issues:

1. That there is a low level of awareness in community recovery centres with regards to grants and entitlements, which needs to be addressed.
2. In addition it should be noted that people are not entitled to the "2 day power outage" compensation offered by ENERGEX in this instance as the disruption is not their fault.

Ipswich District Disaster Coordinator – Superintendent Garth Pitman

The District Disaster Coordinator for Ipswich reported the following:

- 179 people in the 4 evacuation centres, which is a drop of 50% overnight.
- The issue of cash on site at evacuation centres with minimal or no security was raised with the DDC organising a risk assessment of the current situation.(post meeting Linda Apelt / DDC Ipswich and the Commissioner were to discuss this matter further)
- The Fernvale area has 90% power restoration but there are still issues for Somerset with the provision of fuel for generators.

The Mayor for the Somerset Regional Council and Steve Dalton advised that the clean up crews were in place (consisting QFRS/SES) and the activities were progressing well. 100 food packages had been delivered and this will continue as required. The power is still out in some areas and the roads have sustained major damage with some road bridges missing. Telecommunications have been restored to some areas.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

Energex – Chris Arnold

Mr Arnold advised that:

- There are currently 21000 customers without power which is down from 2500 yesterday
- Some streets are being affected by secondary faults but this is only happening on a street by street basis.
- 5 operators have been sent out to oversee the master electricians and the conduct of house by house inspections.
- An advertisement is being organised to explain to customers the restoration process. This is to include the 1300 number to contact the master electricians.
- \$200 fee for the master electrician service is to be paid by the resident but may be invoiced.
- Linda Apelt to work with ENERGEX to advise of emergency assistance funds and grants.
- Work is to be done with ERGON to ensure consistency in the provision of service.
- ENERGEX has asked for assistance from police with getting vehicles into effected areas.
- In addition, rubbish is being pile on the curb side often around and covering electricity transformer boxes which are being damaged by heavy machinery removing rubbish.

Water –

Director General Department of Environment and Resource Management – Mr John Bradley

The Director General confirmed that there are 1500 people in the Withcott area without water. He advised that this should be rectified by this afternoon. Bulk water supplies are returning to normal. Water consumption didn't spike yesterday as expected. The dam levels continue to drop with Wivenhoe at 144%, Somerset at 112% and North Pine at 98%. Dam release continues at 3500 cubic metres per second. Water turbidity is still high but treatment plant output is good.

Telecommunications

Kim Graham – Optus.

Mr Graham advised that restoration of the fibre optic cable was completed yesterday with the remainder of service outages due to power disruption. He advised that they had 28 mobile sites out due to power failure, 8 sites with water damage and 24 transformer elements damage.

Department of Community Safety

Director General Jim McGowan

Mr Jim McGowan advised:

- Resupply was going well with assistance provided by the ADF.

- NSW has offered additional garbage trucks to assist in the clean up.

Department of Transport and Main Roads
Director General Mr David Stewart

Mr Stewart advised:

- Caltex received ships early today, BP will receive ships by this afternoon and Shell is expected to receive ships tomorrow.
- The Port Of Brisbane is expected to be open at 5am tomorrow morning.
- Chinchilla is the only area with main road access blocked.
- Public Transport is returning to normal with the bus way still closed but expected to come back on line tomorrow.
- The majority of traffic signals are back on line but there is concern of the return of traffic to the CBD for tomorrow. QPS and TMR are to work together on traffic management arrangements.

Queensland Health
Director General Mick Reid

Mr Reid advised that the implementation of the vaccination process was going well with 609 vaccinations occurring at the volunteer centres. 33 GP centres have offered to administer the vaccinations and bulk bill - their details are available through 1300 health. 500 vaccinations were provided in Ipswich and Toowoomba.

The Premier questioned the duration it will take to rule out the advertised cases of Melioidosis (see note for disease description).

The Chief Medical Officer advised that she was relatively sure that the illnesses were viral and not Melioidosis but said that it takes longer to rule it out than it does to confirm it.

The Premier requested that once the information is available with regards to the illness that it be made publically known to dispel the current rumours.

Department of Education and Training
Director General Julie Grantham

Mrs Grantham advised that it had been agreed that the government will reimburse the flood affected schools for uniforms and that stationery drives were currently underway with deliveries to schools expected soon.

Mrs Grantham advised that 92% of schools have been assessed. There were numerous schools with inundation to part of the schools facilities and many with ground flooding only. Mrs Grantham advised that there was now a solution in place for every school. Children from Rocklea will be catered for at Moorooka, those in Milton will be facilitated at the Math and Science facility at Toowong and those affected in Brassall will attend Ipswich High (these are just some of the arrangements in place). 5 schools have not be able to be assessed due to remaining inundation in Rockhampton and Condamine.

Mrs Grantham was advised that the information was due to be ready by Wednesday evening for release and she was to provide a copy of the media release and solution to the premier by Wednesday afternoon.

Department of Communities
Director General Linda Apelt

The Director General advised;

- There are currently 34 Recovery Centres operating throughout Queensland with the Ipswich Recovery Centre processing 100 pay claims per hour.
- Recovery teams from the ACT and SA are expected to arrive tomorrow with a team from NZ due next week.
- With regard to funeral assistance payments, the Premier has written to the PM requesting the CAT B funding and this has been approved. It was decided that this payment was not to be publically managed but to be done on a case by case basis in close and careful consultation with the victim's families.

Australian Defence Force
Colonel Luke Forster

Colonel Forster advised:

- 1447 ADF personnel involved in activities in Brisbane, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, St George and Rockhampton.
- RAAF are to undertake an aerial survey of the flood effected areas / subject to weather.
- ADF helicopter assets are still assisting QPS with the search including the transportation of QPS staff.
- ADF are conducting food drops as needed.
- The RAN mine hunter vessel is due to arrive in Brisbane some time tomorrow.

Queensland Police Service
Commissioner – Bob Atkinson

The Premier advised of a radio broadcast on the ABC that she had heard relating to scams being linked to the flood. She asked for the Commissioner to investigate and put out a public message from the police with regards to fraudulent activity and scams.

State Disaster Recovery Officer
Mr Bruce Grady

Mr Grady advised;

- That with the events of 10 January (Toowoomba/Lockyer Valley) and the Brisbane flood the recovery efforts were pushed back into a response effort for the effected area.
- The Director Generals from the 5 key agencies and the Major General will meet post SDMG to discuss the key recovery priorities for the next 2 – 5 day period.

Joint Recovery Task Force
Major General Mick Slater

The Major General advised that he had hoped to be further into the rebuilding stage of recovery but in light of recent incidents notes that the same people that were engaged in the longer term recovery were also engaged in emergency management and response.

Next week he is hopeful that the focus will move recovery from the 2nd priority and transition it and the efforts sounding it back to the top priority.

5. Premiers Address

The Premier addressed the group and articulated that:

- We should now take a moment to stop and reflect what the team of people around the table and the agency staff behind them have achieved.
- This time last week the SDMG had met to discuss the role of the Task Force and the SDMG being absorbed into these activities, but Monday (10/1) changed everything and tested Queensland like it has never been tested before.
- The performance of the Local Government has been highly commendable with their high level of self sufficiency (with Lockyer Valley being a completely separate situation and surrounding circumstances).
- Every agency, from NGO's, Local Government, State Government and Federal Government, has worked exceptionally well.
- She was supported every step of the way by Neil Roberts (Minister for Police, Emergency and Corrective Services) who is extremely capable and well respected and has been there to support her throughout the past weeks events.
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The Premier concluded by saying "You've Done Good".

The Minister for Police, Emergency and Corrective Services reinforced the statements made by the Premier and said the response has been spectacular from the leadership and cooperation throughout all government agencies and through the state. He finished by saying that he was tremendously proud and thanked every one for all of their efforts.

The SDMG chair made special mention of the leadership provided by Jim McGowan and the Commissioner, particularly with the implementation of the changes under the new *Disaster Management Act* and thanked them for the 24/7 focus (by them and their staff).

6. Future Meetings

- The members endorsed the proposal for the next meeting to be held on 17 January at 5 pm.

7. Meeting Closed

NOTE:

http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/BacterialInfections/melioidosis_is.asp

Melioidosis is a disease caused by a bacterium called *Burkholderia pseudomallei*, a germ which is found in soil. The disease occurs mostly in tropical areas, including north Queensland, but it occasionally occurs in other places including southern parts of Queensland.



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Time: 9 am

Venue: Board Room

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**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
5 pm Monday 17 January 2011**

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
Level 3
Disaster Management Centre
Emergency Services Complex Kedron
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

**Responsible
Agency**

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed:

The Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anna Bligh MP (via teleconference)

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, the Hon Paul Lucas MP (via teleconference)

Deputy Mayor of Brisbane, Graham Quirk (by teleconference)

Somerset Regional Council Local Disaster Coordinator– Tonya Jacobs (via teleconference)

Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council – Ray Brown (via teleconference)

Ipswich City Council Representative – Trevor Jacob (via teleconference)

Recovery Task Force Commander – Major General Mick Slater

Commander 7 Brigade – Brigadier Paul McLachlan

District Disaster Coordinator for Brisbane – Peter Martin (via teleconference)

District Disaster Coordinator for Toowoomba – Brett Schafferius (via teleconference)

District Disaster Coordinator for Ipswich – Garth Pitman (via teleconference)

District Disaster Coordinator for Dalby – Michael Bianchi (via teleconference)

The Chair welcomed members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) representatives:

Mr Jim Davidson (via teleconference)

Chair

Mr Jim Stewart (via teleconference)

The Chair welcomed Brigadier Paul McLaughlan who replaces Colonel Luke Foster. That chair thanked Colonel Foster and the ADF who have been with us since day one.

The Chair acknowledged Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) Deputy Commissioner Iain McKenzie who has been appointed as Acting Assistant Director General, Emergency Management Queensland, whilst Bruce Grady is the State Recovery Coordinator.

A quorum was achieved at this meeting through attendance by SDMG Members or appointed SDMG Member Deputies as follows:

SDMG Member – Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Ken Smith

SDMG Member – Department of Community Safety - Jim McGowan

SDMG Member – Department of Communities – Linda Apelt

SDMG Member Deputy– Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Trevor Van Dam

SDMG Member – Department Education and Training – Julie Grantham

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – John Bradley

SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

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SDMG Member Deputy – Queensland Health – Jeannette Young

SDMG Member – Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Graeme Newton

2. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

Mr Davidson provided a briefing on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Stewart provided a briefing on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

**Jim Davidson and
Jim Stewart**



Both Mr Davidson and Mr Stewart answered question members and were thanked for their presentation.

s from the SDMG

The Deputy Mayor of Brisbane advised that the clearing of drains was expected to be completed late tonight or early tomorrow ahead of the forecasted storms for Brisbane.

3. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart advised the following:

20 people deceased

12 people missing (for whom grave fears are held)

Over 400 missing people have been located and identified

Deputy Commissioner Stewart invited reports from the various District Disaster Coordinators from various flood effect areas as follows:

District Disaster Coordinator Ipswich – Superintendent Garth Pitman

The Ipswich District Disaster Coordinator reported the following:

- There are 3 evacuation centres operating in Ipswich and 1 in Somerset which are expect to have 200 persons or less accommodated over night tonight.
- The various Community Recovery Centres are working exceptionally well with the issues of money storage on site being rectified (post risk assessment).
- The road network is operating well with a few minor traffic matters that are being addressed by local police.
- There were significant numbers of volunteers assisting in the clean up areas.
- 8 small communities still remain isolated as a result of the continuing releases from Wivenhoe Dam. They have been provided with power and food and are in regular communication with the various relevant agencies.

The representative from Ipswich Council, Mr Trevor Mardi, advised that they were currently identifying the numbers of residents who will be requiring temporary housing. He also added that the restoration of power (including the inspections of houses prior to connection) was now a priority and proceeding well.

Mr Tony Jacobs from the Somerset Local Disaster Management Group advised that there were still 3 communities isolated within their area. He advised that they had received the required equipment to sustain the communities and had a 10 day supply of food airlifted in.

The Fernvale Evacuation Centre is still operating but is only supplying meals to volunteers and residents of houses with no power.

The Lowood evacuation centre is currently in the school and will be moved to an alternate venue by Thursday (possibly the Lowood show grounds). This will allow enough time for the school to be cleaned ahead of the commencement of

classes today week.

When asked by the Premier which communities were still isolated Mr Mardi advised that the Lindville farming community with a population of 45 was isolated along with 2 smaller communities west of Harland with approximately 15 – 20 residents.

He advised that communications were in place via UHF radio, through the Rural Fire Service and contact between the relevant local families.

The ADF through Brigadier McLaghlan advised that the ADF are able to assist in resupply if required.

District Disaster Coordinator Dalby– Inspector Michael Bianchi

The District Disaster Coordinator for Dalby reported the following:

- The Mooney Highway at Dalby was open.
- 2 residents were evacuated and are staying in private accommodation.
- the town currently has 100% water capacity.
- In Chinchilla the evacuation centre is expected to remain open for a few more days while they look at the more medium to long term accommodation for those effected.
- The Warrego highway was open to traffic.
- In Condamine planning had commenced on repatriating the town on Wednesday morning once power and water had be re instated.

The Mayor of the Western Downs Regional Council advised that:

- The Mooney Highway was open but load restrictions were in place.
- They are still awaiting the peak at Condamine.
- Suitable places for helicopters to land and for the establishment of the flexible habitat to be erected (to accommodate support crew) had been sourced.
- The lofw of the river is substantially faster this time compared to early floods.
- A short tem Recovery Centre has been established.
- The ADF continue to provide air support with a team of 60 ADF members to be used in the clean up efforts.

District Disaster Coordinator Toowoomba – Superintendent Brett Scharrerius

The District Disaster Coordinator for Toowoomba reported the following:

- The searches continue with 95% of the foot search completed.
- Points of Interest that require further searching include the areas at Postman Ridge and Helidon where the focus is expected to be on the recovery of bodies.
- All assets have been redeployed to Grantham with a full time police presence in place along with temporary housing.
- Engineers are currently checking houses and will advise residents through the regional director of the Dept of Communities which residents will require medium to long term accommodation.



**District Disaster Coordinator Brisbane –
Assistant Commissioner Peter Martin**

The District Disaster Coordinator for Brisbane reported the following:

- There are 180 persons in attendance at the RNA Showground Evacuation centre and 122 in the evacuation centre at QEII.
- They are hoping that these centres will be closed by Wednesday.
- An assessment of the evacuation centres has shown that there are very few true evacuees in residence (there are many homeless/students etc).
- Traffic congestion was a large concern with the impending return to work today but through the implementation of a major traffic plan which required a large number of recourses there were only minor disruptions throughout the day.
- Thanks to the efforts of Queensland Fire and Rescue Service / Queensland Police Service / Australian Defence Force and State Emergency Service worked the Rocklea Markets has been partially restored.
- Power resupply to the majority of the CBD has occurred with 16000 people without power as at 0900hrs.
- The survey of the Brisbane River is under with the Harbour Master reporting 1/3 of port capacity restored which includes the resupply of fuel.
- Public transport is working well with buses running fine with only a few restrictions of the Ipswich rail line. The City Cat service is still non operational.
- Operation Safe Guard starts tomorrow with the aim of building community confidence and safeguarding the effected areas.
- A strategic intelligence assessment was conducted to ensure that there were no residences overlooked (without contact and support in effected areas). The assessment showed that there was no evidence to suggest such isolated persons.

The Deputy Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Mr Graham Quirk advised that the engineering testing of the Coronation Drive infrastructure has been complete with all lanes now fully operational. He also advised the 770 traffic signals had been restored with 70 still off line (some due to power outages). The deputy advised that the resupply of food and fuel was a priority and with the Rocklea Markets now partially on line and the resupply of fuel through the Port of Brisbane recovery is continuing well.

4. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

All Members

**ENERGEX –
Chris Arnold**

Mr Arnold advised that:

- ENERGEX are continuing to make progress with 4000 sites reconnected yesterday.
- Its anticipated that an additional 5000 to 6000 will be restored today.
- By close of business on Thursday 10000 – 15000 of houses will be deemed uninhabitable and unable to have power restored in the short term.



- There are currently 19000 residences without power and this is dropping at a steady rate.
- In the CBD there are 4 substations that are impacted with Stamford and Riverside buildings most difficult to reinstate.
- A good return to power has been established in the Lockyer Valley with Fernvale required to remain on generator power up until Thursday.
- The restoration to some assets in Grantham will be dependent on the rebuilding of some ENERGEX assets.
- The Master Electricians program (inspections of houses before restoration of power) is working well with 1000 electricians currently involved.

Telecommunications

Kim Graham – Optus.

Mr Graham advised that 18 sites were still down, 9 were still under water with the remaining 9 expected to be up some time soon.

A mobile communication station has been deployed to the Lockyer Valley with mobile phones be provided to persons within the effected areas.

Water –

Director General Department of Environment and Resource Management – Mr John Bradley

Mr Bradley advised that;

- Somerset and North Pine Dams are at 100%
- Wivenhoe is currently at 117%
- There have been a few complaints about low water pressure at Mt Ommaney.
- There has been a report of ecoli and poor water quality but that is being investigated.

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Director General Mr Dave Stewart

Mr Stewart advised that:

- the Royal Australian Navy had commenced work in the Brisbane River; and
- it is anticipated that the first product tanker will be allowed access tomorrow.

Queensland Health

Director General Mick Reid

Dr Jeannette Young advised that:

- Evacuees from Goondiwindi will be returning to their residences tomorrow and that Theodore has been restored.
- All other hospitals are operational and returning to normal.
- The vaccination program has seen 3500 conducted in hospitals and 2500 conducted by GP's.
- Nurses are also being placed into some recovery centres.
- Public health messages continue to be circulated.

Department of Education and Training
Director General Julie Grantham

Mrs Grantham advised that:

- The status report on schools will be provided on Wednesday, around lunch and will then be part of a media release at 3pm.
- Schools will be starting back on the 24th January with contingency plans for four schools (Brassall, Rocklea, Milperra and Milton).

Department of Public Works
Director General Mal Grierson

Mr Grierson advised that:

- 8 building were out in the CBD; and
- 9 buildings still out in Ipswich.

Department of Communities
Director General Linda Apelt

The Mrs Apelt advised;

- there are currently 62000 volunteers registered with volunteering Queensland; and
- the recovery centres all appear to be working well.

Australian Defence Force
Brigadier Paul McLachlan

Brigadier McLauchlan advised:

- There were currently 1550 ADF staff deployed to the regional in support of the flood response and recovery.
- There will be 1700 by the end of the week.
- 700 are in the Brisbane area.
- 340 in the Ipswich area which will grow by 150 by Wednesday.
- 230 in the Lockyer Valley.
- Additional staff are in the Dirranbandi / Condamine /St George areas.
- The Navy mine sweeper arrived today and is working on surveying the north west passage.
- Engineering liaison officers will be deployed to help in Somerset.

Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Brad Smith

Mr Smith advised that the National Crisis Committee met earlier today and will continue to provide support to all jurisdictions. The Commonwealth through Emergency Management Australia has offered to work as a broker of requests for assistance and offers of help.



5. Premiers Address

The Premier addressed the group and articulated that:

- A *Commissions of Inquiry Order (no 1) 2011* has been launched into the 2010/2011 flood events.
- The Honourable Justice Catherine Holmes has been appointed as the Commissioner for the inquiry with Mr James O'Sullivan AC and Mr Phillip Cummins as deputies to the commission.
- The Commission has been ordered in recognition to the size of the event, the loss of life and community concerns.
- The commission will look at the following:

*Preparation, Planning and Response by Local, State, Federal
Governments*

Early warning and forecasting

Dam operations (release strategies)

Performance of insurance companies

Local area planning / construction in flood prone area

*a copy of the Commissions of Inquiry Order (no. 1) 2011 and the Terms of Reference were to be circulated post meeting via email to all SDMG members.

- This is not a criticism about what we have done. It will identify what we did well and what we can do better.
- The Commissions of Inquiry interim report is due pre storm season 1 August 2011 with the final report due 17 January 2012 (of course these dates can be changed if required).

Graham Hallam, Local Government Association of Queensland advised that they will provide support to Justice Homes.

Mr Philip Reed, Department of Justice and Attorney General also mentioned that there will be close liaison between the Coroner who is undertaking the coronial inquest and the Commission.

6. Chairs Address

The Chair thanked the following people:

- The **State Disaster Coordinator, Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart** and noted that this is the first time we have had a State Disaster Coordinator and Deputy Steward provided clear direction and clarity in the conduct of his role
- The **Executive Officer of the State Disaster Management Group, Assistant Commissioner Brett Pointing** and noted the seamless transition from Emergency Management Queensland to Queensland Police Service
- The **Chair of the State Disaster Coordination Group, Chief Superintendent Alistair Dawson** and noted his dedication to the task and professionalism throughout this event.
- The **Secretariat of the State Disaster Management Group, Ms Deb Watkins.**

- Ms **Peta Robertson** for her knowledge and support provided to the State Recovery Coordinator and Emergency Management Queensland.

The chair thanked all of the SDMG Members and ADF for their continuing hard work and dedication.

7. Future Meetings

The Chair noted that for the foreseeable future there is a requirement for the Deputy Commissioner Mr Ian Stewart to remain on as the State Disaster Coordinator. The decision to stand down the State Disaster Coordinator will be made through consultation with the State Disaster Coordinator, State Recovery Coordinator, Commissioner of Police and the Chair of the SDMG.

– Chair

The State Disaster Coordinator is to contact the Chair if he feels there is a matter that warrants the calling of a SDMG meeting.

The Chair noted that he would take his lead from the State Disaster Coordinator as to the requirement to call an extraordinary meeting in the interim and as such no further SDMG meeting dates have been proposed at this time.

8. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Monday 17th January 2011

Time: 5 pm

Venue: Board Room

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre
 Level 3 Disaster Management Centre
 Emergency Services Complex
 Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

Quorum = 8 Permanent Members

* via teleconference

	Agency	Attending	Signature
Members	Premier of Queensland	Anna Bligh MP	TELECONFERENCE
	Deputy Premier and Minister for Health	Paul Lucas MP	TELECONFERENCE
	Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services	Neil Roberts MP	APOLUGY
	Department of the Premier and Cabinet Chairperson	Ken Smith	
	Department of Community Safety Deputy Chairperson	Jim McGowan	
	Department of Communities	Linda Apelt	
	Department of Education and Training	Julie Grantham	
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Ian Fletcher Theodor Van Dam	
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	John Bradley	
	Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Graeme Newton	
	Department of Justice and Attorney General	Philip Reed	
	Department of Public Works	Mal Grierson	
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Dave Stewart	
	Emergency Management Queensland	Ian Mackenzie	
	Local Government Association of Queensland	Greg Hallam	
Other Attendees	Queensland Health	Mick Reid	
	Queensland Police Service	Bob Atkinson	
	Queensland Treasury	Gerard Bradley	
	Recovery Task Force Commander Australian Defence Force	Mick Slater	
	State Disaster Coordinator Queensland Police Service	Ian Stewart	
	State Recovery Coordinator Emergency Management Queensland	Bruce Grady	
	SDMG Executive Officer Queensland Police Service	Brett Pointing	
	SDMG Secretariat Queensland Police Service	Deb Watkins	
	XO and Secretariat Support Officer Queensland Police Service	Richard Hahn	
	State Disaster Coordination Group (chair) Queensland Police Service	Alistair Dawson	



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Australian Defence Force	Paul McLachlan	
Bureau of Meteorology	Jim Davidson	
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Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Brad Smith	
Department of Transport and Main Roads	Don Blechley	
Queensland Health	Jeannette Young	
Department of Infrastructure and Planning	Michael Kinnane	
Emergency Management Queensland	Peta Robertson	
Department of Education and Training	Graham Atkins	
Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Lee Johnson	
Local Government Association of Queensland	Greg Hoffman	
ENERGEX	Chris Arnold	
ENERGEX	Ron Watson	
District Disaster Coordinator Brisbane	Peter Martin	*Teleconference ✓
District Disaster Coordinator Toowoomba	Brett Schafferius	*Teleconference ✓
District Disaster Coordinator Warwick	Greg Morrow	*Teleconference ✓
District Disaster Coordinator Ipswich	Garth Pitman	*Teleconference ✓
District Disaster Coordinator Dalby	Michael Bianchi	*Teleconference ✓
Lord Mayor Brisbane City Council	Campbell Newman	*Teleconference
Mayor of Ipswich Council	Paul Pisasale	*Teleconference
Mayor of Somerset Regional Council	Graham Lehmann	*Teleconference
Mayor of Lockyer Valley Council	Steve Jones	*Teleconference
Mayor of Goondiwindi	Graeme Scheu	*Teleconference
Mayor Western Downs Regional Council	Ray Brown	*Teleconference
Red Cross	Sonya Keet	
COILONTAID		
Queensland Ambulance Service	CHRISTALLOMANS	
TERRY EFFENEY		
John Boothel FESA - WA	John Boothel	
EMO	MINE SHAWANO	
QFRS.	JOHN MITCHELL	
Optus	Kim GRAHAM	
Optus	Noel Jarrett	
LGAO	GREG HOFFMAN	
TF-R	LTCOL SUE GRAHAM	
TASKFORCE	CHRIS AUSTIN	

**State Disaster Management Group
Extraordinary Meeting Minutes
10 am Friday 21 January 2011**

Queensland Emergency Operations Centre (QEOC) Board Room
Level 3
Disaster Management Centre
Emergency Services Complex Kedron
Corner of Kedron Park Road and Parks Road, Kedron

**Responsible
Agency**

1. Welcome and Apologies

Chair

The Chair welcomed:

The Premier of Queensland, the Hon Anna Bligh MP

The Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, the Hon Neil Roberts MP

The Chair welcomed State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) members and their respective agency representatives.

The Chair also welcomed Bureau of Meteorology representatives:

Mr Jim Davidson

Mr Jim Stewart

A quorum was achieved at this meeting through attendance by SDMG Members or appointed SDMG Member Deputies as follows:

SDMG Member – Department of the Premier and Cabinet - Ken Smith

SDMG Member – Department of Community Safety - Jim McGowan

SDMG Member Deputy – Department of Communities – Bette Kill

SDMG Member Deputy– Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation – Trevor Van Dam

SDMG Member Deputy– Department Education and Training – Graham Atkins

SDMG Member – Department of Environment and Resource Management – John Bradley (via teleconference)

SDMG Member – Department of Justice and Attorney General – Philip Reed

SDMG Member – Department of Public Works – Mal Grierson

SDMG Member – Department of Transport and Main Roads – David Stewart

SDMG Member – Emergency Management Queensland – Iain Mackenzie

SDMG Member – Local Government Association of QLD – Greg Hallam (via teleconference)

SDMG Member Deputy – Queensland Health – Jeannette Young

SDMG Member – Department of Infrastructure and Planning – Graeme Newton

2. The Premiers Address

The Premier

The Premier addressed the group and acknowledged that for nearly one month the SDMG have been overseeing the management of this disaster and she thanks all those present and the people within their departments for all of their hard work. The Premier noted that this disaster not only tested our systems but tested the entire state as well. She acknowledged that it was now time to formally move from response to recovery and on behalf of herself and the people of Queensland she thanks all those involved.

3. Bureau of Meteorology Presentation

**Jim Davidson and
Jim Stewart**

Mr Davidson provided a briefing on the current weather situation and the updated weather forecast.

Mr Stewart provided a briefing on the river system flood levels and predicted peaks over the coming days.

Both Mr Davidson and Mr Stewart answered questions from the SDMG members and were thanked for their presentation.

4. State Disaster Coordinator – Situation Update

**Deputy
Commissioner Ian
Stewart**

Deputy Commissioner Stewart advised the following:

- 20 people deceased (for Brisbane/Toowoomba and Lockyer Valley)
- 9 people missing (for whom grave fears are held)
- 489 missing people have been located and identified
- Since 30 Nov till 10 January 13 further flood related deaths
- Total number of death since 30 November - 33 deceased

Deputy Commissioner Stewart invited Chief Superintendent Alistair Dawson to provide an update on the current situation of the following towns:

Dalby / Condamine / Roma / Mungindi / Hebel / Thallon / Surat / St George / Dirranbandi / Brisbane / Ipswich / Toowoomba / Theodore and Rockhampton.

Deputy Commissioner Stewart thanked all those in attendance and their



relevant agency staff for the efforts and support they provided to the disaster response effort and to him in his capacity as the State Disaster Coordinator.

The Chair noted that he had undertaken discussion with the Premier, Minister for Police, Emergency and Corrective Services and the Commissioner of Police and they were all in agreement that it was time to move forward from response and as such paper work will now be drawn up to officially stand down Deputy Commissioner Ian Stewart as the State Disaster Coordinator.

5. Summary of Disaster Response

XO SDMG

The Executive Officer for the SDMG, Assistance Commissioner Brett Pointing, provided a summary of events to date. This covered the period of time from 8 December where the first Bureau of Meteorology presentation on the impending storm season was provided to the SDMG up to this current situation. The XO drew upon statistics (that were yet to be validated officially) collected during the event to highlight the scale of this event.

The Chair has requested that all agencies who have relevant flood related statics provide them to the Executive Officer (via email) for collection and collation.

XO

6. Recovery Arrangements

Chair

The Chair articulated that after the events on 10th January in the Lockyer Valley, Brisbane and Ipswich the task of recovery grew substantial and now includes a larger element of reconstruction. In order to ensure the Emergency Management Queensland can continue to provide a response in light of the possibility of another event occurring and in light of the magnitude of the recovery (especially the duration it is expected to span) after discussion with the Director General Department of Community Safety the decision was made to stand down the position of the State Recovery Coordinator currently held by the Assistant Director General Emergency Management Queensland Mr Bruce Grady.

The Chair spoke of the government move to establish a Reconstruction Authority with staff already working on drafting the relevant legislation. Cabinet are considering membership of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority Board which is to be chaired by Major General Mick Slater. SDMG Member and Director General of Department of Infrastructure and Planning, Mr Graeme Newton, will be taken off line as part of the authority board and will be replaced by Paul Low who will be Acting Director General for the foreseeable future. The Federal Government have also been asked to nominate a member to be represented on the Authority. The Authority will have legislative power under the State Development and Public Works Act and be responsible for prioritising, coordinating, funding and monitoring all recovery and reconstruction work.

It was noted that recovery efforts are to continue under the current arrangements until the authority has been fully established.

The Director General Department of Infrastructure and Planning provided the members with a brief "first draft" outline of the structure of the Authority and its reporting responsibilities (see attached) and gave a explanation about the various functional cells and their core business.

It was requested that each department provide a senior liaison officer who is able to speak on behalf of their department's Director General to be part of the

Authority structure.

The Chair expressed that the governance arrangements need more clarity and that work on this will occur on a full time basis as of Monday 24 January.

The Premier raised the issue of numerous 1800 help and assistance numbers currently in place to aid the community in the recovery phase and asked if this could possibly be streamlined to a single number under the new authority arrangements (if not substantially reduced).

Graeme Newton took this point on board for further follow up

7. Agency Reports

The Chair called for agency / utilities reports by exception:

All Members

ENERGEX –

Mr Arnold advised that the resupply and reconnection of power to Queensland was going well. He advised that there were 1000 customers with supply issues, in the areas of Oxley, Archerfield, Sumner Park and Yeerongpilly. There were 2870 that have power supply available but currently have a defence notice and are awaiting the relevant electrical work to be completed before it is safe to reinstate the supply. There are 571 with a form 2 providing clearance for reconnection and this is expected to occur by close of business today. Energex advised that they have 470 crews in the field with the capacity of completing 1400 jobs.

There are still several premises within the CBD without power but this is not a supply issue but a reconnection issue as major electrical work needs to be undertaken to make it safe to reinstate the power.

The Rocklea markets are expected to be off generator power by tomorrow

Water –

Director General Department of Environment and Resource Management – Mr John Bradley

Mr Bradley advised that;

- Operations at the Lockyer Valley treatment plant were intermittent but that was not due to problems with the pump but with the fluctuating water levels.
- Mt Crosby Treatment Plant will be off line due to a high level of turbidity. Once the levels reduce the plant will be brought back on line. Reservoir supplies will be used in the interim.

Queensland Treasury

Mr John O'Connell

Mr O'Connell advised:

That the Director General was currently meeting with the Minister with regards to streamlining the funding application process for urgent work that must be undertaken. Outcomes of this process will be forward to members out of session.

Department of Justice and Attorney General
Director General Mr Philip Reed

Mr Reed tabled a paper entitled “*coverage for post flood recovery volunteers under Queensland’s Workers’ Compensation Scheme*”

The members noted the compensation coverage arrangement for government employees and community volunteers working on Queensland Government managed flood recovery projects with agreement with the Department of Communities to enter into a contract of insurance to provide compensation coverage for community volunteers working on Queensland government managed flood recovery.

Queensland Health
Director General Mick Reid

Dr Jeannette Young advised that:

- All hospitals are operational and returning to normal.
- Mental health response teams have been identified and may be needed for a period of up to 2 years.
- Environment health officers have been deployed throughout the state.
- Assistance has been provided from other states in the areas of mental health and environmental health.
- Queensland Health is working closely with GPs as a number of rarer medical conditions are appearing as a result of the floods.

Department of Education and Training
Mr Graham Atkins

Mr Atkins advised that:

- There are 3 schools that won’t be opening on Monday 24th January (Milton, Rocklea and Milperra), but all students will be accommodated in alternate venues.
- The department is working on expectation managements as some of the schools are without carpets / cupboards etc but are safe and fully operational.

Department of Communities
Mrs Bette Kill

The Mrs Kill advised:

- There are currently 543 Department of Communities staff, 182 Red Cross Staff and 114 Life Line staff working in Recovery Centres or Out Reach programmes throughout the state.
- Medium and Long term housing issues were still being addressed.
- The Minister is announcing this morning “mortgage relief” and “rental assistance” for flood effected Queenslanders.

Australian Defence Force
Nathan Archer – Chief of staff to Brigadier Paul McLachlan

Nathan Archer advised:

- The ADF had made excellent progress in Brisbane with a reduction in numbers to occur over the coming days.
- The survey of Moreton Bay by the Royal Australian Navy is continuing with an additional smaller naval vessel being deployed today to assist in the clearing of the Brisbane River.
- ADF are increasing their numbers in Grantham with the Brigadier to visit the area tomorrow.

8. Other Business

The Premier spoke with the CEO of the Local Government Association of Queensland, Greg Hallam, about getting the Queensland mayors together late next week for a planning meeting to discuss the reconstruction arrangements and how it related to them.

Premier / LGAQ

Greg Hallam also advised that the Governor had proposed a reception for regional mayor and councils on or around 14 March 2011.

Director General, Department of Public Works, raised the issue of price extortion and noted an instance of a local builder reporting that he had been charged \$400 per hour for a general service. The premier noted that a summary of fair and reasonable prices be placed on the reconstruction web site and in addition perhaps an add in the Courier Mail.

9. Future Meetings

The Chair noted that unless there was a need for the group to respond to another event, the SDMG would not need to met again in the foreseeable short term. As such no further SDMG meeting dates have been proposed at this time.

Chair

10. Meeting Closed



Attendance Sheet

Meeting Date: Friday 21 January 2011

Time: 10 am

Venue: Board Room

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	Department of Community Safety <i>Deputy Chairperson</i>	Jim McGowan	
	Department of Communities <i>SDMG Deputy Member</i>	Bette Kiill	
	Department of Education and Training <i>SDMG Deputy Member</i>	Graham Atkins	
	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation <i>SDMG Deputy Member</i>	Trevor VanDam	
	Department of Environment and Resource Management	John Bradley	
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	Local Government Association of Queensland	Greg Hallam	
	Queensland Health <i>SDMG Deputy Member</i>	Jeannette Young	
Other Attendees	Queensland Police Service	Bob Atkinson	APOLGAM
	Queensland Treasury	Apologies JOHN O'CONNELL	
	Recovery Task Force Commander <i>Australian Defence Force</i>	Mick Slater	
	State Disaster Coordinator <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Ian Stewart	APOLOGY
	State Recovery Coordinator <i>Emergency Management Queensland</i>	Bruce Grady	
	SDMG Executive Officer <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Brett Pointing	
	SDMG Secretariat <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Deb Watkins	



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XO and Secretariat Support Officer <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Richard Hahn	
State Disaster Coordination Group (chair) <i>Queensland Police Service</i>	Alistair Dawson	
Australian Defence Force	Nathan Archer	
Bureau of Meteorology	Jim Davidson	
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Local Government Association of Queensland	Greg Hoffman	<i>0746809620</i>
ENERGEX	Chris Arnold	
ENERGEX <i>TERRY EFFANEY</i>	Ron Watson	
Red Cross	Greg Goebel	
Queensland Ambulance Service	Chris Broomfield	
EMQ	<i>MINE SHAPUND</i>	
EMA	<i>James Gustus</i>	
<i>FIRE - EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY WA</i>	<i>JOHN BURCHER</i>	
<i>RED CROSS</i>	<i>GREG GOEBEL</i>	
<i>DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SAFETY</i>	<i>PHIL NICKERSON</i>	
<i>QUEENSLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE</i>	<i>CHRIS BROOMFIELD</i>	
<i>PREMIERS OFFICE</i>	<i>KIMBERLEY GARDINER</i>	