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Dear Ms Moynihan

Requirement to Provide Information to the Commission

I refer to your letter dated 1 March 2011. The following information is supplied in addition to that supplied with Council's correspondence dated 10 March 2011.

1. As advised in our letter of 10 March 2011, a flood study has been commissioned by Council. The consultants are still preparing the flood study to provide to Council.
2. Nil - flood study document not yet finalised.
3. Nil - flood study document not yet finalised.
4. Nil - flood study document not yet finalised.
5. Nil
6. Nil
7. Nil
8. Council does not have a record of communications with Sunwater, the owner of Leslie Dam, however I can advise that the Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group Cr Bellingham and I both had discussions with staff from Sunwater at various times during the second event in our region.

The nature of the communications was concerning the release of water from the Leslie Dam and the affect this had accessibility of the Cunningham Highway (west of Warwick). Council advised Sunwater that their release resulted in the closure of the Highway and may have affected some residents and requested that they cease or reduce the rate of flow. Sunwater advised that they were operating within their guidelines, however later ceased the release of water.

9. Nil
10. Nil
11. Nil

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12. Emails to Bureau of Meteorology regarding flood height levels of the Condamine River was previously provided.
13. A CD showing information on peak flood spot heights was previously provided.
14. Nil
15. Reports to Council were previously provided. Attached are the notes from the three debriefs conducted following the 2010/2011 events.
16. Reports to Council were previously provided.
17. *Not applicable.*
18. A CD containing information on peak flood spot heights was previously provided.
19. The Southern Downs Local Disaster Management Plan and Communications Sub-Plan are attached. It should be noted that both of these plans were under review at the time of the 2010/2011 events. A draft Disaster Coordination Centre Standard Operating Procedure (DCC SOP) was prepared, however was still in draft form at the time of the 2010/2011 events. A copy of the DCC SOP can be supplied upon request.
20. There were no Evacuation Plans in place prior to the 2010/2011 wet season, however a list of potential Evacuation Centres was prepared and can be supplied upon request.
21. Please refer to Attachment C of the Southern Downs Local Disaster Management Plan attached.
22. Attached are the minutes from the Local Disaster Management Group Meeting on 24th February 2011, which is in addition to the minutes that were previously provided.
23. Attached are various Situation Reports which are in addition to the Reports that were previously provided.

Please contact me if you have any questions in relation to these documents or require further information.

Yours faithfully



Rod Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer

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