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Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry
GPO Box 1738
Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam

Requirement for Written Information

Council acknowledges receipt of your letter dated 19 August 2011 and offers the following comments in the same sequence as to the request for information:

1. **SES Membership - FY 09/10 & 10/11**

Below is a table that depicts SES Membership of all SES Groups in North Burnett Regional Council (NBRC) as at 30 June 2010 and 30 June 2011 based on our records. As you will appreciate membership fluctuates throughout the year but these figures represent membership status as at a point in time. You will note that in most cases there has been a some increase in numbers with the exception of Gayndah. The numbers however remain pretty constant and reflect the capacity of small, rural towns to support the SES. Overall however SES membership hovers around the 80 mark across the local government area.

| Group | as at 30 June 2010 | As at 30 June 2011 |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Biggenden | 12 | 14 |
| Eidsvold | 12 | 15 |
| Gayndah | 20 | 15 |
| Monto | 10 | 13 |
| Mundubbera | 17 | 20 |
| Perry | 7 | 7 |

2. **Equipment**

Attached is the equipment register for the SES units within our region. Council has also provided computer equipment and assets with the capital grant applications. Council has also supplied vehicle out of Council's car pool for when the SES members are required to travel for training.

3. **Description of Roles**

Council does not employ any staff members in a full time position in the SES.

4. SES Roles and Responsibilities

Insofar as the roles and responsibilities of the SES in the NBRC area, this is best described by the SES Authorised Functions undertaken by Units in the local government area. These are reflected in the table attached which are the agreed functions as at 2008. There has been no change in functions since then. You will note that, generally, membership exceeds the optimal membership agreed with the exception of Perry where numbers appear to be down from the optimum agreed to.

5. Council Funding to SES Units (Biggenden, Eldsvold, Gayndah, Monto, Mount Perry, Mundubbera)

Council provides funding to the SES units in the Council area in 2 forms. Firstly by covering expenses incurred by the units that are in excess of the finding received by Emergency Management Queensland. Secondly costs for the running, repairs and Maintenance of vehicles used by the SES units is funded by Council. For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 financial years the figures are:

| | | |
|-----------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2009-2010 | SES expenses | \$ 8,788.21 |
| | Vehicle Expenses | <u>\$ 7,884.84</u> |
| | Total | <u>\$16,173.05</u> |
| 2010-2011 | SES expenses | \$ 5,712.04 |
| | Vehicle Expenses | <u>\$ 9,420.21</u> |
| | Total | <u>\$15,132.25</u> |

If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact Council on 1300 696 272.

Yours faithfully


MJP Pitt
Chief Executive Officer

| SES Structure | | | SES FUNCTIONS <i>(Minimum members required per Team per Function)</i> | | | | | | | | | | | Optimal Number of Members |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|--|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---|---------------------------|
| | | | Agency Support | Community Education | Floodboat Operations | Incident Management | Road Crash Rescue | Search | Special Rescue | Storm Response | Traffic Management | Vertical Rescue | | |
| Region | Local Government Area | SES Unit/Group | Minimum members required per Function per Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | North Burnett Regional Council | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| | | | Biggenden | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| | | | Gayndah | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| | | | Mundubbera | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| | | | Eidsvold | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| | | | Monto | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 12 |
| Perry | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 | | | |
| TARGET NUMBER OF MEMBERS TRAINED IN THE FUNCTION | | | 12 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 0 | 24 | 18 | 4 | | |
| TOTAL OPTIMAL MEMBERS FOR THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA | | | Optimal Number of Members per Group will differ to the total of 'Minimum Members required per Function per Group' as some members will be trained in and perform multiple Functions. | | | | | | | | | | | 72 |

NOTE: A minimum number of 6 members are required for a functional SES Group

Local Government Representative

Signature

[Redacted Signature]

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Date 28/08/08. Signature

[Redacted Signature]

AREA DIRECTOR

Date

28/8/08

Regional Director (on behalf of the Executive Director, EMQ)

| Plant Display Plant Period: 29 Job Cost Period: 29 | | | | | | |
|--|--|--------------|------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Plant | Description | Operator | Rego | Asset Code | Plant Kind | Report Group |
| 2801 | Floodboat Incl Trailer & Outboard Motor | MUN - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2802 | Floodboat, Trailer & Outboard | MUN - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2803 | Toyota Hilux 4x4 Utility | Monie SES | | PEQLV28034 | SES | 010 |
| 2804 | Toyota Landcruiser Minibus | BIG - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2811 | Nissan Patrol ST Wagon | PER - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2812 | Box Trailer | MUN - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2813 | Boat trailer incl outboard motor | MUN - SES | | | TRAILER | 005 |
| 2814 | Ford Courier 4x4 Dual Cab Utility | MUN - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2816 | Toyota Landcruiser | GAY - SES | | PEQLV28163 | SES | 010 |
| 2818 | Floodboat (incl trailer & outboard) | MUN - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2822 | SES 4.6m Floodboat, 50hp Motor & Trailer | Eidavold SES | | PEOHM20202 | SES | 010 |
| 2824 | General Equipment Trailer | PER - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2825 | SES Rescue Trailer | PER - SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2826 | Ford Courier Utility | EID - SES | | PEQLV12062 | SES | 010 |
| 2827 | SES Box Trailer (rad/enclosed) | Monie SES | | | SES | 010 |

2010-2011

| Plant | Description | Operator | Rego | Asset Code | Plant Kind | Report Group |
|-------|--|----------------|------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 2601 | Floodboat incl Trailer & outboard motor | Mundubbara SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2602 | FLOODBOAT, TRAILER & OUTBOARD | Mundubbara SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2603 | Toyota Hilux 4 x 4 Utility | Monto SES | | PEQLV26034 | SES | 010 |
| 2604 | Toyota Landcruiser Minibus | SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2611 | Nissan Patrol ST Wagon | Mi Perry SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2612 | Box Trailer | Mundubbara SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2613 | Boat trailer incl outboard motor | Mundubbara SES | | | TRAILER | 005 |
| 2614 | Ford Courier 4x4 Dual Cab Utility | Mundubbara SES | | PEQLV11076 | SES | 010 |
| 2616 | Toyota Landcruiser | Gayndh SES | | PEQLV26163 | SES | 010 |
| 2618 | Floodboat (incl trailer & outboard) | Mundubbara SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2621 | SES 1997 Box Trailer | Blggenden SES | | | TRAILER | 005 |
| 2622 | SES 4.6m Floodboat, 60hp Motor & Trailer | Eldsvold SES | | PEQHM20202 | SES | 010 |
| 2624 | General Equipment Trailer | Mi Perry SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2625 | SES Rescue Trailer | Mi Perry SES | | | SES | 010 |
| 2626 | Ford Courier Utility | SES Eldsvold | | PEQLV12062 | SES | 010 |
| 2627 | SES Box Trailer (red/enclosed) | Monto SES | | | SES | 010 |

2009/2010