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NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS (2014)  
 PROGRESS REPORT

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That Council notes the results achieved to date and the future projections contained in the 2014 NDRRA PCG Monthly Report 1 – January 2015.**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Monsoonal flooding on 7- 9 February, 2014 and during Cyclone Ita on 11-14 April, 2014 caused extensive damage to existing infrastructure within the Shire. This report details progress to date concerning the restoration program under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.

**BACKGROUND:**

Between 7 and 9 February, 2014 monsoonal flooding occurred within the Douglas Shire and was followed on 11-14 April, 2014 by Tropical Cyclone Ita. Both these events caused extensive damage to Council infrastructure, mainly roads, within the Shire.

Council's Management Team set up a Project Control Group to manage the Natural Disaster Relief & Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and assist in the mitigating risk to Council.

In accordance with the NDRRA requirements, Douglas Shire Council submitted a number of funding applications to restore the damaged infrastructure and Council has been successful in securing substantial funding.

According to the current funding arrangements the completion of the restoration for the damaged assets is to be completed by June, 2016.

The attached report provides an update of the progress to date with the restoration program.

**COMMENT:**

Council has engaged a Project Engineer and a Project Finance Officer to assist in the management of projects associated with the NDRRA, including the control and acquittal of funding and finance associated with the restoration of essential assets. Council officers continue to work with officers from the Queensland Reconstruction Agency, consultants and contractors to ensure the successful restoration of essential public assets.

**PROPOSAL:**

*That Council notes the results achieved to date and the future projections contained in the 2014 NDRRA PCG Monthly Report 1 – January 2015.*

**CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following Corporate Plan 2014-2019 actions:

*5.1.1 Establish and develop long term financial, resource and infrastructure planning to ensure ongoing capacity to fund operations and capital works programs.*

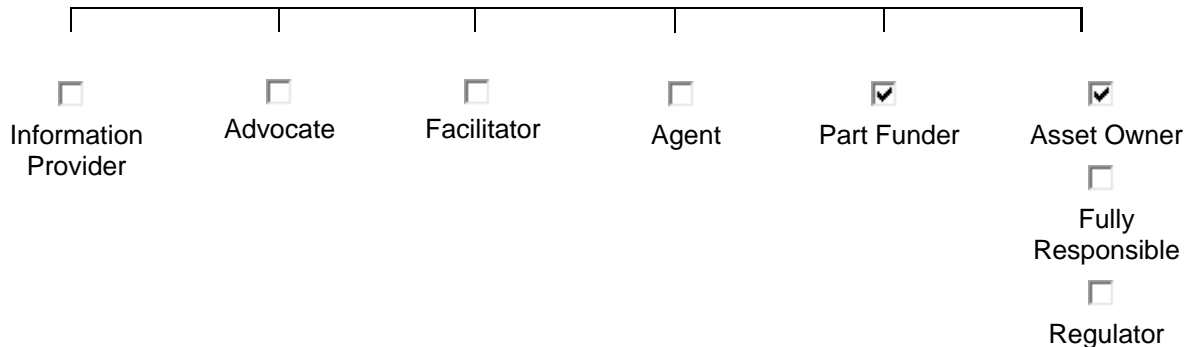
*5.1.2 Implement a robust enterprise risk management culture to identify and manage potential risks*

*5.1.3 Monitor and regularly review procurement practices to ensure legislative compliance and “value for money”.*

**COUNCIL’S ROLE:**

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council’s involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:



<b>Part Funder:</b>	Sharing the cost of a program or activity with other organisations.
<b>Asset Owner:</b>	Meeting the responsibilities associated with owning or being the custodian of assets such as infrastructure.

**FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Refer to Attachment 1 - Section 2 for financial implications

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Refer to Attachment 1 – Section 11 for identified risks and mitigation proposals

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

**ECONOMIC:**

The reconstruction of damaged essential public infrastructure is necessary to provide safe and useable transport networks for the movement of goods and services, particularly in rural areas. The adequacy and condition of the road networks also relates to the ability of tourists and tourist operators to access the various areas and communities in the Shire.

The use of local suppliers for goods and services as part of the restoration of essential public assets provides economic opportunities within the Shire area.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:**

Reconstruction of landslips, roads and drainage reduces the environmental impacts caused by heavy rain and reduces erosion.

**SOCIAL:**

The reconstruction of damaged essential public infrastructure is necessary to provide safe and useable transport networks for the movement of goods and services, particularly in rural areas. A well maintained and safe road network is vital for ensuring communities are connected and have access to goods, services and community networks.

**INTERNAL/EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:**

Project Control Group  
Consultants  
Queensland Reconstruction Authority

**ATTACHMENTS:**

**SEPARATE ATTACHMENT** - "5.2 2014 NDRRA PCG Monthly Report #1 – January 2015"