

5.4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR - LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoints the Mayor as Chairperson of the Douglas Local Disaster Management Group and further, nominations be invited for the Deputy Chairperson.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to the *Disaster Management Act 2003*, the Chairperson of each Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) must be a Mayor or Councillor appointed by Council.

BACKGROUND

Local Governments are primarily responsible for managing disaster events in their LGAs. They are ideally placed to provide specific disaster management at the community level given their knowledge and understanding of local social, environmental and economic issues. They achieve coordinated and effective strategies to manage potential vulnerabilities and respond to disasters through their LDMG.

COMMENT

It is important to fill the Chairperson as soon as possible to ensure Council has the appropriate governance in place, prior to the Council's next ordinary meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council appoints the Mayor as Chairperson of the Douglas Local Disaster Management Group and further that nominations are invited for Deputy Chair.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil