

5.4. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR - LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT GROUP (LDMG)

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RECOMMENDATION

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the *Disaster Management Act 2003*, a Local Government must establish a Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG). s30 of the Act outline the role and functions of the LDMG. The LDMG must have a Chair and Deputy Chairperson.

COMMENTS

Councils are primarily responsible for managing disaster events in their local government areas.

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.

It is important to fill the Chair and Deputy Chair roles as soon as possible to ensure Council has the appropriate governance in place, prior to the Council's next ordinary meeting. The Chairperson of each Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) must be a Mayor or Councillor appointed by Council.

PROPOSAL

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

ATTACHMENTS

Nil