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Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements  
Productivity Commission  
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Collins Street East  
Melbourne Vic 8003

Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: Productivity Enquiry Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements**

I write with reference to the above and request that this submission on the Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements. Thank you for your advice and information on this important issue. At a recent meeting of the North Burnett Regional Council the following resolution was adopted:

#### **Natural Disaster Funding**

*Cr PW Francis moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council formally note its objection to the Commonwealth Government Productivity Report into Natural Disaster Funding and call on current funding arrangements to remain in place and support day labour issues.*  
**CARRIED 6/0**

North Burnett Regional Council fully support the Local Government Association of QLD submission and also wishes to record its strong opposition to the funding reforms proposed in the draft report. LGAQ considers that the proposals would have an unacceptable (and unsustainable) impact on local government in Queensland. Reducing the Australian Government share of funding for disaster recovery and significantly increasing the small disaster threshold that triggers relief funding would have significant financial impacts for councils across Queensland.

Council fully supports the current funding arrangements with through the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and does not wish to see the funding balance altered. This is not to say that Council expects all funding to come from other tiers of Government as can be demonstrated with the actual spend by the North Burnett Regional Council for the 2010/11 disaster events totalling \$1,029,162.77 or 5.28% of the total spend for example.

Thank you again for your interest in this matter and Council looks forward to a continued positive working relationship with you. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on 1300 696 272.

Yours faithfully

MJP Pitt  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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