

## **LATE ITEM #2 - Head Agreement for Queensland Reconstruction Authority Funding**

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### **Executive Summary**

A Head Agreement between the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (Authority) and Scenic Rim Regional Council has been prepared by the Authority. This Agreement sets out the terms and conditions under which the Authority will enter into project specific arrangements to provide funding for specific projects to Council if Council is successful for funding under Authority controlled Programs.

### **Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions**

Not Applicable.

### **REPORT**

The Authority has introduced a new arrangement to all Authority funding approved post 19 June 2018, administered by the Authority, to be under a single Head Agreement.

Since 2011, the Authority has evolved. Principally focused on the administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA), the Authority now administers other resilience-based grants programs, including Get Ready Queensland (GRQ), the Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) and the recently announced state-funded Disaster Resilience Fund.

The Authority will also administer, from the anticipated date of 1 November 2018, the Commonwealth's new Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). These arrangements replace current NDRRA. All eligible events prior to 31 October 2018, NDRRA funding will remain and continue until the eligible events have been finalised.

It is expected that the single Head Agreement will provide a uniform set of general terms for the provision of funding by the Authority, and will operate in conjunction with individual Project Funding Schedules for each funding approval. Similarly, Council has previously entered into a number of head funding agreements with the State Government. These agreements ordinarily outline the standard terms and conditions of funding between Council and the funding administer / authority.

The proposed Agreement between the Authority and Scenic Rim Regional Council has been prepared for Council's consideration. The purpose of a Head Agreement is to:

- a) govern the relationship between the Authority and Council in relation to all Authority Funding that may be provided to Council;
- b) provide the general terms for the provision of Authority Funding to Council; and
- c) set out the framework under which the Authority and Council will enter into Project Funding Agreements for the provision of Authority Funding for each Project (Project Funding).

A preliminary review of the proposed Agreement has been undertaken, in consultation with internal stakeholders. Council has sought clarification from the Authority on a few items within the document, however, the nature of these items are not considered to be a major concern and can be resolved through illustration and renewal. Following further consultation, and possible reconstitution, it is proposed that Council enter into an agreement with the Authority.

A copy of the Authority's *Fact Sheet - Head Agreement of QRA Funding* is attached for reference.

## **Strategic Implications**

### *Community Plan*

Theme: Accessible and Serviced Region  
 Outcome: Infrastructure and services keep pace with growth and changing needs and are compatible with our environment.  
 Priority: Ensuring community infrastructure is appropriate for our environment, contributes to attractive and functional places, and serves multiple purposes.

### *Corporate Plan / Operational Plan*

Accessible and Serviced Region - Area of Focus  
 Ensure accessibility of Council-controlled infrastructure networks, while enhancing resilience.

### *Budget Implications*

Not applicable.

### *Legal / Statutory Implications*

*Local Government Act 2009*

### *Risks*

#### Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

- CF2 - Adoption of unrealistic corporate objectives that are beyond the financial resources of the organisation to deliver

## Risk Assessment

<b>Category</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Inherent Risk Rating</b>	<b>Treatment of risks</b>	<b>Residual Risk Rating</b>
Legal Compliance and Liability  Adverse impact to the organisation due to the adoption of unrealistic corporate objectives	Major	Likely	High	Business Framework; Community engagement and participation; Core Asset Management Plans; Corporate Planning; Case	Low

### **Conclusion**

Upon receipt of advice from the Authority, a final review of the proposed Head Agreement with the Authority is to be undertaken. In order to expedite this process, it is proposed that Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute the document, on behalf of Council.

### **Consultation**

Works Department  
Executive Office  
Mayor Christensen

### **Acting Director's Recommendation**

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 236 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, to enter a Head Agreement with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, which sets out the terms and conditions under which the Queensland Reconstruction Authority will enter into project specific arrangements to provide funding for specific projects to Council, if Council is successful for funding under Queensland Reconstruction Authority Programs.

### **Attachments**

1. Fact Sheet - Head Agreement of QRA Funding (attached separately).