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Dear Sir

Management of Rural Fire Services in Queensland

Reference is made to your discussion paper from November 2009 regarding the above subject.

As part of its 2010-11 budget deliberations in relation to the Rural Fire Special Charge, Council's Special Budget Committee recommended (in part):

"That the Chief Executive Officer write to the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee of the Queensland Parliament and request that the State Government consider fully funding rural fire brigades with Councils acting as revenue collection agents as they do for the urban fire brigades."

It is anticipated that this recommendation will be passed at Council's formal budget adoption scheduled for 21 June 2010.

I understand the deadline for receiving submissions has passed but would appreciate if the above recommendation is able to be considered by the Public Accounts and Public Works Committee.

Yours faithfully

Glen Potter

DIRECTOR ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

For the Chief Executive Officer