

## Question on Notice

No. 579

Asked on 6 August 2014

**MR BERRY** asked the Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (MR CRISAFULLI) –

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail how the State Government has empowered local governments and what benefits they will have for residents of the Ipswich Electorate?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for Ipswich for his question.

At the 2012 election, the Newman Government made a promise to the people of Queensland to empower local communities. This government understands that different communities in different parts of the state have different needs and priorities. We have put an end to the former Labor Government's one-size-fits-all approach.

After embarking on a tour visiting each council throughout the state, we listened to what mayors and councillors needed to make their councils more efficient and responsive. In late 2012, the government moved to amend the cumbersome and restrictive *Local Government Act 2009*. The changes which were made give local decision makers the freedom and power to act in the best interest of their community. Burdensome red tape not only restricted elected officials and reduced accountability to their ratepayers but also significantly increased councils bottom line. The waste levy has now been repealed and the requirement to create community plans, which was costing larger councils like Ipswich nearly \$1 million, has been removed.

The changes were timely given the events of the 2013 summer when ex-Tropical Cyclone Oswald carved a path of destruction across the state. Mayors were able to take the reins on local recovery work and direct council to take action where required. As you know, the Ipswich City Council was not spared and the damage caused by that event brought Ipswich City Council's total reconstruction program to an estimated \$110 million following on from the 2011 flood. To date, more than \$100 million in Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangement payments has been provided to Council for its restoration programs.

Under the \$80 million Betterment Fund, Ipswich City Council has also received approximately \$8.5 million to improve its infrastructure; this includes more than \$3.4 million towards the One Mile Bridge, Colleges Crossing and Old One Mile Bridge projects.

Through my portfolio's suite of local government funding programs, Ipswich City Council has received more than \$1.4 million since 2012. Please see the list attached detailing the projects which have received funding.

	Project Title	Project	Subsidy Approved
Ipswich City Council	Get Ready Qld 13/14	Get Ready Qld 13/14	\$ 65,700.00
Ipswich City Council	GREIG - Community Resilience Leadership & Business Continuity	Bringing residents and businesses together to analyse risks, identify resources, makes plans and allocate responsibilities are all conducive to developing local leadership and building local networks.	\$ 8,000.00
Ipswich City Council	Chemical Free Graffiti Buster	Chemical Free Graffiti Buster	\$ 7,661.00
Ipswich City Council	GraffitiStop 13/14	GraffitiStop 13/14	\$ 55,000.00
Ipswich City Council	Ipswich GraffitiSTOP 2012/13	To remove graffiti from LGA	\$ 110,000.00
Ipswich City Council	Ipswich Skate Park - Anti Graffiti Coating	This project will reduce the incidence of graffiti on council's skate parks, without degrading the surface or compromising the safety of skaters by the application of an anti-graffiti coating to the concrete to allow more efficient cleaning.	\$ 64,742.00
Ipswich City Council	Joint Queensland Councils Contact Centre Services Project (JQCCCS)	To evaluate the feasibility of Services Queensland (a Joint Venture between Ipswich City Council and Propel Partnerships) providing 24/7 contact centre services and potentially other services, through a share services agreement, for up to six councils throughout Queensland.	\$ 50,000.00
Ipswich City Council	LGGSP FRS - "waterRIDE" Flood Modeling Software for Emergency Management Purposes	This project will purchase "waterRIDE" software to assist Council in the emergency management of flood events within the City of Ipswich and will offer assistance to adjoining Local Government Areas. This project will purchase "waterRIDE" software to assist Council in the emergency management of flood events within the City of Ipswich and will offer assistance to adjoining Local Government Areas.	\$ 52,800.00
Ipswich City Council	LGGSP FRS - Goodna Alert Gauge	This project involves the installation of a new flood ALERT (Stream & Rain) Gauge in the Ipswich suburb of Goodna. Installation of this new gauge will enhance the existing local and regional ALERT network for flood management.	\$ 32,373.00
Ipswich City Council	LGGSP IS - Springfield Town Centre North Pedestrian Link	Construction of a pedestrian pathway providing safe passage between local schools and University, recreational parkland, sports fields, shopping centre and train station.	\$ 240,000.00
Ipswich City Council	LGGSP Flood - Rectification of identified ICC Alert Flood Warning Monitoring System Gaps	Rectification of identified ICC Alert Flood Warning Monitoring System Gaps	\$ 73,947.40
Ipswich City Council	Black Snake Creek Marbug Restoration	The project will deliver pathways and revegetation works aimed at addressing some of the environmental concerns affecting Black Snake Creek.	\$ 250,000.00
Ipswich City Council	Installation of Flood Depth Indicators	Installation of flood depth indicators on identified roads susceptible to inundation across the Ipswich City Council area. The project will involve detailed assessment of historical flood data in conjunction with site survey works to develop a prioritised list of roads affected by flooding, followed by installation of flood warning signs as required. In addition to flood depth indicators, the signs at each site include floodway warning signs and road subject to flooding signs if required.	\$ 150,000.00
Ipswich City Council	Flood Gauge Upgrades	Upgrade existing stream and/or rainfall gauges at 12 locations across the Ipswich City Council area to achieve improvement in reliability and data captured.	\$ 247,500.00
<b>DLGCR Ipswich City Council Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,407,723.40</b>

Ipswich Show Society	Building Replacement	Building Replacement - to replace existing deteriorated structure	\$ 15,000.00
Ipswich Show Society	Show Societies Grant 2012/13	Financial support to meet the operation costs for the conduct of the annual agricultural show	\$ 26,471.00
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Marburg & District Agricultural & Industrial Assn. Inc.	Show Societies Grant 2012/13	Financial support to meet the operation costs for the conduct of the annual agricultural show	\$ 7,592.00
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Show Societies Total			\$ 135,072.00