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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil

Thank you for your letter of 12 August 2013 about Petition 2087-13 received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

I have on a number of occasions witnessed first hand the impacts of 2013 flood event on the Bundaberg region and I am impressed with the work already completed by Bundaberg Regional Council in collaboration with the State on restoring vital infrastructure. A lot has been achieved to date although much remains to be done and the State will continue to work with Council and the community to help make the Bundaberg region more resilient against natural disasters.

The petitioners may be interested to know I recently announced State funding to Council as shown below.

Project title	State maximum approved subsidy
Additional funding to the Lower Burnett Flood Risk Management Study and Management Plan - River Bend Works and Vegetation Management	\$30,405
Kolan River and Gin Gin Creek Floodplain Risk Management Study	\$52,000
Technology Park Flood Protection Levees, Bundaberg North	\$800,000
Burnett River Bank Stabilisation Lot 11 SP199888	\$1,500,982

The above funds are on top of \$105,380 I already approved for Council in July this year towards flood inundation mapping of the Burnett River and for a floodplain risk management study and risk management plan for the lower Burnett River.

This funding supports Council's initiative to undertake surveys on the Burnett River to better understand the effects of the 2013 floods. The scope of the surveys is for the area from the Ben Anderson Barrage to the Burnett River mouth. I am advised Council has undertaken flood modelling for this area in partnership with the Bureau of Meteorology.

I understand the most recent survey undertaken (post May 2013) indicates significant scour has naturally occurred in the river where large amounts of river bed sediment have been removed from the river. However, it is acknowledged some areas of the river have experienced sediment build up. As stated by the petitioners the Bundaberg Port Authority also undertakes dredging activities on shipping transit lanes to the port.

The Queensland Government is working with local governments and other organisations to protect communities from future flooding and other natural hazards to build more resilient communities.

This will help enhance preparation, improve flood security and better education about responses to natural disasters, and ultimately reduce expenditure on natural disaster reconstruction and recovery activities. In line with this commitment, I have recently announced a range of funding for local governments across the State to deliver on disaster mitigation and resilience projects for Queensland's communities.

If you require any further information, please contact Ms Jennie O'Connor, Acting Director, Southern Region on (07) 3224 4129 or jennie.o'connor@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Crisafulli', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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