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Ipswich City Council  
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## **South East Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium Financial Commitment for 2018/19**

Dear John

As Manager of the South East Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium (SEQFBC), I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ipswich City Council (CC), for the valuable financial contributions throughout Phase 5 of the SEQFBC (2013/2014 - 2015/2016) and in the first two years of Phase 6 (2016/2017 - 2018/2019). I would also like to recognise the valuable partnership we have with you as a member of the Steering Committee and with Darryl Porche, Samantha Smith and the Ipswich CC Land for Wildlife officers, as highly skilled and knowledgeable fire and land management operators - thank you again for your contribution and support.

### **SEQFBC Partnering with Key Stakeholders**

One of the key strengths of the SEQFBC is the number and diversity of partners. Each supporting organisation contributes financially and in kind to the SEQFBC and these contributions increase significantly the value, networking reach, influence, skill base and knowledge potential of the SEQFBC.

For the 2018/2019 financial year, the SEQFBC is seeking financial support from: Brisbane CC, The City of the Gold Coast, Gympie Regional Council (RC), Ipswich CC, Lockyer Valley RC, Logan CC, Moreton Bay RC, Redlands CC, Scenic Rim RC, Somerset RC, South Burnett RC, Sunshine Coast Council, Toowoomba RC, Powerlink, Queensland Fire & Emergency Services (including the Rural Fire Service Queensland), Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Transport and Main Roads - Darling Downs District, SEQ Water and Healthy Land and Water (HLW). This impressive list of 19 supporting organisations (our largest to date) reflects the extensive support for the SEQFBC in SEQ and illustrates our active and dedicated partnerships over the past 19 years. I would also like to gratefully acknowledge our valuable partnership with HLW, who support the SEQFBC through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program (NLP).

### **2018 - 2019 SEQFBC Partner Contributions**

The contribution of partners is vital in securing and ensuring our ongoing function and we are enormously grateful to Ipswich CC for the continued support. As you know, I manage the business of the SEQFBC on an efficient and very conservative budget, with my role funded three days and Craig funded four days a week. Our service is highly regarded and increasingly in demand, which is very positive, but we need to be able to better support the program. This is further compounded by a reduction in funding for NLP2 (beginning in 2018/2019 financial year), which we have benefitted from for a number of years, but are not guaranteed the same value in the 2018/2019 year. As such, we have been working with our partners to assess and increase their contributions to meet this shortfall and better reflect the program delivery and services.

### **SEQFBC Services and Resources**



As previously discussed, the SEQFBC offers partners a range of support, services and training – some of these are tangible and easily documented and others are reputational and value driven and go beyond a monetary figure. For example, our non-government status is highly valued by our partners, especially with regards to community engagement. Further to that, our ability to represent our partners and stakeholders in a way that individual agencies or local governments cannot, is also highly valued (i.e. response to policy and legislation).

As a partner of the SEQFBC, we are requesting that Ipswich CC commit to contributing \$7300 for 2018-2019 (this is the 17/18 contribution with 0.4% CPI, as per previous years). In return, the SEQFBC commits to providing opportunity for the following outcomes to be delivered for Ipswich CC in 2018/2019, as direct services from its partnership:

- Management and Coordination of the SEQFBC activities and services by Dr Samantha Lloyd and Craig Welden (respectively) at continued high standard, (estimated value \$8847 for every \$5000 contribution or \$3847 in additional value);
- Free or subsidised attendance to the annual SEQFBC Fire Science forum (estimated at \$250/attendee);
- Delivery of two SEQFBC coordinated training workshops, e.g. Overall Fuel Hazard Assessment (OFHA) training (estimated delivery value of \$1950/partner based on delivery of seven OFHA training workshops);
- 20 x provision of editions of the SEQFBC *Enews* and additional published articles in newsletters and websites (estimated \$1,000 value/partner);
- Two x advertising opportunities in the SEQFBC *eNews* (estimated \$2,000 value);
- Provision of hard copies of new SEQFBC *Property Fire Management Planning Kit* (production value/partner \$3200) and the *Fire, Powerline Easements and Biodiversity Supplement* (production value/partner \$740);
- Provision of SEQFBC produced educational and/or promotional materials (estimated production value/partner \$1,200 based on four-page fact sheet);
- One Property Fire Management Planning workshop (estimated value at \$7300 for workshop); and
- One x seat at the SEQFBC steering committee (estimated \$5,000 value).

In addition, the SEQFBC commit to recognising and acknowledging Ipswich CC as a key SEQFBC partner through all relevant promotional and reporting avenues.

We believe this agreement represents better value than if Ipswich CC directly engaged the SEQFBC or a consultancy to provide these services and when considered cumulatively, along with the other 18 SEQFBC partners, represents unique land management, community capacity building and networking opportunities.

I look forward to hearing from you and invite you to contact me at any time if I can be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Samantha Lloyd'.

Dr Samantha Lloyd  
Manager  
**South East Queensland Fire and Biodiversity Consortium**

