

*Report by David Backhouse, General Manager*

**RECOMMENDATION**

***That Council note the visit by Cr Helen McLucas and a Council Officer to Somerset LGA in Queensland.***

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Council with an update on the progress of the proposal to assist Somerset Regional Council with its Flood Reconstruction Plan.

**REPORT**

Previous reports were presented to Council on 3 May 2011 and 7 June 2011.

Somerset Regional Council's Community Development Coordinator supplied Council with excerpts from its Flood Reconstruction Plan indicating social recovery projects requiring resources.

To best choose which projects that Council could be of assistance, Cr McLucas and a Council Officer visited Somerset LGA on 27 and 28 October 2011 with the intention of fostering a close working relationship with Somerset Council staff and stakeholders involved in the flood recovery process.

The visit included inspections of the Fernvale Community Recovery Centre, Fernvale Futures Complex and the towns of Esk and Lowood.

A further report will be presented to Council concerning the outcome of the visit and details of the project which will benefit from Council's assistance.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Proposed Expenditure: \$1600.

Funding has been provided in the current budget for this purpose.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Expenditure to Date</b>
Corporate Services	\$2,530,600	\$1,063,139