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QWRAP funding

Dear Minister,

Thank you again for meeting with WBBROC at Parliament on 17 May. It was also appreciated that you returned to our meeting following the Division bells for the Belcarra legislation.

Although WBBROC was able to thank you personally for the continuation of the QWRAP funding, I felt it was important to put that in writing and to outline the benefits that we have seen regionally here in the Wide Bay Burnett.

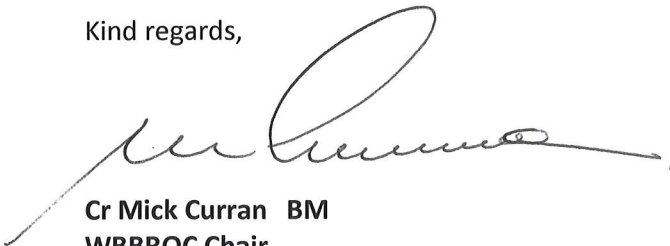
WBBROC was able to appoint a Regional Water Coordinator in 2016 with the assistance of QWRAP funding. As you might know from the Deloitte review that your Government conducted into QWRAP funding, this appointment and the QWRAP funding has facilitated a number of regional initiatives that have delivered over \$2.8 million in benefits to the region and the State Government for an investment of under \$200,000 equating to a very high cost: benefit ratio.

QWRAP funding has also leveraged individual initiatives including the standardisation of Design and Construction Codes for water and sewerage work and the development of a draft Regional Water Strategy, which is currently at the consultation stage (with key stakeholders).

The continuation of QWRAP funding means that the region has solid resource support for a second round of sewer relining, water quality audits and the potential for coordinated water treatment chemical procurement.

Once again, thank you sincerely for helping to facilitate the continuation of QWRAP funding.

Kind regards,



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