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## LATE REPORTS

Oberon Council Works Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 12 March 2019

Commencing at 5.30pm  
at the Council Chambers

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**Summary**

This report is a response to the Notice of Motion submitted from Councillor Ian Doney further to a request at the February 2019 Ordinary Meeting. The Notice of Motion is in relation to Council making a donation to a North Queensland Council or appropriate organisation to assist in reconstruction post the recent devastating floods.

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**Recommendation**

That Council allocate \$10,000 to assisting local farmers affected by the recent drought, to undertake minor works on their properties.

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**Comment**

Council's Corporate Services Director has spoken with Local Government Queensland in an attempt to identify a similar sized Council that we could provide a donation to assist residents recover from the recent devastating floods.

The local councils in Queensland are much larger than New South Wales which makes it very difficult to pick a Council to provide a donation to support residents recovering. The second issue raised by Local Government Queensland relates to how this could be reconciled by the local government area. This then makes the good intentioned gesture harder to implement.

Currently the main voluntary organisation involved in the recovery is Rural Aid. This is the same organisation that originally identified Oberon as a destination they wanted to assist.

As Rural Aid Farm Amy have confirmed that they are deferring its visit to Oberon, with no new visit date in mind, Councillors are asked to consider using the donated funds to assist Oberon Local Government Area farm residents who are struggling to have minor repairs undertaken due to their struggle with the drought conditions.

Council's Corporate Services Director has over a dozen local farm owners who were hoping for assistance with projects such as tree planting, farm fencing, shed gutter repairs, etc. The farmers on the list are residents considered to be in need of assistance.

In this instance it is considered that a donation to support locally affected drought farmers is a suitable alternative to the request.