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MEDIA RELEASE

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Lauga urges Livingstone to bid for bushfire recovery funding

Livingstone Shire Council is being urged to apply for a slice of \$36.8 million in funding as part of ongoing recovery efforts from the 2019 bushfires.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said Livingstone Shire was one of 13 local government areas heavily impacted by the fires.

She said the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) will administer the \$36.8 million Local Economic Recovery Fund, which is jointly delivered by the Australian and Queensland Governments on a 50/50 basis through Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

“The Livingstone Shire Council can apply for up to \$5 million in funding.”

She said the funding announcement is part of the Commonwealth’s \$448.5 million commitment to fund recovery projects around Australia so towns and regions can get back on their feet following last summer’s fires.

“The allocation to Queensland will see more than \$36 million shared between projects in the 13 most heavily impacted local government areas, supporting their local economic recovery.

“This joint funding is for projects that support local and regional recovery, with funding allocated based on community needs,” she said.

“Local councils will have a key role in putting the right projects forward and I encourage communities to engage with their local council on recovery priorities.”

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For more information on the Local Economic Recovery Fund, including details on how to apply, visit gra.qld.gov.au/LER.

Expressions of interest can be made until 7 September 2020.

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