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QRA confirm 100% eligible plant hire rates for MPG client Councils

By Scott Mead

With the approval of the Councils concerned, we are happy to confirm that Diamantina and Boulia Shire Councils and Longreach Regional Council have had their plant hire rates for flood damage repair works agreed to as 100% eligible.

This is a major achievement for each Council which has been delivered through a combination of detailed cost analysis by Mead Perry Group (MPG), active support from Councils and a positive cooperative engagement with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). When advising us of the news, Diamantina Shire CEO Mr Leon Love said "It is important to have the support of consultants who know and understand the Local Government fleet business and can collect and interpret data and present it in a way that can be substantiated." He noted that "A key element of the QRA assessment is based on the level of substantiation that can be achieved."

This approval will now allow these Councils to make their reimbursement claims without having to allow for non-eligible plant hire.

We believe that the current QRA arrangements provide Councils with the opportunity to carry out their own flood damage restoration works without being "out of pocket" which is a real boost to Councils that are looking to sustain a local workforce.



MPG Director Mr John Perry pointed out that "It is critical that Councils understand their fleet business, including its owning and operating costs, overheads, plant utilisation and charge-out methodologies to ensure that they maintain a sustainable operation and can take advantage of flood damage repair works to strengthen their workforce and Community."

He added that "In completing this work, we acknowledge the Management and officers of the QRA who have been more than willing to support the efforts of the Councils in achieving this result. We would be happy to talk to any other Councils that we may be able to assist in improving their plant hire eligibility rates."

If you have any questions or would like to discuss how we can help, please contact MPG at any time.



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