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To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for Cairns Regional Council (CRC) and acknowledges a demonstrated understanding and application of Disaster Management principles through integration of risk management in the development of policies, community planning and works programming at all levels of Disaster Management.

Cairns Regional Council have demonstrated commitment to disaster reduction through their Capital Works planning and programming, delivering projects such as the Cairns CBD Flood Mitigation project and Lake Placid Bund Wall which have provided an increased level of flood protection to the community.

CRC has one of the most comprehensive Disaster Management frameworks of any Council in Queensland and has recently been the first City in Australia to be recognised as a "Resilient City" by the United Nations.

The Cairns Regional Council Local Disaster Coordination Centre was completed in December 2010, and operational through the coordinated response to Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi. The Category 5 rated Disaster Coordination Centre is the only one of its kind in Queensland.

I am happy to provide this letter of support in recognition of Cairns Regional Council's commitment to disaster management and community resilience.

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