1. Queensland is the most disaster-exposed state in Australia, with more than 90 natural disasters occurring across the state over the last decade, with flooding causing more damage in Queensland than any other natural hazard.
2. The disaster season across the summer of 2021–22 saw four significant rainfall and flooding events resulting in catastrophic impacts across southern Queensland communities. These four events are referred to collectively as the 2021–22 Southern Queensland Floods.
3. The events led to the Premier and Minister for the Olympics appointing two state recovery coordinators – Mr Paul de Jersey AC, CVO, QC in January 2022 following Ex-TC Seth, and Major General Justin (Jake) Ellwood in March following the South East Queensland Rainfall and Flooding event.
4. More than $2.1 billion in joint Australian and Queensland government funding under Category C and Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) has been secured to support recovery from the 2021–22 Southern Queensland Floods, and to build resilience to future natural disasters. This level of funding is unprecedented in Queensland.
5. Almost $1 billion of this funding will be invested in building resilience and disaster risk reduction, including the $741 million Resilient Homes Fund, the $150 million Betterment Fund and a $28 million flood risk management package.
6. Major General Ellwood, as the State Recovery Coordinator, supported by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, led the development of the 2021-22 Southern Queensland Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan 2022–24 (SRRP) and its Companion Document.
7. The SRRP captures recovery and resilience activities for the most significant impacts across the four natural disaster events of the season. The Companion Document contains the five functional recovery group action plans, and local government local recovery plans, where they have been developed.
8. This is the first time in Queensland that a state recovery plan focuses on recovery and resilience activities in equal measure. This is in part due to the significant investment in resilience building and disaster risk reduction under the DRFA.
9. Cabinet approved the 2021–22 Southern Queensland Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan 2022–24 and the Companion Document and its public release.
10. *Attachments*:
* 2021–22 Southern Queensland Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan 2022–24
* Companion Document to the 2021–22 Southern Queensland Floods State Recovery and Resilience Plan 2022–24